

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Clerk to the Council: David Headlam
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs. Bailey, Rees, Forster, Nicholson, Taylor, Webster, Wilson + Messrs. R Handley & J Burns + 29 residents
2. **Apologies.** There were none.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 16.2.2010 were approved as a true record.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** There were none.

6. **Land adjacent to The Conifers.** Jim Burns made a presentation (on behalf of Mr Handley) in which he laid out a proposed development on land adjacent to The Conifers. He outlined a provisional layout of affordable houses. The plan is for them to be leased long term to CYC who would manage the rental of them. JB claimed CYC had identified this as a local need and Elvington residents would have a priority claim on them. The land is in Green Belt.
Parish Councillors questioned the accuracy of the original CYC survey and findings; asked what very special circumstances there were to build on Green Belt; and stated there already was adequate housing available for either rent or low cost purchase by local residents.
Residents asked about the effect of extra traffic in The Conifers; the need for the retention of a tree belt; why houses would not be available for discounted sale; and wanted reassurances about the ability to object in the planning process.
The Parish Council concluded that they had no evidence of local demand for 'affordable' housing and therefore doubted the likelihood of 'very special circumstances' for development in the Green Belt.

7. **Police matters.** The report from Laura Smith was received. A copy of a letter sent by the '95 Alive' team to a resident about speeding was also received.
8. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Cheque letter
 - ii) Letters concerning grass cutting contract
 - iii) Invitations to speak at Annual Parish Meeting
 - iv) Proposal for revised subscription to YLCA
 - v) Acknowledgement to Elvington Park of Events Management Plan
 - vi) Additional information to Michael Jones, CYC about affordable housing site
 - vii) Message of support to South East Power concerning hydropower scheme**Correspondence (in):**
 - (i) Periodicals: White Rose Update; Clerks & Councils Direct; York Voluntary Voice
 - (ii) Vacancies: Kirkbymoorside TC; Langcliffe PC; Hebden Royd TC
 - (iii) Letter of support from resident about reduced HGV volumes. *Clerk to reply.* **DH**
 - (iv) Exchange of correspondence with resident about rural housing site
 - (v) Exchange of correspondence with residents about land to rear of The Conifers
 - (vi) Notification of sale of 18 Wheldrake Lane. *No interest has been expressed. An item concerning affordable housing will be posted to the website* **AT/DH**
 - (vii) Parish precept for 2010/2011 by band
 - (viii) Request for support by Spinal Injuries Association
 - (ix) 'Help Save Britain's Airfields' online petition
 - (x) Updated Airfield calendar. *Circulated to Cllrs.*
 - (xi) Emails from CYC Community Engagement Officer

- (xii) Notification of CYC Development Control Seminars. *Cllr Rees to attend.* **PR**
- (xiii) Yorkshire in Bloom Renaissance & Market Town Roadshow
- (xiv) Cheap Home Composter Bins poster. *Sited to notice board and website.*
- (xv) BTCV Vale of York Group
- (xvi) Draft Derwent Catchment Flood Management Plan
- (xvii) Details of York design Awards 2010. *Any nominations to Clerk.* **ALL**
- (xviii) Summer Hanging Baskets for hire

9. Financial.

Minute 10008. The following Payments were approved:

Elvington Village Hall – March meetings - £31.00

M Gillett – work at play area - £133.87 (approved without invoice)

Other financial items: (a) The Operating Statement was approved;

(b) **Minute 10009.** It was agreed that the Clerk be paid at SCP21 scale (previously SCP20) for 2010/2011;

(c) **Minute 10010.** The method of internal audit was considered and Council confirmed it was happy with the present arrangement whereby Mr R Shaw reviews the Ledgers;

(d) The response from YLCA rejecting Council's proposal for 2010/2011 subscription will be circulated and will be put on the agenda for next month;

(e) The Budget for 2010/2011 (having been calculated for precept purposes using November figures) was confirmed without changes.

10. Planning Matters.

New Applications: Minute 10011. Council had no objections to:

10/00228 – 11 Lorraine Avenue - extension

10/00282 – Orchard House, Main Street – tree work

The following Approvals were noted:

09/02298 – Leaholme, 8 Roxby Close – garden building to rear

09/02326 – 12 The Conifers – tree work

09/02331 – 6 Church Green - extension

Other Matters:

Airfield. Wheldrake PC has decided not to progress dialogue with Elvington Park based on the Events Plan received from EPL. The Clerk will write to EPL to inform them. **DH**

11. Reports from recent meetings. Cllr Forster reported on a new Monitoring Officer at CYC; Cllr Webster reported on improvements being made by the Scouts; Cllr Wilson reported on Village Hall fundraising; Cllr Taylor reported on the need for a new Governor to represent business at the School.

12. First Responder Team. The first meeting of volunteers is imminent. A response from Sutton PC to the proposal for joint funding of use of Village Halls is awaited. An approach to the Ambulance Service will also be made. **IB**

13. Bridge. Council repeated its position regarding permanent bridge repairs, i.e. closure to be kept to an absolute minimum, and enforceable action implemented to avoid use by heavy/wide vehicles in order to prevent future damage. Contact is continuing with ERYC Chief Engineer and Sutton PC.

14. Flood Prevention Scheme. The depth gauge by the beck on the Green has been replaced – its calibration has to be checked. A quotation for a new grille is awaited. **IB**

15. Village Green. A draft revised Deed has been received – and returned with amendments. Nothing further has been heard

16. Annual Parish Meeting. The APM will be on **Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm.**

17. Highways, paths and verges. Google Street View now includes Elvington! Clerk will chase repairs at Water Treatment Works entrance. Pothole repair ongoing. **DH**

18. Items for Newsletter. There were none.

19. Items to be placed on next Agenda. There were none.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

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