

ELVINGTON
ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 24th May 2011 at 7.30pm
Elvington Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman welcomed** 27 residents to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** were received from George Barton, Christine Fewster, Anne Taylor, Terry and Irene Wilson..
3. **Minutes** of last years meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Judy Bailey; seconded by John Webster.
4. Ian Bailey presented the **Chairman's Report 2010-2011**:
The theme this year is 'quiet'. The road is quieter with the current temporary weight limit on the Bridge. The decision on whether the limit is to become permanent will be made in June or July. Some East Riding villages have been campaigning against the weight limit, so the final decision is uncertain. A few HGVs are ignoring the current limit.
Policing has also been 'quiet' (apart from a reported murder and a drug factory on one of the trading estates!). Otherwise there has only been some snowballing and minor crime.
The Flood Defence scheme was completed with the siting of two culvert grilles. The pumping station operated on 48 days last year – on which the main road would have been covered on 10 of them.
Roads and paths. The pavement on Main Street was resurfaced courtesy of a Ward Grant from CYC. Main Street will be a high priority to get a timescale for resurfacing. It is also hoped to progress snow clearance of pavements on a local basis. A further salt bin has been requested.
The Play Area is well used and well maintained. Some new equipment will be sited in June in time for the school holidays due to Parish Council funding.
Airfield. Noise is currently controlled at a reasonable level for most residents. However other Parish Councils are not supporting any compromise or settlement with the owners.
Buses. Previously announced improvements to the service did not happen – and may not happen this year due to funding cuts. The current service is heavily subsidised.
A Memorial Service to French Aircrew is to take place in York Minster on 20th October. Attendance will be by invitation and details of tickets will be published in the Newsletter and Website.
Thanks were given to Parish Councillors, the Clerk, but particularly to residents for making Elvington the safe and happy place it is.
5. The **Financial Statement** was presented by the Clerk. The accounts for the year showed the principal items of income and expenditure and the funds held in the two bank accounts. The cost of Village Green registration was again highlighted. Steve Etherington asked if the objectors had been asked to contribute to the cost. Ian Bailey replied that it had been considered by the Parish Council but not progressed as it was unlikely to be successful. The Clerk confirmed that the precept had been reduced by 10% this year.

6. Presentations:

Allotments. Jo Wedgwood talked of the three year search for suitable land which has now been successful. A field on Dauby Lane is available from the autumn – but more people need to commit or the project may fail. Questions were asked about the water supply, parking, the mix of full and half plots and the costs involved. The Allotment Officer at CYC has also been involved. More publicity is planned and more information can be obtained from Jo.

First Responders. Des Sykes updated the meeting on the duties and commitments of the local team. It means shortened response times for emergencies in the village, which can be critical. Currently there are 14 volunteers, but more will always be welcome. A question was asked on how to contact the team in an emergency – but all emergencies must go through the '999' call centre.

Localism and cuts. Sally Burns described her areas of responsibility as CYC Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods. Funding from Government has fallen so ways have to be found to deliver services better and more efficiently. Localism means working with local communities more and using the available money better. A question was asked if the threat of legal action held back people from doing snow clearance themselves. Sally said that there was no problem so long as the action was sensible.

7. General Forum.

George Wright asked if action could be taken on speeding on the 40mph section from the village boundary to the school. It was also suggested that the speed limit be reduced to 30mph on that section. There had been objection to this from the police in the past, but the Parish Council will pursue the issue again.

Peter Stamp asked about cycle paths. It was revealed that Sustrans have identified a route to York from Elvington and are currently seeking permissions and funding to keep the path away from the main B1228.

Ian Bailey thanked all those present for attending and the meeting ended at 8.45pm when light refreshments were served.