

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Clerk to the Council: David Headlam
Bramland House, Dovecote Garth, Elvington, York YO41 4BH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 15th November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Sports Club

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey, Rees, Nicholson, Taylor, Webster + D Shireby (Home Group) and 19 residents.
2. **Apologies.** Cllrs Forster, Wilson.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Rees declared a personal interest in Item 10, 11/02949, Glencoe, as he knows the applicant.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 18.10.2011 were approved as a true record.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Cllr Bailey reported that Remembrance Sunday had been well attended. £78 had been collected at the refreshment serving points.

6. Planning Matter. New Application:

11/02736 – Former Allenby Nursery site, Wheldrake Lane – erection of 18 dwellings. Cllr Bailey summarised the situation to date and said that the updated Housing Needs Survey report had only been received by the Clerk the previous day, but was available from him on request. With David Shireby of Home Group in attendance, residents asked questions about:

- Coverage of the survey on the trading estates (*some responses had been discounted*)
- Objection by the Drainage Board that there was insufficient detail on drainage from the site
- How houses would be filled if local people do not occupy them (*it is the responsibility of CYC. The catchment area increases so houses could eventually be offered to York residents*)
- Lack of a traffic management plan – necessary because of the impact on the safety of the existing Conifers area
- Length of leases (*100 years with 25 year break points for reviews*)
- The split of houses between buy and rent (*DS did not know*)
- The discounts for purchase and/or rent (*DS did not know*)
- Concerns that purely people on benefits would occupy the houses (*denied*)

DS confirmed that future financial support by the Government for 'affordable renting' was uncertain and could be withdrawn.

Cllr Rees commented that there was a definite need for affordable housing but would have preferred those houses to have been 'spread' over the village. Cllr Taylor was not sure that the survey had produced a reliable indication of demand. Cllr Webster doubted that only local people would occupy 18 houses. Cllr Bailey stressed that this was Green Belt land and development should only be granted if there is proven need of local demand for all 18 houses. He thought the evidence of need for 18 houses was highly questionable and pointed to the lack of interest in existing houses when they became available and the possibility that Government support for affordable housing would be withdrawn. He suggested that Home Group should consider a very much smaller scheme so as to ensure local involvement and requested that the application be withdrawn until this matter, and the other unanswered questions, had been considered.

Minute 11044. Cllrs voted by a 4-1 majority to object to the application, principally as there was insufficient robust evidence of local demand for a scheme of this size. **DH**

7. **Police matters.** The crime report from Matt Cockerill was presented.
8. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Newsletter and website items
 - ii) Application for York Pride Grant for felling and replacement of tree on village green

- iii) Reply to MP confirming attendance at meeting of York Outer Parish Councils and displaying surgery dates. (An Elvington surgery was suggested).
- iv) Request for more information on X36 bus service usage
- v) YLCA advice on provision of allotments forwarded to Allotment Association
- vi) Request for Playscheme to notify Clerk of annual inspection of play area

Correspondence (in):

For information:

- (i) Periodicals: Clerks & Councils Direct; Streets Ahead; Country Air York Voluntary Voice
- (ii) Tenants & Leaseholders Annual Report 2010-2011

Available from the Clerk:

- (iii) Newsletters: York Open Planning Forum; York Mystery Plays 2012; White Rose Update; School Newsletters; YLCA Info Briefing; Parish Matters (Came & Co); Two Ridings Community Foundation
- (iv) Clerk Vacancies: Pateley Bridge; Ilkley; Clifford; Claxton & Sand Hutton
- (v) Flyers: Notts Sport; Play & Leisure Ltd.; Pennine Playgrounds; SMP Playgrounds; Sleightholme Landscapes; JPCS Renewables; RTC Safety Surfaces
- (vi) Notes from Parish Councils Core Strategy meeting at Fulford – no further meetings
- (vii) Amended Legal Topic Note – Data Protection (from YLCA)
- (viii) 'Small Community – Big Society' one day conference

For Consideration:

- (ix) Future Standards of Conduct – Update (YLCA Legal Briefing)
- (x) CYC Tell Me More seminars – Parish Charter on 25 January 2012
- (xi) CYC Speed Training/Emergency Plans event – 29 November DF
- (xii) Emails concerning new salt bin at Beckside
- (xiii) Notification from Elvington Plant Hire of snow clearing services
- (xiv) Notification of YLCA subscription increase of 3% for 2012/2013
- (xv) Play Area Annual Inspection Report. *Minor matters – no major problems.*
- (xvi) North Selby Mine update
- (xvii) Annual Register of Electors and updates format. *Clerk will ask for Data format.* **DH**

Minute 11045. It was agreed that all Flyers and Clerk Vacancies will not be detailed on future Agendas.

9. Financial.

The following **Receipt** was noted:

CYC – Section 106 monies - £4,302.88

Minute 11046. The following **Payments** were authorised:

The Lawn Man – grass cutting October – £125.00

Sainsburys (payable to D Headlam) – stationery - £5.99

Newsletter donation - £25.00

Other financial items: (a) The Operating Statement was approved; (b) The updated S106 spreadsheet was presented; (c) The PWLB repayment - £1,892.04 - was noted; (d)

Minute 11047. Cllr Wilson was authorised to buy a Christmas tree for the village green up to £200.00; (e) The transfer of £2000.00 to deposit account was authorised; (f) The nil invoice from Seegreen for website hosting was noted; (g) A sub-committee of Cllrs Bailey, Rees and the Clerk will meet to draft the Budget for 2012/2013. **IB/PR/TW/DH**

10. Planning Matters.

New Applications.

Minute 11048. Council had no objections to:

11/02702 – Elvington Grange Farm, Wheldrake Lane – installation of solar panels

11/02905 – Brinkworth Bungalow, Elvington Lane – installation of solar panels

11/02949 – Glencoe, Main Street – garage to side (resubmission)

Minute 11049.

11/02871 – Lake Cottage, Wheldrake Lane – loft conversion (revised scheme)

Council had no objections provided the conditions imposed by the original permission were unaffected and that the reasons for the previous refusal had been addressed.

Minute 11050.

11/02923 – Elvington House, Main Street – tree work

Council objected saying that, where possible, pruning of the trees should be undertaken rather than felling.

Minute 11051. It was agreed that links to CYC Planning website will be circulated to Cllrs rather than hard copies for future routine New Applications for a trial period. **DH**

The following **Approval** was noted:

11/02483 – 5 Alvin Walk - extension

There were no **Applications received after publication of this Agenda.**

11. Village Green. No response has yet been received from York Pride in respect of the application for a grant for the felling and replacement of a horse chestnut tree. The use of the Green for the annual carol service and tug of war was approved. **DH**

12. Environmental Weight Limit. Cllr Bailey is checking if an expert on EWL applications can be found. Cllr Rees is looking at the objections from surrounding villages – and possible solutions. The Clerk is drafting the first copy of the proposal. All will report back at the next meeting. **IB/PR/DH**

13. Bus Services. Minute 11052. If CYC and ERYC agree to continue the X36 morning service next year, the Council agreed to contribute £500. This would be on condition that a long term solution is found the following year not involving Parish Council subsidy, even if another journey is lost during the day to compensate. The Clerk will ascertain the future of the service after 31 December. **DH**

14. Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk will contact the PCC to see if the Village Fete in 2012 can be expanded to become a Diamond Jubilee event. Cllr Rees will also raise this with the Village Hall. The possibility of the supply of commemorative mugs will be pursued by the Clerk. **PR/DH**

15. Reports from recent meetings. Cllr Webster updated Council on the Scouts.

16. Highways, paths and verges. A resident has reported that dog fouling at Elvington Park is a hazard to children. Signs will be sited to warn owners who are not clearing up. **JW**

17. Items for Newsletter and Website. There were none.

18. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Emergency Plan; Tremendous York

The meeting ended at 9.25pm

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