

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 18th October 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey, Rees, Forster, Nicholson, Webster, Wilson + R Wood (CYC), N Dennison (JRHT) and 2 residents.
 2. **Apologies.** Cllr Taylor.
 3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
 4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 13.9.2011 were approved.
 5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** After consultation, it was decided extra lighting at the Play Area is not necessary.
 6. **Senior Citizen Bungalows.** Nick Dennison (of Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust) admitted that recent communication about vacancies at Blacksmiths Close had been poor. The criteria for preferential tenancy were confirmed as aged over 60 and residency in Elvington. In future a notice will be sent to the Clerk by JRHT giving full details of any vacancy which will then be posted to the notice board for a week. Any interest in a property can always be registered with JRHT or the Parish Council in advance. **ND/DH**
 7. **Environmental Weight Limit.** Richard Wood (of CYC) informed Council that a Traffic Regulation Order would be necessary to have an Environmental Weight Limit (EWL) introduced on Main Street. He described factors that would be considered, such as the current width and suitability of the road for lorries - and what benefits residents would get from an EWL, such as increased safety for pedestrians and the avoidance of nuisance and damage to residential properties. A case would have to be made to CYC Director of City Strategy. Consultations with the police and neighbouring authorities would have to take place before a decision was made. It was agreed:
 - Richard Wood would inform Council of any other recent introduction of an EWL in CYC area, so that the Council could learn about the process
 - Cllrs Bailey, Rees and the Clerk would meet to decide how to progress the matter
 - The Clerk would keep Sutton on Derwent Clerk informed of developments – and to ask ERYC for the traffic data which has currently been withheld. **RW/IB/PR/DH**
 8. **Police matters.** The crime report from Matt Cockerill was presented.
 9. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Newsletter and website items
 - ii) Reply to police declining introduction of 'no cold calling zones'
 - iii) Confirmation of location of new salt bin at Beckside
 - iv) Requests to O&DDB to repair dislodged block at beck exit and clear leaves
 - v) Invitations to future meetings for CYC 'Treemendous' and Trading Standards Project Officer. *Trading Standards are now no longer coming.*
 - vi) Request for information on bus service monitoring
 - vii) Request for CYC Allotment Officer to make further efforts in finding a suitable site
 - viii) Enquiries as to suitability of extra lighting at Play Area
- Correspondence (in):**
- For information:*
- (i) Periodicals: White Rose Update; York Open Planning Forum Newsletter;
 - (ii) Hope Africa
 - (iii) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Summary of Accounts
 - (iv) SLCC – Working With Your Council and CiLCA training
 - (v) CPRE – 'How To Respond to Planning Applications'
 - (vi) ERYC – notice of continuation of weight limit on Sutton Bridge until 10 March 2012
- Available from the Clerk:*
- (vii) Periodical: York LiNK Newsletter
 - (viii) Flyers: RTC Safety Surfaces; Pennine Playgrounds; S G Baker
 - (ix) School Newsletters

- (x) Notice of carriageway repair schedules
- (xi) IOG Conference & Awards 2011
- (xii) York Mystery Plays 2012 involvement. *To be forwarded to Cllr Forster.* **DF**

For Consideration:

- (xiii) Boundary Commission Review of Parliamentary constituencies
- (xiv) Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons. *The question of how to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee will be on the next Agenda.*
- (xv) CYC – LDF Core Strategy Submission. *No comments will be submitted.*
- (xvi) Fulford Parish Council meetings in respect of LDF
- (xvii) Changes to Green Bin collections. *To be posted to Notice Board* **DH**
- (xviii) Notice of meeting with MP of York Outer Parish Councils in February. *Clerk to reply that numbers attending will be notified nearer the date. MP surgery dates will be posted to Notice Board.* **DH**

10. Financial.

The following **Receipt** was noted:

CYC – second instalment of precept - £5,875.00

Minute 11041. The following **Payments** were authorised:

The Lawn Man – grass cutting September - £250.00

David Smith Garden Centre – plants - £47.40 & £17.50

Vertigrow (via T Wilson) – plants £14.00

Other financial item: The Operating Statement was approved.

11. Planning Matters.

New Applications. Minute 11042. Council had no objections to: **DH**

11/02483 – 5 Alvin Walk – extension

11/02619 – Gladstone, Elvington Lane – new dwelling

(but wished for a S106 to be imposed on Gladstone to be due when construction starts)

The following **Approval** was noted:

11/02201 – Barrett Precision, Airfield Industrial estate - extension

No **Applications received after publication of this Agenda** had been received.

Other Matter:

The condition of a garden on Church Lane was discussed but no action will be taken at this time.

12. Village Green. Action on the chestnut trees was deferred until the next meeting. **IB**

13. Bus Services. For a case to maintain the subsidised early morning service a total of 19 passengers daily have to use the service (including the return evening journey). Actual figures from York Pullman have been received – but need clarifying. CYC are asking for a contribution from the parish to maintain their subsidy. It was decided to apply for ward funds to contribute to the cost and to explore whether any subsidy would be classified as ‘double taxation’. **DH**

14. Allotments. Minute 11043. It has been established that the Parish Council is the responsible body in the relevant Act to consider the provision of allotments. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had acted reasonably in providing start-up funds, information on landowners and other help to the Allotment Association and had therefore properly discharged their legal obligations. Also, the costs of compulsory purchase would outweigh any benefit to the community as a whole. The Council agreed to continue to liaise with CYC’s Allotment Officer and to forward the YLCA advice to Jo Wedgwood. **DH**

15. Reports from recent meetings The Clerk reported on the YLCA York Branch meeting and Cllr Webster reported on the latest situation at the Scouts.

16. Remembrance Sunday. The arrangements for SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER were confirmed. Cllrs and partners will assist in serving refreshments after the services. **ALL**

17. Highways, paths and verges. There was concern at the height of the new cats eyes on the recently resurfaced stretches of York Road. It will be monitored.

18. Risk Assessment. Cllrs Rees and Webster presented their report which will be circulated. A request will be made for Playscheme to make their annual inspection of the play area and report to the Clerk. **DH**

19. Items for Newsletter and Website. Changes to Green Bin collections

20. Items to be placed on next Agenda. ‘Treemendous York’; Queens Diamond Jubilee; Purchase of Christmas Tree; Contribution to Newsletter.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.