

ELVINGTON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at 7.30pm
Elvington Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman welcomed** 40 residents to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** were received from Julia Mulligan; Richard Pearce; Tim Tozer.
3. **Minutes** of last years meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Phil Rees; seconded by Terry Wilson.
4. Ian Bailey presented the **Chairman's Report 2012-2013**.

The year had been an interesting one. The most memorable event had been the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which despite the weather had been fantastic. Thanks were expressed to those who attended and to those who helped organise the event.

Crime. Again no anti social behaviour this year and the only major domestic crimes were a spate of burglaries on houses mainly on the outskirts of the village at the end of 2012. Apparently no arrests have yet been made.

Roads. Accidents seem to have become more frequent and the Parish Council will be looking at the issue. Main Street has been resurfaced and the stretch of the B1228 between the Airfield and the Maze is provisionally included in CYC's 2014/2015 programme of works.

Snow clearance was again undertaken by a contractor. The costs involved mean that only the pavement of Main Street could be swept and salted.

The Flood Defence Scheme is working well. Without it, during the recent spell of very wet weather, Main Street would have been under water and closed for most of December and January.

Bus Services. The early morning direct service to York has been maintained due to a subsidy paid by CYC and ERYC.

Planning. Applications for three Green Belt developments were considered during the year, namely: Allenbys Nurseries (for 18 affordable buy/let houses); Home Lea (for 2 ancillary buildings linked to the existing permission for 20 touring caravans); and Moor Closes (for 6 yurts and access track). The latter has been refused, after being appealed.

Airfield. A noise abatement prosecution was made during the year. The Parish Council would much prefer a negotiated settlement between CYC and the airfield owners.

Precept. There has been no increase this year – but Ward Grants, a source of funding for various projects, has regrettably been withdrawn by CYC.

The Play Area continues to be well used with only minimal wear and tear damage. Some small enhancements will be made this year.

Traffic. The case for a 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit on Main Street is being pressed by our MP, but being resisted by Cllr Merrett at CYC. The School Governors are also involved as part of their campaign for general improvements to safety.

Local Plan. CYC has just published their proposal for the period to 2030. If adopted by CYC then just an 8 weeks consultation period will be allowed. In Elvington, two housing plots have been proposed (as per the previous Plan). When a hard copy is received, the Parish Council will consider its response – along with its response to Holme Hill, the new ‘village’ proposed for 5000+ houses between the far end of the airfield runway and Heslington.

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 main expenditure had been on the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee but this was partially offset by no request having been received to pay the bus subsidy.

6. **Presentations.**

George Barton, CYC Ward Councillor for Wheldrake Ward (including Elvington).

George explained why he had stood for election in 2011 and thanked electors for electing him. He described the sort of projects in which he had been involved, namely retaining the early morning bus service; road closure for the Jubilee event; the School; and planning applications such as that for the yurts. He was disappointed that having secured funding for allotments, it had been impossible to secure suitable land.

George described some of the priorities in the rest of the Ward and his activities on the main York Council.

The publication of the Local Plan was discussed. John Webster asked what the cost of producing the Plan had been. George highlighted the large number of people permanently employed in the Planning Department by CYC.

Lisa Winward, Superintendent, North Yorkshire Police and Commander of York Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

Lisa was standing in since the Police & Crime Commissioner had been unable to attend. Lisa explained the reasoning behind having a democratically elected PCC compared with the previous committee. She described how policing was delivered in York, particularly its dependence on intelligence. Residents were encouraged to report any suspicious activity. Resources were targeted to ‘hot spots’ but the needs of policing rural areas were still recognised. Lisa gave details of (reported) crimes in the CYC area – about 30/40 daily – and the number of crimes in Wheldrake Ward since the start of 2013 – just 11.

Questions concerned ‘cross boundary’ issues with neighbouring forces, detection rates (about 30%), speed cameras and possible sourcing changes due to PCC decisions.

Lisa also explained how she prioritised crime prevention.

7. **General Forum.** Most questions had been dealt with during the meeting but George Wright asked about the implementation of speed limits in York.

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