

# ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Taylor; Webster.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Wilson.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 19.11.2013 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Cllr Nicholson reported that clearance work had been undertaken at the Wheldrake Lane junction.
6. **Police matters.** The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs and apart from a further car accident there had been no major incidents.

7. **Correspondence (out):**

- i) Messages of thanks for Remembrance Sunday participation
- ii) Response to ERYC on consultation about revised East Yorkshire bus services
- iii) Request for CYC tree specialist to visit village green
- iv) Request to CPRE for grant for play area work
- v) Request for O&DDB to undertake dyke clearance work
- vi) Request for Highways Agency to attend December meeting
- vii) Request for highway repair to B1228 approaching Clock House bend

**Correspondence (in):**

*For information:*

- (i) Flyer: Proludic play
- (ii) Local Government Boundary Commission: Final recommendations for CYC
- (iii) SLCC books

*Available from the Clerk:*

- (iv) Newsletters: School; York CVS 'Voluntary Voice'; YorkOK; White Rose Update
- (v) Rural services Network: Rural Opportunities Bulletins; News Digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Seminar Programme 2014-15
- (vi) YLCA: information notes; training events
- (vii) Section 137 expenditure limit from 1/4/2014 to be £7.20 per elector
- (viii) NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group position statement
- (ix) Council Tax benefit support grant update

*For consideration:*

- (x) YLCA Survey of Home Working Allowances
- (xi) Future of Local Audit – draft regulations consultation
- (xii) Exchange of emails concerning tree in River Derwent. *Council had received an offer to remove the tree and this had been forwarded to the Environment Agency. No reply has yet been received. The Clerk will follow up.* **DH**

8. **Financial.**

Receipt. The following was noted:

Yorkshire Water – £20.00 – late response to email

Payments. **Minute 13051.** It was agreed to pay the following:

The Lawn Man - £138.00 – November grass cut

Elvington Village Hall - £ 44.00 – October & November meetings + Remembrance Sunday

Other financial item:

The latest Operating Statement was approved.

9. **Budget 2014/2015.** The budget was presented by the Clerk on behalf of the sub committee. **Minute 13052.** Council agreed with the committee's recommendation for an unchanged precept in 2014/2015. This will be confirmed at the January meeting. **ALL**

**10. Planning Matters.**

New Application. **Minute 13053.** Council had no objections to:

13/03695 – 2 Hopewell Place – replacement garage

Approval. The following was noted:

13/03450 – Eversfield, Main Street – tree work

To consider any Applications received after publication of this Agenda. There were none.

**11. Village Green.** Further to the report from a local tree surgeon concerning the condition of one of the horse chestnuts (the one nearest the Belvoir Avenue access), the Parish Council stated that they had no wish to fell any mature tree, but had to consider the risk to members of the public and neighbouring properties. The CYC tree specialist had been requested to visit and he subsequently confirmed that there was no immediate safety issue, but if the Parish Council wished to extend the life of the tree by possibly 10-15 years then action was required. He recommended the back branch be completely removed and then a 30% reduction of the rest of the tree.

**Minute 13054.** The Parish Council agreed to proceed on the basis of this recommendation. The Clerk will obtain three quotations for this work (along with costs for full removal) and confirm with CYC that the cost will be covered by a Double Taxation Claim, as advised by Cllr Barton, Ward Councillor. The two adjacent properties will be contacted to inform them of the proposed work. **DH**

**Minute 13055.** It was agreed that the green could be used for the annual 'tug of war' on Boxing Day.

**12. Grimston Bar.** The Highways Agency had refused a request to attend this meeting but had sent a detailed plan of the proposed works. The provision for cyclists and pedestrians appears to have been maintained, although there is temporary disruption during the work. The HA have been instructed to make improvements during the work. Cllr Rees suggested that the issue of outgoing traffic from York heading for Hull and Leeds - and Elvington - all using one lane should be raised with the HA. The Clerk will write. **DH**

**13. Reports from recent meetings.** Cllr Rees reported on the AGM of the Village Hall. It had been a successful year with bookings maintained and measures to control costs.

**14. Highways, paths and verges.** All three salt bins in the village have been removed by CYC, including one that was awarded to the Parish Council. The Clerk will write asking for at least the return of the one we own, plus the one at the School, both of which are necessary for safety reasons. **DH**

Cllr Nicholson reported that loose horses are often seen near Grimston Bar roundabout. The Clerk will ask the police to investigate. **DH**

Cllr Webster reported that Yorkshire Water had made a further inspection of the dyke they maintain near the Water Treatment Works but no further work will be undertaken this year.

**15. Meeting dates 2014.** Council agreed that meetings next year will continue to be on the third Tuesday of each month.

**16. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** Salt bins.

**17. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** Grass cutting contract.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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