

## ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk to the Council: **David Headlam**  
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Forster; Taylor; Webster; Wilson; Cllr G Barton (Ward Cllr) and 6 visitors.
2. **Apologies.** Cllrs Nicholson; Rees.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21.5.2013 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Cllr Bailey noted that the appeal by Elvington Park Ltd. against noise abatement offences had failed.
6. **York Maze.** Tom Piercey described the reasons for an imminent planning application to formalise the existing arrangements for the Maize Maze and other events held at the site. Cllrs were supportive of the plans as outlined and the Clerk will be alerted when the application is formally submitted. **TP**
7. **Sutton Bridge.** A joint presentation was made by Mike Ball (ERYC); Sean Carroll (ERYC); Eric Wragg (CYC) and Steve Burrell (NYP) on their efforts to improve pedestrian safety at the Bridge. (It was pointed out that Humberside Police was another consultee but was not attending.) Measures so far considered had been a separate bridge (too expensive); vehicle activated flashing signs (distracting and ineffective) and a low 15mph speed limit (consents and policing not possible). It was stated that as there had been no casualties, it was now proposed to do nothing as it appears people were exercising an appropriate level of care.  
Cllr Bailey stated that safety would only be improved if the Environmental Weight Limit was reintroduced and HGVs over 7.5 tonnes barred from the Bridge. The previous arguments against this were aired by all four. Cllr Taylor stated that there were numerous 'near misses' with HGVs – but was told that reporting these would not be productive.  
It was pointed out that the number of HGVs currently using the Bridge is probably less than before the closure and the reasons for this were discussed.  
The Clerk asked that Elvington be consulted if any further safety measures were proposed.
8. **Police matters.** The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs. In May there had only been one minor incident.
9. **Correspondence (out):**
  - i) 'Park That Bike' information forwarded to local organisations
  - ii) Reply to resident on wide loads on B1228
  - iii) Reply to resident concerning daffodils on village green
  - iv) Acknowledgement to Elvington Park Ltd for letter regarding appeal
  - v) Replies to those selling properties on The Conifers development
  - vi) Request for action on sign repairs near Halifax Way. *Repairs will be undertaken.*
  - vii) Approval of use of village green for Summer Fete
  - viii) Agreement for site of Fish & Chip van visit**Correspondence (in):**  
*For information:*
  - (i) Newsletters: York Open Planning Forum
  - (ii) Flyer: HAGS SMP Ltd.
  - (iii) Rural Action Yorkshire – Winter Weather Agents Toolkit
  - (iv) CYC Local Plan Preferred Options consultation poster. *Sited.**Available from the Clerk:*
  - (v) Newsletters: School; Rural Action Yorkshire digest; YLCA Info Notes; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
  - (vi) Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service ; Fuel Poverty; Broadband; Transport

- (vii) NALC Putting Communities First conferences
- (viii) YLCA training courses
- (ix) Mobile connectivity in England – simplifying the planning process
- (x) CYC - A Smarter York Spring Clean
- (xi) NALC - 9th edition of 'Local Council Administration' available
- (xii) Healthwatch York news update
- (xiii) Commercialism in Local Government conference
- (xiv) Register of Electors – June update. *Circulated to Cllrs.*
- (xv) NALC/LGA conference – Unlocking the General Power of Competence
- (xvi) Details of CYC Big York Survey 2013

*For Consideration:*

- (xvii) York CVS – Local giving.com introduction to local community groups
- (xviii) NALC 'Good Councillors Guide' – electronic version of 4<sup>th</sup> edition available. *Will be circulated to Cllrs.* **DH**
- (xix) Local Government Boundary Commission – CYC Further Electoral Review. *No comments will be made.*
- (xx) A request from a resident for information on qualification for renting a property in Blacksmiths Close. *The Clerk will reply and forward details to Joseph Rowntree Trust.* **DH**

## **10. Financial.**

Payments. **Minute 13026.** The following were agreed:

The Lawn Man - £276.00 – May grass cuts

P Rees (via D W Smith Garden Centre) - £40.00 – bedding plants and compost

Other financial item:

The Operating Statement was approved.

## **11. Planning Matters.**

New Application. **Minute 13027.** Council had no objection to:

13/01804 – Beck Cottage, Main Street - extension

Approvals. The following were noted:

13/00735 – Plot C, Airfield Industrial Estate – erection of canopy

13/00769 – The Villa, Main Street – removal of conditions

13/01044 – Broad Oak Farm – erection of dwelling

To consider any Applications received after publication of this Agenda.

13/00949 – 19 Becks. This application has been withdrawn and will be resubmitted.

Other Matter:

The exempt tree works at The Stables, Elvington Lane were noted.

Econsultation – The Clerk reported on the training session held by CYC. The system to be introduced will be broadly that currently in use by the Parish Council. Not all applications will be supported by a single pdf attachment as originally envisaged.

**12. CYC Local Plan.** The details of the local consultation being undertaken by the Parish Council were discussed. A 'Drop In' session at the Village Hall on FRIDAY 5 JULY between 4pm and 8pm will be publicised and Cllrs will be in attendance to answer questions and gauge opinion. A formal response from the Parish Council will have to be agreed at the next meeting. YLCA are holding a meeting of all PCs on Thursday 4 June. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will be attending. **ALL**

**13. Weight Limit.** The minutes of the meeting held at the School including a site visit by CYC Cllrs will be circulated. Some changes to speed limits were proposed – but the introduction of an Environmental Weight Limit on Main Street was again refused. **DH**

**14. Play Area.** (a) The new equipment should be in situ in time for the school holidays; (b) the Clerk will progress the annual check made by Playscheme; (c) a schedule for future weekly checks was agreed. Cllr Bailey will maintain a spreadsheet. **IB/DH**

**15. Reports from recent meetings.** There were none.

**16. Highways, paths and verges.** The Clerk will continue to pursue Yorkshire Water concerning the overgrown ditch near Derwent Close. **DH**

**17. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** Local Plan Drop In session.

**18. Items to be placed on next Agenda.**

The meeting ended at 9.25pm