

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 19th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Nicholson, Webster; Wilson + Cllr Barton, Ward Councillor.
2. **Apologies.** Cllrs Forster; Taylor.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllrs Bailey and Wilson declared interests in Item 8, where payments are due to them.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15.10.2013 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Cllr Bailey reported that the speed limits proposed by CYC for Elvington Lane and two residential streets (The Conifers and Elvington Park) had been confirmed.
Cllr Bailey highlighted the large turnout for this year's Remembrance Sunday parades and services and thanked those who had helped in organising the day.
A revised and simplified timetable has been proposed by East Riding for the bus services that pass through Elvington, run by East Yorkshire Buses. Cllrs were asked to review the new timetable and pass any feedback to the Clerk. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will respond by 27th November. **ALL/IB/DH**
6. **Police matters.** The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs. The only incident last month was where a tractor had shed a wheel on Main Street.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Notification of revised nominated account details to Scot Widows. *Acknowledged*
 - ii) Request for clearance of foliage at Wheldrake Lane and patching on Church Lane
 - iii) Response to speed limit proposals. *Acknowledged***Correspondence (in):**

For information:

 - (i) Newsletters: Clerks & Councils Direct; York Open Planning Forum.
 - (ii) Flyer: Wicksteed Playscapes.
 - (iii) Volunteer Snow Wardens
 - (iv) Rural Action Yorkshire – credit based exchange schemes
 - (v) NYCC household waste recycling centres proposed changes
 - (vi) Thank you letter from Elvington Under Fives for grant
 - (vii) War Memorials Trust

Available from the Clerk:

 - (viii) Newsletters: School; Parish Matters (Came & Co) - *to be passed to Cllr Rees.* **DH**
 - (ix) Flyers: Lifestyle Aggregates; Sovereign Design Play Systems
 - (x) YLCA: Training Programme; Parish Precept Statistics; Information Notes; follow up to York Branch meeting; request for what type of training required in 2014
 - (xi) Rural Services Network: Rural Opportunities Bulletin: Rural Vulnerability Service; Weekly News Digests
 - (xii) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority: Summary of Final Accounts
 - (xiii) CYC: 'Community Conversations in York' conference – 13 December; 'Yorkafter5' e-survey
 - (xiv) York CVS: Duke of York's Community Initiative Award
 - (xv) NALC Annual Report 2012-2013; Standing for Election in the UK consultation paper; 'Local Councils Explained' publication
 - (xvi) Register of Electors updates. *Circulated to Cllrs.*

For consideration:

 - (xvii) Revised Model Standing Orders. *Council noted that a revised Model was available.*
 - (xviii) Parish precepts – grant from central government. *Council decided that in view of uncertainty, the 2014 precept request would not be submitted until January.* **DH**
 - (xix) Update on order to legitimise electronic payments. *Council noted that new systems should be available in the New Year.*

(xx) Update from Julian Sturdy, MP on responses to CYC draft Local Plan. Cllr Bailey summarised Julian Sturdy's letter by stating that CYC had now received 14,000 responses to the original draft Plan – and was no longer going to respond to each one. CYC are being asked to at least reply to Parish Council responses. Cllr Barton confirmed that CYC appear to be on track to keep to their original timescale to publish a revised 'Submission Plan' early in the New Year. Consultants have been appointed to produce three separate reports on Travellers & Showpeople; Renewable Energy; and Infrastructure. And it appears CYC's thrust in renewable energy is moving from wind farms to solar farms, but Government is to provide more clarity on the need and placement of solar farms. Julian Sturdy also pointed out that the 'safeguarded land' identified in the Local Plan is not a requirement of a Plan and has asked CYC to justify its inclusion.

A further meeting of York Outer Parishes will take place on Thursday 20 February.

(xxi) Consultation on methodology to be used by consultants in determining the suitability of Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Showpeople sites in CYC Local Plan. Cllr Bailey reported that the methodology of the review is very detailed, but pointed out that there was no mention of considering previous decisions of Planning Inspectors.

8. Financial.

Receipt. The following was noted:

Remembrance Day collection - £71.00 – transferred to Petty Cash

Payments. **Minute 13045.** The following were agreed:

Elvington Scout Group - £71.00 – in lieu of collection

St. Chads Scouts - £60.00 - donation

Patricia May - £60.00 – poppy wreaths

The Lawn Man - £138.00 – October grass cut

City Electrical Factors - £72.00 – bulbs for Christmas tree

Minute 13046. Cllr Rees proposed the following payments (to Cllrs) which were agreed:

I Bailey (from Sainsburys) - £17.61 – refreshments for Remembrance Sunday

T. Wilson - £10.00 – flowers for tubs

Other financial items:

(a) The latest Operating Statement was approved; (b) The PWLB loan repayment - £1,892.04 – was noted; (c) **Minute 13047.** Council agreed the transfer of £2000.00 to the Scottish Widows account; (d) **Minute 13048.** Cllr Wilson was authorised to purchase the Christmas tree for the Village Green.

9. Planning Matters.

New Application.

13/03450 – Eversfield, Main Street – tree work. **Minute 13049.** Council objected to the felling of tree T7, which should be reduced by 30% instead. It had no objections to the other tree work

Approvals. The following were noted:

13/03098 – The Briars, Elvington Lane – extension

13/03158 – Lund House, Main Street – tree work

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

Other Item:

The '5 Day Notice Order' to fell a tree at The Briars, Elvington Lane was noted.

10. Emergency Plan. The annual review has been completed by Cllr Forster and a copy has been sent to the Clerk. This will be circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Forster will be thanked for all his work on the review. **DH**

11. Campaign to Protect Rural England. Minute 13050. Council decided to submit a request for a grant of £1000 to finance new fencing at the Play Area. **DH**

12. The Conifers. Council knew of no local interest in the proposed sale of a property. The Clerk will advise the vendor. **DH**

13. Budget 2014/2015. Council agreed that a committee comprising Cllrs Bailey, Rees and the Clerk will draw up the budget for 2014/15 and recommend a precept. **IB/PR/DH**

14. Reports from recent meetings. There were none.

15. Highways, paths and verges. Council were disappointed by the refusal of Yorkshire Water to properly clear the dyke at Dauby Lane and noted that water was backing up there. It was agreed that the local Drainage Board be asked to clear the beck and other ditches in the area; send them the recently received map and ask for their comments on this particular dyke. The YW dyke is also affecting the dyke on the school side of Dauby Lane. **DH**

A letter had been received from a tree specialist stating that one of the horse chestnuts on the Green may now need removing. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting, but in the meantime the CYC tree specialist will be asked to survey the tree, and the means of funding any felling and replacement will be explored. [*Subsequently Cllr Barton informed Council that the cost was a 'Double Taxation' item and could be reclaimed from CYC.*]

Cllr Wilson asked for a repair to the B1228 near Clock Farm entrance. **DH**

Council has been notified of forthcoming work at the Grimston Bar roundabout due to start at the end of November and continue until February 2014. It was agreed to invite the contractors to the next meeting to see the details of the scheme and ensure safe access to the B1228 is maintained. **DH**

Council agreed that the Carol service should take place on the Green on Sunday 8 December.

16. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. There were none.

17. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Tree on Green; Budget; Grass cutting contract; Grimston Bar

The Meeting ended at 9.00pm

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