

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 15th October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Taylor; Webster; Wilson + Elaine Scott.
2. **Apologies.** There were none.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Taylor declared an interest in Item 6 in that she currently uses the Under Fives.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 17.9.2013 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** There were none.
6. **Under Fives.** Elaine Scott gave a presentation describing the difficulties facing the local Under Fives. Competition, changes in school intake times and the changing needs of parents has meant that numbers have fallen and despite some funding from CYC and other fund raising activities there will be a shortfall in the remainder of this year, which could result in the closure of the Elvington Under Fives. Cllrs reviewed the latest summary accounts and asked questions about staffing levels, volunteering and future projections. It appears that the problem is an immediate cash-flow one and Cllrs were minded that a long standing provision for the care of under-five year olds in the village, especially the Toddlers, should not be lost if at all possible.
Minute 13041. After much debate, and on balance, Cllr Bailey proposed that a grant of £500 be made, with the proviso that if more funding was deemed necessary then Elaine plus the Treasurer should attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to further review the financial position. This was seconded by Cllr Wilson and agreed unanimously. **DH**
7. **Police matters.** The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs. Only a few minor offences had been reported in September.
8. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Notification of revised nominated account details to Scottish Widows. *A revised application to change the account details has been requested.* **DH**
 - ii) Request for clearance of pavement between Wheldrake Lane and Halifax Way. *This work will be undertaken by Community Payback people.***Correspondence (in):**

For information:

 - (i) Newsletter: Streets Ahead
 - (ii) North Selby Mine Action Group update
 - (iii) Local Democracy Week 2013 and updated Register of Electors. *Poster sited.*

Available from the Clerk:

 - (iv) Newsletters: School; Historic Towns Forum; ERYC Local Plan; York CVS; Rural Action Yorkshire; North Yorkshire Forum; Healthwatch York; YorOK
 - (v) North Yorkshire CC - Extra Care Housing – Future of Housing For Older People In North Yorkshire: September 2013
 - (vi) Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service; News digests; Spotlight on Small Businesses
 - (vii) YLCA – information notes; training events
 - (viii) Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Training Partnership conference

For consideration:

 - (ix) DCLG – Updated “Openness and transparency on personal interests: guidance for councillors”. *This will be circulated to Cllrs.* **DH**
9. **Financial.**

Receipts. The following were noted:
HMRC - £570.69 – VAT reclaim
CYC - £6,175.00 – Precept, 2nd instalment

Payments. **Minute 13042.** The following were agreed:
The Lawn Man - £276.00 – September grass cuts

Elvington Village Hall - £30.00 – August + September meetings
M Gillett - £40.00 – glass replacement for notice board

Other financial items:

(i) The Operating Statement was approved; (ii) **Minute 13043.** It was agreed that Cllr Forster source 20 new light bulbs for the Christmas tree.

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10. Planning Matters.

New Applications. **Minute 13044.** Council had no objections to:

13/03098 – The Briars, Elvington Lane – extension

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

Approval. The following were noted:

13/02695 – 8 Roxby Close – extension

13/02499 – Klein Copse, Church Lane – tree work

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

Other Item:

13/00309 – Untidy garden. It was noted that the case has been closed.

11. Affordable Housing. Cllr Bailey reported on the consultation event held recently at the School to promote the new housing at the Allenby Nurseries site, which had been attended by a number of other Cllrs. Feedback from CYC indicates that there was a lot of interest registered by people either living or working in Elvington. CYC will continue to monitor that local people are given priority.

12. Speed Limit. A proposal has been made by CYC for a 30mph limit to be introduced on Elvington Lane (from near Wheldrake Lane to the School) and 20mph limits on Elvington Park and The Conifers. Our Ward Councillor has indicated his agreement. The Parish Council strongly supported the 30mph as a means of slowing traffic and improving safety. However they disagreed on the need for 20mph limits on the two residential roads. It was considered unnecessary; unenforceable and would involve additional costs. The Clerk will respond.

DH

13. Bus Services. The Clerk has learnt that there may be changes to the services provided by East Yorkshire Buses passing through the village. The Clerk will respond indicating that the loss of any service would be regretted.

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14. Remembrance Sunday. The arrangements for SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER were confirmed.

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15. Emergency Plan. Cllr Forster will present any changes at the next meeting.

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16. Reports from recent meetings. Cllr Bailey reported on the York Outer MP meeting of Parish Councils. The Local Plan and its timescale had been the major item discussed. CYC has received about 7,000 comments to the initial consultation and responses to statutory bodies (including Parish Councils) should be made by CYC by the end of October. Responses to individuals are expected in November. A revised Draft Plan is due early next year, followed by a further period of consultation.

A change in the way the proposed Late Night Levy is to be distributed was also discussed. Julian Sturdy responded positively to the proposal that the funds be allocated between the police and NHS and he will canvass for the change in legislation.

The Clerk reported on the YLCA York Branch meeting in which a presentation on faster broadband in York and North Yorkshire had been made.

17. Highways, paths and verges. The dyke alongside Dauby Lane has been partially cleared by Yorkshire Water, but further work is required. The footpath (FP11) between Main Street and the Church will be cleared by the joint owners.

Action is required on the surface of Church Lane leading to Red House Farm; and with overhanging branches on Elvington Lane near Wheldrake Lane. The lack of cleaning on Riverside Gardens when mud is deposited was also reported.

DH

18. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Christmas message.

19. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Emergency Plan.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

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