

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 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Councillors Present. Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Taylor; Webster; Wilson + Cllr G Barton (Ward Cllr) + 11 residents

2. Apologies. There were none

3. Declaration of Interests by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.

4. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 18.03.2014 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.

Affordable Housing. Cllr Bailey reported that he was satisfied that the correct process was being followed in respect of the allocation of housing at the former Allenbys Nurseries site. The applicant who had approached Council had been informed.

6. Police matters. No crime or anti-social cases had been reported last month.

7. Correspondence (out):

i) Request for Spring Clean by CYC of two areas

ii) Offer to Gateway to History Archivist to attend a future meeting

iii) Notification to Ward Cllr of non attendance at forthcoming Residents Forum

Correspondence (in):

(i) Flyers: Glasdon; Wicksteed

(ii) Full Register of Electors

Available from the Clerk:

(iii) Newsletters: School; White Rose Update; Northern Powergrid; YorOK; York CVS; Historic Towns Forum; Voluntary Voice; Spring Parish Matters (Came & Co)

(iv) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Rural Opportunities Bulletin; Rural Action Yorkshire e-bulletin; invitation to join Rural Sounding Board

(v) Campaign by Sevenoaks Town Council concerning payment of business rates

(vi) SLCC training course

(vii) CYC Plant the City Yellow for Tour de France Project

(viii) Healthwatch York – discrimination survey

(ix) National Fracking Conference – London, 19 May

(x) Consultation on use of Legislative Reform Order to ease creation of Parish Councils

For consideration:

(xi) Exchange of correspondence concerning dredging/desilting of River Derwent. *Lord Smith has responded and is commissioning a report. Julian Sturdy has met with the EA Flood Risk Manager who is reviewing what work is necessary on the Derwent.*

(xii) Letter from MP concerning lack of further information on CYC Local Plan

(xiii) Letter from Prime Minister concerning new Employment Allowance

(xiv) Notice of European Parliamentary elections

8. Financial.

Receipt. The following was noted:

Northern Powergrid - £9.20 - wayleaves

Payment.

YLCA - £368.00 – annual subscription. **Minute 14019.** Council were disappointed that the subscription had increased by a significant amount for the third successive year. The Clerk was asked to write and complain – and ask that there be a commitment to freeze subscriptions in future.

Other financial item:

The Operating Statement was approved.

9. Planning Matters.

Local Plan. Cllr Bailey said that this item was not on the Agenda, so no decisions could be taken, but in view of having seen CYC's proposal for Further Sites, an informal discussion took place. Cllr Barton described each of the changes that affect Elvington and gauged the opinion of Council on each one. The initial view of Parish Councillors was generally negative towards the new sites proposed for the village, especially concerning the Gypsy and Traveller site opposite the Sports Club; any extension of the use of the land at The Stables for Travelling Show People; and also against the safeguarding of land (i.e. excluding it from Green Belt) in the centre of the village from, broadly, behind Hill Garth to Riverside. Residents had attended to clarify the ownership and planning history of the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site on Elvington Lane. Their aspirations for the site were stated and Cllr Barton will check its status with CYC Planning. A full discussion, and the Parish Council's response to the forthcoming consultation exercise, will take place at the next meeting on Tuesday 20 May. This will also be the major topic for discussion at the Annual Village Meeting on WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, commencing at 7.30pm. **GB**

The following Application received after publication of this Agenda was considered:

Minute 14020. Council had no objections to:

14/00773 – Elvington Hall, Main Street – internal and external works.

Approvals. The following were noted:

13/03827 – Eversfield, Main Street - extension

14/00056 – Middleton House, Dovecote Garth – extension

10. Bus services. The provisional new timetable for the 36 service has been received, with only minor changes to the existing service. CYC had asked if there would be any objections if the morning X36 was to run a little later, but still arriving in York around 8.0am. Council agreed that this would not be a problem, and might even be popular. One resident had suggested that the X36 should divert via the University to increase its appeal to those working there. This suggestion will be forwarded to CYC. A composite timetable of all Elvington to York bus services after 28 April will be requested. **DH**

11. Annual Village Meeting. The AVM will be on WEDNESDAY 21 MAY commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The main topic will be the Local Plan because the consultation period on the next stage will be in progress. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will consider if any speakers should be invited. **IB/DH**

12. Meetings – recent and forthcoming. Cllr Barton informed Council that Ward Committee Meetings have been discontinued – to be replaced by a 'Residents Forum', organised by CYC.

13. Highways, paths and verges. A request has been received from the Church for the use of the Village Green on Saturday 6 June for a service as part of the Summer Fete. This was agreed.

The Clerk was asked to progress the felling of the tree on the Village Green. **DH**

Cllr Bailey informed Council that the EA have now chained the gates at Elvington Lock so that they can no longer be used. The Clerk will ask EA for an explanation and the matter put on the Agenda for the next meeting. **DH**

14. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Annual Village Meeting.

15. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Local Plan; Lock gates.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

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