

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th August 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

- 1. Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Webster; Wilson + Ward Cllr George Barton + 1 resident
- 2. Apologies.** Cllr Taylor.
- 3. Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Rees declared an interest in Item 9, 14/01581 and took no part in the discussion or vote.
- 4. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15.07.2014 were approved.
- 5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** (a) It was confirmed that Yorkshire Water had cleared the vegetation by the pavement in Dauby Lane.
(b) Despite hopes that routine gully clearing could be reinstated, it now seems unlikely.
- 6. Police matters.** The police report had been circulated to Cllrs. Apart from some domestic issues, two incidents had involved fishermen and dog walkers.
- 7. Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Details of Community Payback sent to local organisations
 - ii) Request for closure of Main Street on Remembrance Sunday
 - iii) Request for clarification of exact length of Elvington Lane being resurfaced. *Council was told that the stretch between Dunnington Common Lane and the bend near Clock House Farm entrance will be resurfaced before the end of October.***Correspondence (in):**
 - (i) Newsletters: Streets Ahead; Glasdon Products
 - (ii) Posters for Autumn Voices Masterworks Chorale - Pocklington
 - (iii) Register of Electors update. *Circulated to Cllrs.*
 - (iv) New electoral arrangements for CYC – final recommendations.
 - (v) Northern Powergrid stakeholder priorities consultation
Available from the Clerk:
 - (vi) Newsletters: School; YorOK; Voluntary Voice; Northern Powergrid weather bulletins; Rural Action Yorkshire e-bulletin; N Yorks Health and Wellbeing; Rural Broadband Update; Historic Towns Forum; White Rose Update
 - (vii) Rural Services Network: News Digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Spotlight on Rural Health; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
 - (viii) YLCA: Training events – including proposal from RoSPA for a half day training event on routine playground inspection
 - (ix) ERYC Local Plan – Strategy and Allocation Documents Modifications consultation – and newsletter
 - (x) Draft Village Design Statements – Wheldrake & Strensall with Towthorpe – consultation
 - (xi) Publication of Government response to a Transparency Code for Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000
 - (xii) The Conservation Volunteers – subsidised tree planting
For consideration:
 - (xiii) YLCA advice to review complaints procedure. *Council was happy with current procedures.*

(xiv) Request from Sports Club to amend insurance arrangements for play area. *The Clerk and Cllr Rees will meet representatives of the Sports Club to clarify the situation.* **PR/DH**

(xv) Email from resident on poor mobile phone coverage with certain networks. *It was agreed to nominate Tim Tozer as the 'village champion' (with the full support of the Parish Council) to see if the Vodafone signal can be improved.* **DH**

(xvi) N Yorks Police – Special Constable recruiting. *Posted to Facebook page.*

8. Financial.

Receipt. The following was noted:

Scottish Widows - £37.81 – interest

Payment. **Minute 14036.** The following was agreed:

The Lawn Man - £276.00 – grass cuts in July

Other financial item:

The Operating Statement was approved.

9. Planning Matters.

New Applications. **Minute 14037.** Council had no objections to:

14/01581 – Rosedene, Main Street – extension

14/01766 – 2 Cannon House Cottages, Wheldrake Lane – extension

Minute 14038. 14/01720 – Brook House, Main Street – erection of dwelling + garage

Council noted that the revised application had addressed all the issues that it had opposed on the original proposal and therefore now supports the application.

Minute 14039. 14/01750 – Home Lea, Elvington Lane – change of use from touring caravans to static caravans. Council objected, because whilst there is no objection to genuine touring vehicles using the site for 'short stay' occupation (as the original approval allowed), it does object to permanent, static or mobile homes being sited as this is a site in Green Belt and no very special circumstances exist for an entirely different type of use (in accordance with the Planning Inspector's previous appeal decision).

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

Approval. The following was noted:

14/01409 – Monk Bridge Construction, Elvington Industrial Estate – erection of workshop

Other Items.

Council noted 14/01585 – Hayloft, Main Street – application for unrestricted occupation of a holiday cottage as a dwelling.

Request for white 'H-bar' lines in part of Church Lane. This item was taken after **Item 5**. There was discussion on the dilemma between the needs of residents to maintain clear access to their driveways and the reluctance to add to the clutter of signage and road markings in our village, perhaps creating a precedent for other requests. However, It was recognised that the stretch of Church Lane in question was a pinch point and it was decided to support the white lining, but only on one side (the east side). **DH**

Local Plan. Cllr Barton updated Council on the latest situation.

Empty Properties. Council was informed that an 'Empty Properties Officer' had been appointed and that at least one Elvington property was on the list. It was suggested that the Officer could be invited to a future meeting.

10. Village Pump. After discussion, it was decided to decline the offer of a pump to be sited on the village green. **DH**

11. Play Area. S106 funds are being withheld by CYC which is why improvements to the Play Area have not been progressed in time for school holidays. Cllr Barton agreed to chase the release of the money. The item will be on the Agenda again next month, for, hopefully, approval of the plans. **GB/DH**

12. Community Payback. The Clerk provided details of the work party scheduled for Wednesday 27 August. Cllr Wilson will progress the provision of materials etc. **TW/DH**

13. Risk Assessment. Cllrs Rees and Webster agreed to undertake the annual review and report back at the next meeting. **PR/JW**

14. Recent and forthcoming meetings. A 'Community Conversation' (involving the CYC leader) is scheduled for 8 October in Wheldrake Ward. A further meeting in Bishopthorpe will take place on 20 October.

15. Highways, paths and verges. Cllr Rees queried the frequency that the road sweeper is seen operating in the village.

A meeting about the permanent closure of the lock gates has been re-scheduled.

16. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Remembrance Sunday. **DH**

17. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Play Area; Risk Assessment; Emergency Plan.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

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