

# ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## **MINUTES**

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Webster + 3 residents.
2. **Apologies.** Cllrs Taylor; Wilson.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 18.11.2014 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** The Risk Assessment document has been circulated to Cllrs.
6. **Police matters.** No crime report had been received for last month.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
  - i) Thank you messages for Remembrance Sunday
  - ii) Reply to CYC on future meetings concerning 'Transforming Places Together'

### **Correspondence (in):**

- (i) Details of the Society of Local Council Clerks
- (ii) (Final) York Open Planning Forum Newsletter  
*Available from the Clerk:*
- (iii) Newsletters: School; YorOK; York Life; Voluntary Voice; Voice and Involvement Digest
- (iv) Rural Services Network: Rural Vulnerability Service; News digests; Spotlight on the Heart of the Village; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- (v) YLCA: Training events; White Rose Update
- (vi) Air Museum – opportunity to buy 'The Bright Squadrons'  
*For consideration:*
- (vii) Double Taxation plans for future years. *New schedule noted.*
- (viii) Message from a resident about condition of village green bus shelter. *It is hoped that the recent problem will be an isolated one.*
- (ix) Copy of letter from a resident about Sutton Wood. *Noted and will be monitored.*
- (x) Email from a resident volunteering to run a Twitter account. *The Council welcomed the initiative, although not formally endorsed.*

### **8. Financial.**

Payments. **Minute 14055.** The following were approved:

The Lawn Man - £138.00 – grass cut in November

Mr D J Headlam (with Staples) - £13.49 – printer ink

Other financial item:

The latest Operating Statement was approved.

**9. Budget 2015/2016. Minute 14056.** The Clerk presented the proposed Budget as recommended by the sub-committee. Council agreed the budget, which is based on an unchanged precept (in cash terms). This will be confirmed at the next meeting before the precept request is submitted to CYC. **DH**

### **10. Planning Matters.**

New Applications. **Minute 14057.** Council objected to:

14/02592 – Moor Closes, Elvington Park – conversion to holiday accommodation.

The site is on Green Belt land and the development would spoil the open character of the area. It is a change of use, so should not be permitted. The site is of ecological importance, not sustainable and floods. The proposed exit to Elvington Lane is particularly dangerous.

**Minute 14058.** Council, by a majority, had no objections to:

14/02666 – 3 Hopewell Place, Main Street – two storey extension

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

Approvals. The following were noted:

14/02086 – Brinkworth Hall, Elvington Lane – creation of pond (retrospective)

14/02276 – Brinkworth Hall, Elvington Lane – tree work

**11. Local Plan and ‘Vision for the Village’.** [Taken after **Item 5.**] Cllr Bailey updated Council on the latest position on CYC’s Local Plan, stating that a revised version is still awaited from CYC. The debate in York is centred on the total housing numbers that should be factored into the Plan. John Gallery updated Council on the work of the ‘Keep Elvington Rural’ action group and the alliance of such groups. KER has produced a draft ‘Vision For The Future’ which will be circulated to allow for comments. The Parish Council will continue to be kept informed.

**12. Play Area.** The Licence Agreement will be signed on receipt from the Sports Club. The new play area equipment has been ordered.

**13. Village Assets.** There is a York-wide proposal to protect specific village assets, particularly pubs. This would offer a degree of protection from simple change of use, in that planning permission would be required. Council agreed to review the situation again next month.

**TW/DH**

**14. Recent and forthcoming meetings.** Cllr Bailey reported on the meeting of the Alliance of York Action Groups. They have submitted a paper to CYC questioning the validity of the housing numbers used in the Local Plan. Cllr Bailey had also attended a CYC workshop on ‘Transforming Places Together’ which indicated that much deeper cuts are expected from CYC in forthcoming years.

**15. Parish Council Meeting Dates.** Council agreed to continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month in 2015.

**16. Highways, paths and verges.**

(i) It was noted that Yorkshire Water had cleared the area opposite the School at Dauby Lane. Cllr Nicholson pointed out that further work was required ‘upstream’ on the dyke.

(ii) The Clerk will ask Toby Johnson to survey the remaining horse chestnut trees on the village green, whilst there is no leaf cover.

**DH**

(iii) Further work on the B1228 (near the Maze) and Wheldrake Lane (nearer Wheldrake) is proposed in CYC’s schedule of highway work for 2015/2016.

**17. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** The seasonal arrangements for waste collection has been posted to website and Facebook.

**18. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** Village Assets; 2015/2016 budget; grass cutting contract

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

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