

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 18th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Webster; Wilson.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Taylor.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Bailey declared an interest in Item 9, 14/00056 and took no part in the discussion and vote.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21.01.2014 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Item 8(xi). It is not possible to nominate groups for the Duke of York's Community Initiative, so the Parish Council will not be progressing this. Item 16. No action is necessary to the post on the village green.
6. **Police matters.** The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs. The break-in to a residential property on the green may be connected to similar attacks in neighbouring villages.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Notification to resident of CYC contact for complaints about Allenby Nurseries site
 - ii) Message of congratulations to Ian Reed, Yorkshire Air Museum on award
 - iii) Message to Wheldrake PC suggesting use of website to promote cycle route
 - iv) Request for blocked gullies to be cleared

Correspondence (in):

Available from the Clerk:

- (i) Newsletters: School; Voluntary Voice; Historic Towns Forum; Streets Ahead
 - (ii) Flyers: EF High School Year student exchange
 - (iii) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Seminar – 'The Unreachables'; Rural Housing National Conference; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
 - (iv) Healthwatch – Health and Social Care Directory
 - (v) NYCC – Alcohol Strategy Stakeholder Event. *To be forwarded to Cllr Forster.* **DH**
 - (vi) ERYC 'Making It Happen' Local Plan – further consultation
 - (vii) YLCA: Referendum principles not to be applied to Parish Council precepts
 - (viii) Powergrid – Annual Stakeholder Report
- For consideration:*
- (ix) Further draft recommendations from Local Government Boundary Commission on CYC ward boundaries. *No response, as Wheldrake Ward unaffected.*
 - (x) NHS - Community healthcare services survey/consultation/drop in events
 - (xi) Minerals & Waste Joint Plan – Issues & options Consultation
 - (xii) Derwent Lions – request for local projects to support. *Will be forwarded to Under Fives and Out of School Club.* **DH**

8. Financial.

Receipt: The following was noted:

York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association - £375.00 – grant. This amount will be 'ring-fenced' in the accounts and used for future Play Area improvements.

Payments. **Minute 14006.** The following were agreed:

Elvington Village Hall - £45.00 – Dec + Jan meetings + First Responder use

D J Headlam (via Staples) - £9.99 – file

Other financial item:

The Operating Statement was approved.

9. Planning Matters.

New Applications. **Minute 14007.** Council had no objection to:

14/00056 – Middleton House, Dovecote Garth – extension

Minute 14008. By a majority, Council had no objection, provided a replacement tree was sited in the vicinity, to:

14/00291 – Rusdale House, Main Street – tree work

To consider any Applications received after publication of this Agenda.

Minute 14009. Council had no objection to:

14/00322 – Former Allenbys Nurseries – variation of the condition to provide 10% of energy needs from on-site renewable sources, with a requirement to archive a 10% energy saving.

Other Matters.

(a) Neighbourhood Planning Camp – 23 to 25 March. The Clerk described the camps being run by the Government to promote Neighbourhood Planning;

(b) The Clerk updated Council on the latest situation regarding S106 payments that are scheduled. CYC are progressing the amount due at Cottonwood, York Road.

10. Village Green. The decision on what to do about the horse chestnut tree (previous advice had either been to remove a limb and reduce by 30% or fell completely) was somewhat overtaken by the loss of part of the limb during the recent storm. **Minute 14010.** Council therefore decided that in the interests of safety – to people and neighbouring property – to have the tree removed entirely. Ongoing Double Taxation payments from CYC include the provision for tree work, so the cost will be met by the Parish Council. **Minute 14011.** Having previously obtained three quotations, it was decided to instruct Toby Johnson to obtain the necessary permissions and to carry out the work. The neighbouring properties will be informed of the action being taken. **TW/DH**

11. Salt Bins. As CYC has removed all three of the village bins, Council debated what action, if any, it should take. There will be a cost to have the bins returned (with an initial fill) and the cost of subsequent fills (from whatever source) will also have to be paid by the Parish Council. The current weather pattern does not predict snow – but Council was well aware that winter could be far from over. However, the Council already has in place an arrangement with a local contractor to sweep and grit the pavements in case of severe weather. It was recognised that areas outside the village hall, the school and local businesses would not be cleared, but it was felt that each one should now be responsible for their own areas. It was therefore decided that no action would be taken immediately to return the bins – but that the decision would be revisited if this proved necessary.

12. Reports from recent meetings. The Clerk reported on the recent YLCA York Branch meeting in which the Police & Crime Commissioner had been a speaker. On the subject of the Local Plan, it was disclosed that the process was currently delayed, but that the 'submission version' would be released by CYC soon, with a further short period for consultation to follow.

Cllr Rees reported on the Village Hall, including action taken after complaints of a noisy event.

A Residents Forum for the Ward is scheduled for 9 April in Bishopthorpe.

13. Highways, paths and verges. Cllr Bailey updated Council on procedural changes to the operation of the Pumping Station – the Ouse & Derwent DB are taking on much more of the operational responsibility. A recent short power cut had tripped out the pumps, but they were re-started after the O&DDB had been notified. A grant has been awarded for the installation of telemetry which should aid future control of the Station. Cllr Forster asked if this telemetry would be freely available for the village to use. This is unknown at present. It was confirmed that without the scheme, the road would have been flooded – and closed – for several weeks and a number of properties under threat of flooding.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Environment Agency to ensure the Lower Derwent was included on any future programme for the reintroduction of dredging. **DH**

The pavement between Wheldrake Lane and the Airfield has been cleared, at last. The gully outside the village hall has a blocked outlet and will be dug out. The Clerk will progress gullies on the approach to Belvoir Avenue which need clearing and a street lamp on Main Street which is out. **DH**

14. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Salt bins.

15. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Annual Parish Meeting; Residents Forum.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.

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