

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 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Councillors Present. Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Taylor; Webster and 6 residents.

2. Apologies. Cllr Wilson.

3. Declaration of Interests by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllrs Forster and Rees declared an interest in Item 6, 13/02991, Holgate House.

4. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 17.12.2013 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda. There were none.

6. Planning Matters.

New Applications.

13/02991 – Holgate House, Main Street – change of use from dwelling house to restaurant. All the residents attending objected to this application citing parking problems, potential noise issues, the change of house colour, the detrimental effect on both the pub and shop businesses and the need to retain the building as residential in the streetscene.

Cllrs Forster and Rees declared interests, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or vote. Cllr Wilson had provided a written comment that he opposed the application.

Most Parish Councillors supported the views of the residents and added that disabled access did not appear to have been adequately addressed. Cllr Bailey emphasised that normally such an application to improve village facilities would be supported but on this occasion the major objection was the parking/traffic congestion issue - with implications for the safety of pedestrians and passing traffic – and that the business was in the wrong location. All Cllrs objected to the building being painted white, as inappropriate for a residential building in the Conservation Area.

Minute 14001. Council agreed, by a majority, to object to the application.

13/03827 – Eversfield, Main Street – extension (resubmission)

Minute 14002. Council supported the revised application.

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

Approval. The following was noted:

13/03695 – 2 Hopewell Place – replacement garage

Other Matters.

Emails had been received concerning complaints at working practices at the former Allenbys Nurseries site. It was confirmed that CYC's Planning Officer had been made aware of these and had responded. The Clerk will write to one resident. **DH**

Local Plan. Nothing has been received from CYC.

7. Police matters. The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs with very little crime having been reported in December.

8. Correspondence (out):

i) Follow up to Environment Agency for removal of trees at Sutton Bridge. *Completed.*

ii) Request to Highways Agency to improve entry to Grimston Bar from York. *No reply.*

iii) Request to CYC for return of salt bin/s. *See Item 13.*

iv) Request for action on loose horses in vicinity of Grimston Bar. *The police have been alerted and a dedicated CYC Officer has now been appointed to address the problem.*

Correspondence (in):

For information:

(i) Clerks & Councils Direct

(ii) RoSPA Play Area Inspections

Available from the Clerk:

(iii) Newsletters: School; Healthwatch York; Historic Towns Forum; Voluntary Voice; Came & Co 'Winter advice'

- (iv) Flyers: Norfolk China; Glasdon Products; Cloverleaf Advocacy
- (v) Rural Services Network: Rural Vulnerability Service; News Digests; Rural Action Yorkshire; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- (vi) The Conservation Volunteers: Grow Wild grants
- (vii) Northern Gas Networks: workshops
- (viii) YLCA: Localisation of Council Tax support grant; Information Notes; Guidance for Councils on Weekly Bin Collection
- (ix) Notice of award to Ian Reed, Yorkshire Air Museum of 'Ordre National du Merite' *The Clerk will circulate and write to congratulate Ian Reed.* **DH**
- For consideration:*
- (x) Exchange of emails concerning cycle path from Wheldrake to York. *The Clerk will write to Wheldrake suggesting they use the website or Facebook to publicise this.* **DH**
- (xi) Duke of York's Community Initiative. *Cllr Bailey nominated one group for this award and this was agreed. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will progress the application.* **IB/DH**
- (xii) Appointment of representatives to YLCA/CYC liaison group. *No nominations.*
- (xiii) CPRE – rejection of request for grant
- (xiv) Notification of Community Right to Bid powers
- (xv) Environment Agency Pumping Station usage figures for 2013. *Will be posted to website and Newsletter.* **DH**

9. Financial.

Receipt. The following was noted:

City of York Council - £1,765.00 – double taxation claim

Payments. **Minute 14003.** The following were agreed:

H Beevers - £204.00 – Christmas tree

D J Headlam (via Argos) - £19.99 – printer ink

Other financial item:

The latest Operating Statement was approved.

10. Budget 2014/2015. Minute 14004. Council agreed to request unchanged precept.

11. Grass Cutting. Minute 14005. After approaching three contractors, Council agreed to retain The Lawn Man for the grass cutting contract for 2014, at the same price as last year.

12. Village Green. Council discussed the options available concerning one of the horse chestnut trees. Advice has been received to either remove one limb and reduce by 30%, or to entirely remove the tree and replace it. Three quotations have been obtained for this work. Council has been advised that the cost should be recoverable through a Double Taxation claim. The Clerk will check the position. Cllr Webster asked that the matter be deferred to next month and this was agreed. **DH**

13. Salt Bins. CYC has removed all three of the village's salt bins – and despite one being funded with a Ward Grant to the Parish, will not return them unless a charge of £50 each is paid (to include a first fill). Subsequent fills would be at Parish expense. Cllr Bailey suggested that CYC be asked if the bin/s would be free if collected. Cllr Rees suggested that The Lawn Man be asked what the cost would be for subsequent fills. Council agreed to defer a decision until next month – although conscious that severe weather could yet appear this winter. **DH**

14. Play Area. The annual Inspection Report has been received from Playscheme – to whom thanks have been sent.

15. Reports from recent meetings. The meeting with Julian Sturdy, MP scheduled for 20th February has been deferred. The next York Branch meeting of YLCA will be on 6th February.

16. Highways, paths and verges. The pavement between Wheldrake Lane and Halifax Way will be cleared by Community Payback people "by the end of the month". Blocked gullies are on Main Street (near Farleigh) and Church Lane (outside village hall). A leaning post on the village green will be checked. **DH**

17. Quality Council + Village Design Statement. Council decided not to progress.

18. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Pumping Station usage figures.

19. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Village Green trees; Salt Bins.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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