

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 15th July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Councillors Present. Cllrs Bailey; Nicholson; Taylor; Wilson + Cllr Barton, Ward Councillor and 2 visitors.

2. Apologies. Cllrs Rees; Forster; Webster

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

4. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 24.06.2014 were approved.

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

6. Brook House, Main Street. The applicant of a new dwelling to occupy the site between Brook House and the Village Hall presented revised plans. Council had previously objected because of the size and the height of the original scheme. It was explained that changes had now been made including a much smaller footprint, a much reduced height and a change to a single garage. Cllr Nicholson asked about the felling of trees and was informed that an assessment had been made of all the trees on the site, and a replanting scheme will be implemented to maximise screening.

The original application has now been withdrawn but Council indicated that they would support any submission of the plans they had been shown.

7. Police matters. The monthly report had been circulated to Councillors. Two vehicle thefts had been reported, including a second Land Rover. Residents are urged to check the security of their vehicles.

8. Correspondence (out):

i) Response to Local Plan 'Further Sites' consultation

ii) Request to Community Payback for a day of painting. *The Clerk reported that a visit had been made by Community Payback to the proposed work sites and a day in August is likely to be proposed. Various details have yet to be finalised. The Scouts, the Sports Club and the Under 5s are to be contacted to see if they could use this resource.*

DH

iii) Request to Yorkshire Water to clear pavement opposite the school. *Yorkshire Water is checking the work that is necessary and will reply.*

DH

Correspondence (in):

(i) Clerks & Councils Direct

(ii) YLCA Annual Review and notice of Joint Annual Meeting

Available from the Clerk:

(iii) Newsletters: School; York Life (CVS); Rural Action Yorkshire; Northern Powergrid; Healthwatch York; White Rose Update

(iv) Flyer: Sovereign Design Play Systems

(v) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Rural Housing Policy Review on rural housing; Spotlight on Young People in Rural Areas; Localism in Practice seminar; Rural Opportunities Bulletin

(vi) Campaign to empower parish councils to sell electricity

(vii) NHS Public and Patient Engagement Forum

(viii) ERYC Draft Sustainable Public Transport Supplementary Planning Consultation

(ix) YLCA update of 'Audit and Accountability' finance manual

(x) YorOK – Open Service Directory launch

(xi) YLCA training sessions

(xii) Consultation on Plain English Guide to the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations

9. Financial.

Payments. **Minute 14034.** Council agreed the following:

The Lawn Man - £276.00 – grass cuts in June

Village Hall - £45.00 – meetings + First Responder use

Other financial item:

The Operating Statement was approved.

10. Planning Matters.

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

Approvals. The following were noted:

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

14/00876 – Brinkworth Park House, Elvington Lane – conversion and extension

14/01287 – Klein Copse, Church Lane – tree work

Withdrawal. The following was noted:

14/01084 – Brook House, Main Street – erection of dwelling and garage

Other Item.

Local Plan – Cllr Bailey provided an update on the consultation for the 'Further Sites' proposals which concludes on 16 July. The action group has been renamed 'Keep Elvington Local!' and has been active in door knocking and organising a further drop in session. All activity is designed to highlight to CYC the lack of support that exists for the scale and suitability of the developments it proposes for our rural village. Cllr Bailey said that it is particularly poor that the businesses on the trading estates have not been contacted by CYC, as the Airfield Trading Estate is proposed to triple in size and they should be consulted because they have a particular interest.

Minute 14035. It was agreed to pay £61 in printing costs for the action group. It was also agreed that no further costs would be paid by the Council at this stage of the consultation.

11. 'Transforming Places Together'. Dave Atkinson, CYC's Programme Manager gave a presentation on this initiative. It aims to explore what role communities play, where the money is spent and how to prioritise future spending – in an environment where budgets will be reducing. Cllr Bailey explained that with the good relations we enjoy with CYC, we are usually able to action any issues as they arise. And, the cost of doing such things as grass cutting ourselves is partially refunded by Double Taxation. Although all our salt bins had been removed (including an essential one at the school), the Parish Council has an arrangement whereby the pavements are cleared by a local contractor if there is severe winter weather. Also, a resident undertakes a 'litter pick' entirely voluntarily and is greatly appreciated for doing so. Dave said he was looking for good practice so that it could be rolled out in other areas – although appreciating rural issues were different from those in the city areas of York. He suggested that regular gully cleaning rather than just being reactive may produce a cost saving, and will be exploring this. There was debate over the best way to communicate with councils and residents with Cllr Taylor pointing out that multiple channels were needed as any one, such as social media, had only limited followers. Dave agreed to contact the Clerk with any proposals as the programme progresses. **DA**

12. Remembrance Sunday. Council asked the Clerk to progress the usual request to close the road through the village for the Remembrance Day parades and services. **DH**

13. Recent and forthcoming meetings. There was nothing to report.

14. Highways, paths and verges. The B1228 is due to be resurfaced before the end of October, but the location of the work is being clarified. The Clerk will ask CYC to clear pavements at the bridge and from Dauby Lane to the Surgery. Cllr Barton agreed to check on the status of the long-standing empty house in Church Lane. **GB/DH**

15. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. There are none.

16. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Risk Assessment.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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