

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 24th June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey, Rees, Webster, Wilson + 3 residents
2. **Apologies.** Cllrs Forster, Nicholson, Taylor
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Webster declared an interest in Item 9, 14/01084 Brook House and took no part in the discussion or vote.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20.05.2014 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** There were none.
6. **Police matters.** The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs, with only one minor incident reported. Proposals for a new Operational Policing Model have been received.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Police and Crime Commissioner survey on road safety
 - ii) Reply to resident on speed limit on bridge
 - iii) Request for action to white posts and railings on Main Street near White House Grove

Correspondence (in):

- (i) York Open Planning Forum - notification of Special General Meeting
Available from the Clerk:
- (ii) Newsletters: School; YorOK; Northern Powergrid; Safeguarding Children; York Life (CVS); Historic Towns Forum; Voluntary Voice
- (iii) Flyers: The Conservation Volunteers; Home Instead Senior Care
- (iv) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Rural Opportunities Bulletin; Rural Sounding Board
- (v) Notification of submission statement by ERYC of its Local Plan
- (vi) YLCA Play Safety Seminar – 12 June – at Elvington
- (vii) YLCA Training Programme – 2014/2015
- (viii) BBC One Home Swap Holidays - *forwarded to Newsletter*
- (ix) Big Police Debate survey – *forwarded to Cllrs*
For consideration:
- (x) Letter from Julian Sturdy, MP updating his contact with CYC on Local Plan
- (xi) Details of how to nominate for Queens Birthday Honours List 2015 – by 4 August
- (xii) Letter from the School regarding a family affected by Local Plan proposals. *Has been acknowledged.*
- (xiii) PCC Surgery – Osbaldwick – 2 July
- (xiv) Marie Curie bucket collection volunteer request – 5/6 July

8. Financial.

Payments. **Minute 14027.** Council agreed the following:

The Lawn Man - £276.00 – grass cuts in May
David Smith Garden Centre - £52.49 – plants + compost
Elvington Village Hall - £45.00 – meetings + First Responder use
D J Headlam (at Staples) - £20.49 – printer ink

Minute 14028. Cllr Rees proposed payment of the following which was agreed:

I Bailey (at Sainsburys) - £13.78 – refreshments for Annual Village Meeting

Other financial item:

The Operating Statement was approved.

9. Planning Matters.

New Applications. **Minute 14029.** Council had no objection to:

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

Minute 14030. Council objected to:

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

Council had no objections to a house being built on the plot, nor to the felling of trees (provided replacements were planted) but did object to the size and scale of the current proposal as having an adverse impact on the area and dominating the properties on the other side of Main Street.

Minute 14031. Council objected to;

14/01337 – The Old Rectory, Church Lane – tree work

Council could see no reasons for the felling of two trees and would wish to see a professional arboreal report to justify the work.

To consider any Applications received after publication of this Agenda.

Minute 14032. Council had no objections to:

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

Approvals. The following were noted:

14/00921 – 60 Elvington Park – extension

14/00948 – Rosery, Hopewell Place - extension

Local Plan. (This item was taken after **Item 5**). Cllr Bailey reported on a meeting attended by himself and Cllr Rees with Martin Grainger of CYC to review the Further Sites as they affect Wheldrake Ward. New documentation was available on all the other sites that had been proposed and reviewed. It was felt that CYC are becoming aware at the lack of support the current proposals have. Cllr Bailey also reported on the Action Group that has been established with John Gallery as Chair. The consultation period for 'Further Sites' has now started and will conclude on 16th July. A Drop In event is taking place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th June.

Discussion then moved on to the specific proposals in 'Further Sites' so that the Parish Council response could be formulated. The residents present also gave their views:

The Stables. It was agreed to ask that the previous decision of the Planning Inspector should be upheld and the land revert to Green Belt in 2016.

Gypsy and Traveller site. All were strongly against the proposal and several reasons were listed: a totally inappropriate site in a rural village, no exceptional reason to take out of Green Belt, prominent position on approach to the village, access issues, impractical size and not meeting NPPF guidelines.

Back of Hillgarth to Riverside. The need to even include 'safeguarded land' (i.e. land taken out of Green Belt for future housing development) in the Plan was disputed. The density of housing is difficult to compute but it appears about 135 houses could be built here. It was agreed to object as this would be a disproportionately large increase to the housing stock of the village. Too much, too soon.

Industrial Estate. Again, it was agreed to object because the scale of the increase in size proposed is too big – in addition to even more 'safeguarded land' being allocated. It was noted that the type of use proposed would be incompatible with a rural location. The implications for HGV movements through the village centre would also be highlighted in the response.

Cllr Bailey made the general point that the merits of each of the sites can be debated but there is no vision of the totality of the Local Plan – hence the total of the developments planned for the village is disproportionate. A desire for some development is recognised but not by agreeing to all the sites proposed.

Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will draw up a formal response and circulate to Cllrs before submission.

IB/DH

Minute 14033. It was agreed that Council would pay for the printing of leaflets that had been distributed ahead of the 'Drop In' event. Cllr Rees will be reimbursed of £199.48.

10. No Cold Calling Zone. Council decided not to progress the establishment of a zone.

11. Play Area. The Clerk updated Cllrs on the progress of getting CYC to release the S106 monies they have received in order to finance improvements to the play area. Mark Gillett will be asked to produce a costed estimate of the proposed work, so that can be used to make CYC release the monies.

MG/DH

12. Recent and forthcoming meetings. Cllr Bailey reported on the recent YLCA York Branch meeting in which fracking and the CYC Local Plan featured. Surrounding Parishes were asked, and agreed, to send comments concerning the proposed Gypsy site in the village.

13. Highways, paths and verges. A resident has reported on the poor condition of the bus shelter. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson will clean and disinfect the shelter and the situation will be monitored.

TW

The hedge bordering the French War Memorial has been reported as harbouring ash and bramble. Cllrs Bailey and Wilson will check and clear if necessary. **IB/TW**

The Clerk was asked to contact Community Payback to arrange a day of painting. **DH**

It was noted that a small plaque had been removed – or had fallen - from the wall of the lock.

14. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Local Plan 'Further Sites' consultation.

15. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Remembrance Day road closure.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

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