

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk to the Council: **David Headlam**
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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllr Bailey was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Rees. This was agreed by all. Cllr Rees was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Wilson. This was agreed by all. Cllr Bailey completed the Acceptance of Office form.

2. Councillors Present. Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Taylor; Wilson + 21 residents

3. Apologies. Cllr Webster.

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

5. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 15.04.2014 were approved.

6. Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda. Cllr Bailey reported that the resident who had approached the Council concerning Allenby's Nurseries housing has now been allocated a home.

7. Police matters. The monthly report had been circulated to Cllrs with another attempted break-in the only major incident. Instances of cold calling had increased in recent weeks and the PCSO had suggested that the Council reconsider its position on imposing a 'no cold calling' zone. It was agreed to agenda this for next month.

8. Correspondence (out):

- i) Request to YLCA to reconsider subscription renewal for 2014/2015
- ii) Feedback on timing and route of morning X36 bus service
- iii) Request for composite bus timetable showing all services from Elvington to York
- iv) Approval to PCC of request to hold Summer Fete on village green

Correspondence (in):

- (i) Clerks and Councils Direct
- (ii) Update to Register of Electors. *Circulated to Cllrs.*

Available from the Clerk:

(iii) Newsletters: School; White Rose Update; Rural Action Yorkshire; York Life (CVS); Voluntary Voice (CVS); NY Health & Wellbeing.

(iv) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Seminars; Rural Opportunities Bulletin

(v) SLCC – Introduction to Local Council Administration courses

(vi) Historic Towns Forum – upcoming events

(vii) Air Museum – Free French Commemoration. *Circulated to Cllrs.*

(viii) Campaign by Sevenoaks Town Council concerning changes to Business Rates

For consideration:

(ix) Exchange of correspondence concerning evening bus services to/from York. CYC say *an evening service would not be viable.*

(x) 'La Grande Soiree des Officiers Francais' – York, 2 July

(xi) Police & Crime Commissioner survey on road safety. *Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will complete. Cllr Taylor will post link to the website as well.*

IB/AT/DH

(xii) Request from a resident for a lower speed limit on bridge. *Previously, a change in the speed limit had been refused because it was 'unenforceable'. It was agreed to suggest the resident approach East Riding Council as they are the responsible authority.*

DH

9. Financial.

Receipt. The following was noted:

CYC - £6,175.00 – precept (1st instalment)

Payments. **Minute 14021.** The following were agreed:

Broker Network Ltd (Came & Co) - £622.38 – insurance premium

Elvington Village Hall - £60.00 – March & April meetings + First Responder use

The Lawn Man - £276.00 – grass cuts

D J Headlam (at Staples) - £12.99 – printer ink

Other financial items:

- (i) The Operating Statement was approved.
 - (ii) The half yearly PWLB loan repayment - £1,892.04 – was noted.
 - (iii) The report from the Internal Auditor was received.
 - (iv) **Minute 14022.** The Accounting Statements in the Annual Return were approved.
 - (v) **Minute 14023.** The Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Return was approved.
 - (vi) YLCA membership. The Clerk reported that he had received an explanation giving the reasons for recent increases in our subscription. **Minute 14024.** It was agreed to pay the (now reduced) subscription of £353.00.
- YLCA had also sent a Provision of Services Agreement. **Minute 14025.** This was accepted and will be circulated to Cllrs. **ALL**

10. Planning Matters.

New Applications. **Minute 14026.** Council had no objections to:

14/00876 – Brinkworth Park House, Elvington Lane

14/00921 – 60 Elvington Park – extension

14/00923 – Puutalo, Main Street – tree work

14/00948 – Rosery, Hopewell Place – extension

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

Approvals. The following were noted:

14/00322 – Former Allenbys Nurseries site – variation of condition 17

14/00532 – Home Lea, Elvington Lane – relocation of facilities building

14/00607 – Village Green (Parish Council application) – felling of tree

Local Plan. (This item was taken after **Item 6**). Cllr Bailey summarised the current position and stressed that formal consultation on the 'Further Sites' proposals had not started, so the Parish Council would not be taking a formal decision on its response until next month. But that did not preclude an informal discussion, as the proposals for the new residential sites were known. They were: (i) the site for Travelling Show People being increased from one pitch to three; (ii) a site of safeguarded land from behind Hill Garth to Riverside and (iii) a site for seven pitches for Gypsies and Travellers opposite the Play Area. Dealing with each:

(i) Cllr Bailey said that the site for Travelling Show People had planning permission for residence until 2016, but then it should revert to Green Belt, as per the Planning Inspector's decision. The owner, who was present, said that the Local Plan was for projected need and that the extra pitches were for her children and were within the existing footprint. Cllr Rees asked if permission was granted, then what would happen if the current owners left the site. The owner replied that she thought conditions would be imposed by CYC to restrict the use to her own family. Residents made comments that current screening was inadequate. A resident pointed out that one condition of the original decision was for CYC to nominate alternative sites for Travelling Show People and that they had not done so.

(ii) Cllr Bailey said that the proposed 'safeguarded' status of the land behind Hill Garth meant that, whilst there is no immediate proposal to develop the site, it was to be removed from Green Belt and any decision to build on it could then be brought forward. Up to 135 houses could be built there and that, along with the other proposed sites of about 125 houses, meant that the village housing stock would increase by 50% in only a few years. Cllr Taylor made the point that most people probably don't realise that 'safeguarded' is the opposite of safe from development! Cllrs Rees and Wilson stressed that the Parish Council should not be automatically opposed to all development, but that any reasonably-sized development should be supported. One resident said that all future development was supposed to be 'sustainable' and that building on this proposed scale in Elvington was not.

(iii) Cllr Bailey said that the land proposed for Gypsy and Traveller use was owned by three members of the same family. Previous applications for residential use had been refused, albeit many years ago, hence it had been suggested to them by CYC to apply for Gypsy and Traveller use. Cllr Bailey said that initial contact had been made with a Planning Consultant with a view to producing a detailed rebuttal to the proposal, as successfully used by Dunnington. The Parish Council may contribute to the cost, or some form of fund may be established. Alternative proposed uses for the site are currently being pursued.

To summarise, Cllr Bailey said that when the consultation period on the 'Further Sites' proposals starts, it is vital for as many individuals as possible to email or write (whether against or in favour of all or parts of the proposals) – but only concerning the new 'Further Sites'.

11. Elvington Lock. The Environment Agency has produced a leaflet detailing the reasons for the closure of the lock. Various structural surveys will be undertaken this year and a further decision on whether to make the closure permanent will be made later.

12. Annual Village Meeting. The agenda for the meeting on WEDNESDAY 21 MAY was discussed.

13. York 'Gateway to History' Project. In view of the absence of the CYC Archivist, a paper was presented by the Clerk and will be circulated to Cllrs. **ALL**

14. Meetings – recent and forthcoming. Cllrs Bailey and Rees reported on the York Outer MP/Parish Council meeting. The agenda had been dominated by the Local Plan. Julian Sturdy had stressed that the commissioned report into housing need did not recommend the level of new housing being proposed by CYC in the Local Plan.

The next meeting of the YLCA York Branch will be on Thursday 5 June. **IB**

15. Highways, paths and verges. Yorkshire Water will be approached to trim the hedge in its grounds opposite the school. CYC will be asked to repair and paint the white fencing on Main Street near White House Grove.

Minute 14027. Cllr Wilson was authorised to purchase plants and compost for the tubs on the village green. **TW**

16. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Lock gates; Local Plan.

17. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Cold Calling Exclusion Zone; Local Plan

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

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