

# ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Webster; Wilson + 1 resident.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Taylor.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21.10.2014 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Item 12. There had been a large attendance on Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that in future an announcement be made at the French War Memorial of the return parade to the village green and the refreshments available in the village hall. **IB/IR**  
Item 16. In respect of the stump of the felled tree on the green, professional advice is that poison should be applied to kill any further growth. This will be done. **TJ**
6. **Police matters.** The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs. Again, only a couple of minor incidents have been reported to police.

### **7. Correspondence (out):**

- i) Request for update to bus stop timetables
- ii) Letter of support for proposed tree work at Brinkworth Plantation
- iii) Request to insurers for comment on proposed Licensing Agreement for play area
- iv) Exchange of emails with Environment Agency on dredging/desilting of River Derwent. *The EA are still considering what action to take on the Lower Derwent.*
- v) Request to check if the gauge monitoring Elvington Sluice is working. *The gauge is now working well. O&DDB appear to be managing the pumps very effectively.*
- vi) Newsletter items

### **Correspondence (in):**

- (i) Clerks & Councils Direct  
*Available from the Clerk:*
- (ii) Newsletters: School; Safeguarding Children Board; YorOK; Voluntary Voice
- (iii) Rural Services Network: Rural Vulnerability Service; News digests; Rural Opportunities Bulletin; Rural Action Yorkshire
- (iv) YLCA: Training events
- (v) Locality – ‘Housing Your Community’ event – 28 November
- (vi) New Northern Powergrid website
- (vii) Northern Gas Networks Stakeholder Report
- (viii) Came & Company – bonfire night advice
- (ix) Allerton Park Incinerator objectors update
- (x) Historic Towns Forum Annual Conference – 24/25 November
- (xi) Police & Crime Plan update
- (xii) Local government pay consultation  
*For consideration:*
- (xiii) CYC Engaging Lunchtimes – Parish Councils – 22 January. *No attendance anticipated.*

### **8. Financial.**

Receipts. The following were noted:

HMRC - £123.25 – VAT refund

Remembrance Day collection - £55.00 (transferred to Petty Cash)

Payments. **Minute 14050.** Council agreed the following:

The Lawn Man - £276.00 – grass cuts in October

Elvington Village Hall - £30.00 – September + October meetings

Mr. T. Wilson - £24.16 – bulbs etc.

Patricia May - £60.00 – poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday

Elvington Scout Group - £55.00 – in lieu of Remembrance Day collection

St. Chad's Scout Band - £60.00 – donation

**Minute 14051.** Cllr Rees proposed the following, which was agreed:

Mr. I Bailey - £23.10 – refreshments for Remembrance Day

Other financial items:

(i) The Operating Statement was approved; (ii) The half-yearly PWLB loan repayment - £1,892.04 – was noted; (iii) It was proposed and agreed that a small gift be presented to two long-standing residents who are leaving the village in recognition of their support of village events over many years. **IB/PR**

## **9. Planning Matters.**

New Applications. **Minute 14052.** Council had no objections to:

14/02354 (Full) and 14/02355 (Listed Building Consent) – Elvington Hall, Main Street – single storey rear extension

14/02509 – Brinkwoth Hall, Elvington Lane – tree work

14/02600 – Blacksmiths Close – tree work

Applications received after publication of this Agenda. Council had received notification of emergency work proposed for the acacia tree in the churchyard.

Refusal. The following was noted:

14/01720 – rear of Brook House, Main Street – erection of dwelling

**10. Local Plan.** There has been no further update from CYC on the revised Local Plan. The 'Keep Elvington Rural' action group is meeting other action groups across the CYC area to form an 'alliance of action groups'. They are also proposing to start work on a Neighbourhood Plan.

Council discussed what their position would be if they were actually asked what should be IN the Local Plan. After much discussion, it was agreed that an increase in the housing stock of about 15-20% (or about 90 houses) over the period of the Plan, to 2030, would be required. The sites for this housing should be on the two previously proposed sites. However, it was important that there was a wide mix of housing, i.e. affordable, family and luxury, to meet all types of demand. This support would be conditional on the Whinthorpe, Airfield, Gypsy and Travellers Sites and safeguarded land all being withdrawn from the Local Plan. The Travelling Show People's site could be supported if screening was greatly improved. All of this is dependent on the infrastructure being in place, particularly a commitment from Yorkshire Water to upgrade the waste water treatment works and drains.

**11. Play Area.** Advice from the Council's insurers is that an amendment be made to the proposed Licence Agreement with the Sports Club. This is to ensure that the indemnity clause applies only where the Parish Council is legally liable. **Minute 14053.** It was agreed that, subject to this amendment being agreed by the Sports Club, that Cllr Bailey sign the Licence Agreement on behalf of the Parish Council. The proposed changes and installation of the new swings and other equipment can then proceed. **IB/DH/MG**

**12. Village Green.** **Minute 14054.** Council agreed that the village green can be used for the traditional Christmas events, i.e. Carol Service and Tug of War.

**13. Budget meeting.** It was agreed that a sub-committee of Cllrs Bailey, Rees and the Clerk meet to propose the budget for 2015/2016. **IB/PR/DH**

**14. Recent and forthcoming meetings.** Cllr Bailey is attending a CYC meeting on 19 November to discuss the future provision of council services, and then the meeting of the 'action groups' alliance'. **IB**

**15. Risk Assessment.** Cllrs Rees and Webster submitted the revised format of the Risk Assessment which was approved. This will be circulated to Cllrs for information. **ALL**

**16. Emergency Plan.** Cllr Forster is still collating updates to the current Plan and will circulate in due course. The Clerk will hold a hard copy of the updated version. **DF/DH**

**17. Highways, paths and verges.** Nothing to report.

**18. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** Nothing to report.

**19. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** Budget 2015/2016; meeting dates.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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