

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 October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

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

2. Apologies. Ward Cllr Barton.

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

4. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 16.09.2014 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. Only two minor incidents had been reported in September.

7. Correspondence (out):

i) Exchange of messages to confirm a further date for the Community Payback team.
Adverse weather prevented a further day's work and it has been decided to wait until next spring to take advantage of the scheme again.

Correspondence (in):

(i) SLCC - Books for the Local Council Sector

Available from the Clerk:

(ii) Newsletters: School; York CVS; YorOK; Healthwatch York; Northern Powergrid *; White Rose Update. ** To be forwarded to Cllr Forster.*

(iii) Rural Services Network: News Digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Rural Opportunities Bulletin; Rural Action Yorkshire

(iv) YLCA: Selling advertising space in bus shelters

(v) Historic Towns Forum events update

(vi) Register of Electors – update. *Circulated to Cllrs.*

(vii) York Health and Wellbeing Board – “Innovative health and care services” event

(viii) NHS Vale of York CCG – “Public and Patient Engagement Forum” – 28 October

For consideration:

(ix) Notification of Community Governance Review for York. *It was decided not to ask for any changes.*

(x) Letter from MP updating Council on the Local Plan developments in CYC.

(xi) Consultation on merger of Local Justice Areas in North Yorkshire

(xii) Proposed CYC meeting on ‘Future of Council Services’ – 19 November. *Cllr Bailey will attend.* **IB**

(xiii) Request for Plusnet Marathon feedback

(xiv) Consolidated Bus Timetable. *Will be publicised when confirmed.* **DH**

(xv) Flu jab notice. *Sited on notice board.*

8. Financial.

Receipt. The following was noted:

CYC - £6,175.00 – precept (2nd instalment)

Payments. **Minute 14044.** The following were agreed:

The Lawn Man - £138.00 – grass cuts in September.

Village Newsletter - £25.00 – donation. Council decided to make a donation in response to a request in the latest edition. It was agreed that it provides a very worthwhile service.

Other financial item:

The Operating Statement was approved.

9. Planning Matters.

New Applications. The following were considered:

Minute 14045. Council supported:

14/02086 – Brinkworth Hall, Elvington Lane – creation of pond

Minute 14046. Council had no objection to:

14/02172 – Willsden Steel, Airfield Industrial Estate – to fell Scots Pine

14/02276 – Brinkworth Hall, Elvington Lane – tree work

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

Refusal. The following was noted:

14/01750 – Home Lea, Elvington Lane – change of use for siting static vans instead of touring vans.

Other Matters:

a. It was noted that Application 14/01766 – 2 Cannon House Cottages, Wheldrake Lane – extensions – had been withdrawn.

b. Local Plan. Cllr Bailey gave an update of the latest situation. The Plan has been withdrawn by CYC from the next consultation of the Submission Version. Further review of the Plan has been demanded by opposition groups in CYC and the results of that exercise are awaited. The ‘Keep Elvington Rural’ action group will continue (and as part of a federation of such groups) because the future of the Plan is still unclear.

It was decided that the Parish Council should have a positive view of what development it would like and this item will be on the agenda next month. After that, the action group would be involved so that, hopefully, a united constructive submission could be made to any future consultation. **ALL**

c. Brinkworth Plantation. Five Cllrs have visited the Plantation and seen the area that it is planned to regenerate. The problem is that the whole area is protected with a TPO, making an overall vision very difficult to implement. The CYC officer has asked for the Parish Council’s opinion. The Council is generally supportive of the plan as it will encourage a better ordered woodland with more healthy, native species. It was pointed out to Martin and Jane Moorhouse that Council support had a condition, in that as the plan was long term, any consents must be enforced with any subsequent owners for the lifetime of the plan. Martin Moorhouse described the problems with securing the boundary (the first phase) with differing types of fencing. **Minute 14047.** The Clerk will write to Mr and Mrs Moorhouse to confirm its support, subject to the condition on the lifetime of the plan. **DH**

d. 14/01720 - Brook House – erection of dwelling. This application is due to be considered at a forthcoming CYC Planning Committee meeting, and the CYC officer is expected to recommend refusal. **Minute 14048.** Council agreed that Cllr Bailey should attend the meeting and speak in support of the application.

10. Play Area. The Clerk gave details of the revised scheme. The total costs were unchanged and the Council gave its agreement. Mark Gillett will be asked to progress. **MG**
The Sports Club have asked the Council to enter a formal Licensing Agreement. It was decided to ask our insurers about the implications, particularly of an indemnity clause, before proceeding. **DH**

11. Elvington Lock. It was reported that there had been a very high attendance at the Drop In session run by the Environment Agency to hear the options for the future of the lock (and the sluices). The Parish Council would like to see access maintained through the lock, although recognising that the economic case for that is weak. It was also reported that many farmers believe the lack of dredging - or de-silting – has contributed to past flooding and will do so to future events. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will follow up the commitment

made by the Chairman of the EA six months ago to provide a detailed response to the request for more dredging on the Lower Derwent. **IB/DH**

12. Remembrance Sunday. Arrangements are in place for the parades and services on SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER. Main Street will be closed from Riverside to Wheldrake Lane (including the Dauby Lane junction) for the duration of the event. Cllr Webster will site advance warning signs. Details will be published in the Newsletter; website and Facebook. The Clerk will write to the two Blacksmiths Cottages asking for clear access in front of their properties. Help for serving refreshments in the village hall was requested.

AT/ JW/DH/ALL

13. Recent and forthcoming meetings. The Clerk reported on the YLCA York Branch meeting and the items discussed.

Cllr Bailey reported that the CYC 'Community Conversation' with the Council Leader had been dominated by the Local Plan but little had been resolved.

Cllr Bailey had attended the opening of the BT Openreach cabinet in the village, which enables high speed broadband. It appears that this broadly covers the populated areas but not the Airfield trading estate.

14. Risk Assessment. Cllrs Rees and Webster reported that a revised format has been prepared. The draft will be circulated and any changes inserted before formal agreement at the next meeting.

PR/JW/ALL

15. Emergency Plan. Cllr Forster submitted an updated version of the Plan. The draft will be circulated and any changes reported to Cllr Forster before formal agreement at the next meeting.

DF/ALL

16. Highways, paths and verges. Further work is anticipated to finish resurfacing of the B1228 beyond the Maze. The EA website monitoring the level of the River Derwent appears not be working again. The Clerk will ask for action. The future of the stump of the felled horse chestnut tree was discussed. The Clerk will ask Toby Johnson for advice. **DH**

Minute 14049. Cllr Wilson was authorised to buy a further supply of bulbs and to source the Christmas tree for the village green. **TW**

17. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Remembrance Sunday; Christmas message; consolidated bus timetable; lock gates update

18. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Local Plan; Risk Assessment; Emergency Plan; Budget committee.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

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