

# ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Taylor; Webster.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Wilson.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 19.08.2014 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** There were none.
6. **Police matters.** The local PCSO has changed and Tony Barge is welcomed to his new 'patch'. Council thanked Matt Cockerill for his time policing the village. The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs. It was noted that further cold calling was taking place in the village – including individuals allegedly representing a non-existent group. Residents are urged to check identities carefully if visited.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
  - i) Request to Tim Tozer to act as 'village champion' to progress improvement of Vodafone signal. *Acknowledged.*
  - ii) Request to CYC that white 'H-bar' line be sited on one side of Church Lane. *Acknowledged and actioned.*
  - iii) Decline of the offer of a village pump.
  - iv) Thanks to the Community Payback team for work undertaken in the village and confirmation of another date for further work. *This will be Monday 13 October. The Clerk and Cllr Wilson will ensure materials are available on the day.* **TW/DH**
- Correspondence (in):**
  - (i) Flyer: Wicksteed Playgrounds  
*Available from the Clerk:*
  - (ii) Newsletters: School; York CVS; Northern Powergrid; White Rose Update
  - (iii) Rural Services Network: News Digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
  - (iv) Rural Action Yorkshire: e bulletin; Safer, Healthier Communities Event – 11 October
  - (v) YLCA: Training events
  - (vi) Details of Plusnet Yorkshire Marathon – 12 October
  - (vii) Interserve – work placement opportunities  
*For consideration:*
  - (viii) Notification of campaign to 'Save Elvington Lock'. *Council discussed the issues surrounding closure. It was agreed to encourage the EA to keep the lock open, whilst recognising this is difficult to justify on purely economic grounds. A structural survey is currently underway, including the adjacent weir, and the results of that are awaited. EA are hosting a 'drop-in' session to explain their proposals and answer questions in the Village Hall on TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER between 4.30pm and 8.00pm. This item will also be on next month's agenda.* **ALL**
  - (ix) Advance notification of Community Governance Review in York.
  - (x) Funding opportunities – ASDA Foundation + Princes Countryside Fund.

**8. Financial.**  
Receipt. The following was noted:  
CYC - £5,010 – S106 payments

Payments. **Minute 14040.** The following were agreed:

T H Johnson Ltd. - £1,345.00 – felling of tree and removal of wood

The Lawn Man - £276.00 – grass cuts in August

PKF Littlejohn LLP - £120.00 – external audit fee

Elvington Village Hall - £30.00 – July + August meetings

Mr T Wilson - £95.74 – materials for Community Payback work

Other financial items:

The latest Operating Statement was approved.

**Minute 14041.** The comments of the external auditor were noted and the relevant figures will be adjusted on next year's return.

## **9. Planning Matters.**

The following Application had been received after publication of the Agenda.

14/02137 – Puutalo, Main Street – tree work.

**Minute 14042.** Council objected. It will be requested that the beech tree in question should have its crown reduced rather than be felled.

Approval. The following was noted:

14/01581 – Rosedene, Main Street – extension (resubmission)

Other Item. The 5 day Notice for felling of 4 birch trees at Brinkworth Plantation was noted. The owners of the Plantation are considering an overall plan to regenerate the whole area in an attempt to retain the original woodland, but clear out and tidy up the invasive aspects. With the advice of the Woodland Trust, it would mean a more ordered area encouraging native species. The first stage would mean improvements to the perimeter. It has been suggested that Cllrs visit the site, to see for themselves the proposed work. The Clerk will progress.

**DH/ALL**

Local Plan. The final, submission version of CYC's Local Plan is available on the CYC website, but has yet to be formally ratified by CYC Cabinet. When that has happened, a further period of consultation will be undertaken by CYC. It appears that the Gypsy site opposite the Sports Club is no longer proposed, but all the other new housing and industrial sites are included. The Parish Council intends to repeat its 'Drop In' session at the Village Hall to inform residents and gauge opinions before formally submitting its own response. The timing of this will be dependant on the CYC consultation timetable.

**IB/DH**

**10. Empty Properties.** The situation regarding long standing empty properties in the village was discussed. CYC are not proposing any formal action at this time.

**11. Play Area.** The receipt of S106 funds was noted. **Minute 14043.** Council agreed the plans for new equipment that have been drawn up by Mark Gillett, at a cost of £7,300. In addition to the ring-fenced S106 monies, Council will contribute about £750 from its own funds. Mark will be asked to proceed (and to ensure the approval of the Sports Club). **MG** The Clerk reported on the meeting with the Sports Club in response to their request for changes to the Play Area Agreement. A copy of the proposal is awaited.

**12. Risk Assessment.** This item was deferred to next month.

**PR/JW**

**13. Emergency Plan.** Cllr Forster agreed to review current Plan.

**DF**

**14. Remembrance Sunday.** Arrangements are in hand for SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER. **DH**

**15. Recent and forthcoming meetings.** A YLCA York Branch meeting is scheduled for 2 October. A CYC 'Community Conversation' is scheduled for 8 October.

**16. Highways, paths and verges.** Much patching on Elvington Lane has been marked up.

**17. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** Remembrance Sunday.

**18. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** Local Plan; Elvington Lock; Remembrance Sunday.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.