

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Taylor; Wilson + 3 visitors.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Webster.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20.01.2015 were agreed.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** The presentation to the departing residents will take place shortly. The replacement of Christmas tree lights will be brought up on the agenda in June. **IB/DH**
6. **Water Treatment Works.** Paul Kelly of Kelda Water Services presented details of a proposed solar power scheme at the Water Treatment Works. He described the need to reduce their energy bills by generating their own power from 'renewable' sources. The proposed scheme will cover 4 hectares, generate 2MW and offset 70-80% of the energy needs of the Works. A formal application is expected to be submitted to CYC towards the end of March. Council was inclined to be supportive, but wished for a site visit to ensure visual intrusion would be minimal, and to establish if any screening would be necessary (and practical). This will be arranged. It was also suggested that a proposed leaflet drop describing the scheme should be delayed and include the whole village and not just its northern edge. Cllr Wilson asked if proposed 'Safeguarded Land' in CYC's Local Plan had been considered and was told it had. Cllr Forster asked if the proximity of an operational airfield presented a problem and was told it did not. **CG/DH**
7. **Police matters.** The crime report for January had been circulated to Cllrs. Again, only a couple of minor incidents had been reported last month.
8. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Request for copy of 'A Practical Guide to Affordable Rural Housing'. *Circulated to Cllrs.*
 - ii) Letter to confirm The Lawn Man as the contractor for grass cutting in 2015
 - iii) Precept request
 - iv) Request for clarification on the future of the off peak 36 bus service. *No response.*
 - v) Request for help in progressing a weight limit on Dauby Lane. *Ward Cllr Barton is optimistic but no formal response has been received to his enquiries.* **GB**
- Correspondence (in):**
 - (i) Flyers: York Landscapes; Zurich Municipal Insurance
Available from the Clerk:
 - (ii) Newsletters: School; Healthwatch York; York Life; Voluntary Voice
 - (iii) Flyers: Planning Progress; Streetscape
 - (iv) Rural Services Network: News Digests; Rural Vulnerability; Rural Housing Spotlight; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
 - (v) 'Our York' Community Conference – 27 February
 - (vi) Northern Powergrid weather bulletins
 - (vii) Rural Action Yorkshire – petition
 - (viii) Playground listing in 'York Open Services Directory'
For consideration:
 - (ix) YLCA – information about forthcoming elections in May. *Forwarded to Cllrs.*
 - (x) Report on condition of trees on village green. *No visible problems.*

- (xi) 'Tour de Yorkshire' route map and details – 2 May
- (xii) CYC Workforce Development Unit events
- (xiii) North Yorkshire & York Funding Bulletin. *Forwarded to Cllrs.*
- (xiv) Police & Crime Commissioner surgeries – 9 March

9. Financial.

Minute 15006. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to make payments online. The Internal Auditor will be asked if the existing controls and systems are sufficient. **DH**

Payments. **Minute 15007.** The following were agreed:

Elvington Village Hall - £30.00 – January meeting + First Responder use

H Beevers & Sons - £240.00 – Christmas tree

Other financial item:

The latest Operating Statement was approved.

10. Planning Matters.

New Application. **Minute 15008.** Council had no objections to:

14/03012 – 2 Cannon House Cottages, Wheldrake Lane - extensions

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

11. Play Area. The results of the annual survey had been received with a number of minor repairs necessary. These will be completed by Playscheme at the same time as the installation of the new equipment in early March. The Clerk will ask if protection can be added to the bottom of the slide tunnel (for those climbing back up it!) **DH**

12. Local Plan. Cllr Bailey reported that there was no progress on publication of the final version of CYC's Local Plan – and publication was highly unlikely ahead of the Local Council elections in May. In view of this, Council noted the Action Group's 'Vision for the Future' document, but will suggest that it is held until revised housing target figures for York are released. Cllr Forster commented that there was little in the Vision about the needs of our local businesses, such as the shop and the pub. **DH**

13. Bus Service. No response has been received from CYC, despite numerous requests, to establish that the daytime service on route 36 will continue. Ward Cllr Barton has however reported that no change is likely in the short term.

14. Annual Parish Meeting. After discussion, the date of the APM was agreed as TUESDAY 28 APRIL. It was decided not to feature any specific speakers. **IB/DH**

15. Local Elections. It is anticipated that there will be two vacancies on the Parish Council at the election on 7th May. Notices advertising this will be placed on the notice boards, and in the Newsletter, website and Facebook. **AT/DH**

16. Recent and forthcoming meetings. The Clerk reported on the recent YLCA York Branch meeting. A forthcoming 'Residents Forum' for the Ward is being held by CYC on Wednesday 25 March, at a venue yet to be confirmed. Cllrs had no items for that agenda.

17. Highways, paths and verges. A request has been made to repair the Public Footpath sign where New Walk joins Main Street (opposite Riverside Gardens). The maypole will be re-painted and re-sited when the weather improves. The road surface is particularly poor at the end of Wheldrake Lane. **TW/DH**

18. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Parish Council election in May.

19. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Review of Assets and Governance.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

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