

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Nicholson; Taylor; Webster; Wilson + 1 resident.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Forster.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 16.12.2014 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** The Licence Agreement with the Sports Club concerning the Play Area has been signed. The new equipment will be installed early in March.
6. **Police matters.** The crime report had been circulated to Cllrs. Again only a few minor incidents had been reported. A new PCSO is covering the village for the next few months.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Request for survey of remaining trees on village green**Correspondence (in):**
 - (i) Clerks & Councils Direct
Available from the Clerk:
 - (ii) Newsletters: School; Safeguarding Children; Historic Towns Forum; PCC Updates; Digital York; Northern Gas Networks; Came & Co 'Managing Seasonal Issues'; Voluntary Voice; White Rose Update
 - (iii) Rural Services Network: Rural Vulnerability Service; Launch of Manifesto; News digests; Spotlight on Small Businesses; Results of the Parish Sounding Board survey; Seminar – 'The Lottery & Local Authorities'; Rural opportunities Bulletin; ACRE funding threat - petition
 - (iv) Free tree planting with The Conservation Volunteers
 - (v) 'Our York' Community Conference – 27 February. *To be on agenda next month.*
 - (vi) Northern Powergrid weather bulletins
For consideration:
 - (vii) Pumping Station operational figures for 2014. *The figures are being widely circulated.*
 - (viii) Section 137 expenditure limits for 2015/2016.
 - (ix) Affordable Rural Housing – A Practical Guide for Parish Councils. *The Clerk will obtain a copy – preferably an e-version.* **DH**
 - (x) YLCA: Local Government financial settlement – consultation.
 - (xi) Notification of an extra green bin collection. *Has been widely publicised.*
 - (xii) Minerals & Waste Joint Plan – consultation on Supplementary Sites.
 - (xiii) New right to use electronic means to send a meeting summons
 - (xiv) DCLS – Plain English Guide to the Planning System. *Will be circulated to Cllrs.* **DH**
8. **Financial.**
Payments. **Minute 15001.** Council agreed the following:
Elvington Village Hall - £30.00 – November + December meetings
Colour Options - £66.10 – banners for action group
Mr D J Headlam (at Staples) - £14.99 – printer ink

Minute 15002. With Cllr Rees abstaining, Council agreed the following:

Mr P Rees (at John Lewis) - £46.75 – gift for resident

Mr P Rees (at Edmundson Electrical) – £31.48 – waterproof sockets and plug for Christmas tree

It was agreed that further research was needed into any changes or improvements that could be made to the tree lights, as there is damage to some of the sockets. Improved technology also means that the lighting could be enhanced. **JW/TW/PR**

Other financial item:

The Operating Statement was approved.

9. Grass Cutting. Councillors discussed the contract for 2015. A quotation has been received from the current contractor which shows an increase of 1.4%. **Minute 15003.** Council agreed to accept this quotation and award the contract for 2015 to The Lawn Man. It was also agreed that a selective herbicide be applied to the green in the spring. **DH**

10. Budget 2015/2016. Since the last meeting, no significant changes to the budget have arisen. Therefore the previously agreed budget was adopted. **Minute 15004.** Council agreed to ask for an unchanged precept of £12,350.00. As the number of properties contributing to this precept has risen, there should be a small reduction to individual bills.

11. Planning Matters.

New Application. **Minute 15005.** Council had no objection to:

14/02844 – Laveracks Industrial Estate, Elvington Lane – erection of workshop

Applications received after publication of this Agenda.

Minute 15006. Council had no objection to:

14/02811 – Brinkworth Hall, Elvington Lane – replacement boundary fence

(Notification of this application had not been formally received. The Clerk will ask CYC to investigate the reasons. **DH**)

Approvals. The following were noted:

14/02509 – Brinkworth Hall, Elvington Lane – fell, prune and clear trees

14/02354 & 14/02355 – Elvington Hall, Main Street – rear extension

14/02592 – Moor Closes, Elvington Lane – conversion to holiday accommodation

14/02666 – 3 Hopewell Place, Main Street - extension

12. Local Plan. Nothing further has been heard concerning the Local Plan. It is expected that the final Submission Version, and the consultation period following its publication, will be the next stage.

13. Village Assets. Cllr Wilson had suggested the need to protect specific village assets, particularly the pub, from unwanted development. However, it was agreed to defer any further action for the time being.

14. Quality Council. The Clerk outlined the changes to the previous scheme, which is now to be called the Local Award Scheme, with three levels of competence. The details were noted and the subject will be brought up again next year.

15. Buses. Exceptionally, it was agreed to add this item to the agenda in view of its importance. The Press has been reporting that the daytime 36 service was to be withdrawn as part of a CYC cuts programme, as it receives a large subsidy. The CYC cabinet has overturned the recommendations and so the service is reprieved – for the present. The Clerk was asked to establish exactly for how long the service will continue. The simple message is that the service is under threat and unless usage increases significantly, then the off-peak 36 will be lost. **DH**

16. Recent and forthcoming meetings. The Chairman had met with Rachel Brooks (a temporary CYC intern) who has been commissioned to undertake a research survey concerning the recent development at Jubilee Court, and advised the Council's comments. Councillors declined her request to complete individual questionnaires.

The next YLCA York Branch meeting is on 12th February.

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17. Highways, paths and verges. Yorkshire Water has repaired the recent leak at Church Green. A request has been made to clear the blocked gully nearby.

New speed bumps have been reinstated on Dauby Lane, outside the school.

Cllr Wilson pointed out that HGV traffic was making Dauby Lane hazardous, particularly in turning from Main Street into Dauby Lane in the vicinity of the school. It was thought that the route was simply being used by HGVs as a short cut to Hull Road. It was agreed to progress a request that Dauby Lane have the same status as Wheldrake Lane, i.e. with a 7.5 tonne weight limit (except for access). In the first instance the Clerk will write to our Ward Cllr to establish the best way to proceed. **DH**

18. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Forthcoming elections.

19. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Forthcoming elections.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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