

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 30th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Laverack; Marsh; Moorhouse; Taylor; Wilson.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Rees & Ward Cllr Mercer.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Moorhouse declared an interest in both new applications in Item 9, Planning Matters.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 19.05.2015 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. There had been two major thefts at the Rydal Garage site and two serious traffic accidents on Elvington Lane.

7. Correspondence (out):

- i) Response to website enquiry concerning a rowing trophy
- ii) Authorisation to Playscheme to repair the air walkers
- iii) Request to BT for usage figures of kiosk. *Reply had been circulated to Cllrs.*
- iv) Request to Drainage Board to clear rubbish pile on edge of Green

Correspondence (in):

- (i) Insurance policy documents
- (ii) Society of Local Council Clerks flyer
- (iii) Clerks & Councils Direct
Available from the Clerk:
- (iv) Newsletters: School; White Rose Update; Historic Towns Forum; Digital York; YorOK; Voluntary Voice; North Yorkshire Health & Wellbeing
- (v) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Rural Conference – 8/9 September; Spotlights; Rural Action Yorkshire; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- (vi) P&CC – National Rural Crime Survey
- (vii) YLCA – Training events, including playground inspection with RoSPA. *Events targeted at new Cllrs are currently fully booked. Cllr Moorhouse proposed that Council obtain four copies of 'Planning Explained' at a small cost. The Clerk will progress.* **DH**
- (viii) DCLG – Great British High Street Competition 2015
- (ix) CYC consultation on location of sex establishments
- (x) YLCA – Invitation to Joint Annual Meeting – 18 July.

For consideration:

- (xi) YLCA – Election of representatives for CYC Standards Committee. *Council decided not to respond.*
- (xii) P&CC – Community Fund reopened. *The Clerk will ask for a list of previously successful projects to see if anything similar would be applicable to Elvington.* **DH**
- (xiii) Request from CYC for items in forthcoming 'Your City' newspaper. *It was suggested that the reopening of the Grey Horse could be included. Cllr Taylor will progress.* **AT**

8. Financial.

Payments. **Minute 15029.** The following were agreed:

- David Smith Garden Centre - £44.49 – plants and compost
The Lawn Man - £400.00 – May grass cuts + application of herbicide
Elvington Village Hall - £30.00 – May meeting + First Responder use
D J Headlam - £40.00 – petty cash

Other financial items:

The Operating Statement was approved.

Minute 15030. It was decided to remove former Cllr Webster from the signatories to the Santander current account and replace him with Cllr Taylor. The Clerk will complete the relevant forms. **AT/DH**

9. Planning Matters.

New Applications. Cllr Moorhouse made a statement in support of the Brinkworth Hall application and then left the room so that he took no part in the discussion or votes on both new applications.

15/01001 – Brinkworth Hall, Elvington Lane – erection of garage. **Minute 15031.** Council had no objection.

15/01113 – The Stables, Elvington Lane – replacement of caravan with twin unit mobile home. **Minute 15032.** Council strongly objected for the following reasons:

The replacement unit is far too large and would represent ‘creeping development’ of a site still in the Green Belt. It would represent a significant, material change to the “finely balanced decision” of the Planning Inspector in granting the original, temporary permission for a Travelling Show Persons site. And the issue of screening has never been properly enforced – and would still be a problem with this application.

Separately, the Clerk was asked to draft a request to CYC to establish what progress has been made in implementing the Planning Inspector’s original report. **DH**

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

Approvals. The following were noted:

15/00638 – The Barn, Dauby Lane – conversion of agricultural building to dwelling

15/00749 – Puutalo, Main Street – tree work

15/00863 – Grey Horse Inn – new signage

Other Matter.

S106 payments. Cllr Bailey reported that the issue of withdrawn payments will be taken up by YLCA at national level. In addition, Julian Sturdy, MP, has been appraised of the effects of the decision and will be writing to the Planning Minister and gaining the support of other MPs.

10. Bus Services. Cllr Taylor detailed a number of initiatives to raise awareness and establish what residents want in order to increase usage of the service – otherwise there is a real threat that the service could be withdrawn next year. Cllrs Taylor and Marsh will work up the proposals. **Minute 15033.** A budget of up to £150 was agreed to allow for printing and advertising. **KM/AT**

11. BT Kiosk. Although the kiosk is only used occasionally, and after much discussion, it was decided not to purchase the kiosk. The decision can be reviewed in the future.

12. Flood Defence Scheme. Cllr Bailey will arrange a site visit to the Pumping Station in order to appraise new Cllrs of the scheme and to confirm the arrangements when the River Derwent and the beck rise to high levels. The Clerk will circulate the Emergency Procedures. **IB/DH/ALL**

13. Community Payback. Council agreed to use the team for two days in order to paint boundary stones, seats and fence posts. The Clerk will progress. **DH**

14. Christmas tree lights. Council decided to continue the search for suitable replacements to improve the display. **PR/TW**

15. Notice Boards. Cllr Laverack complained that the boards near the school and the Elvington Park bus shelter were a mess. It was agreed to tidy up both and regulate notices at the bus shelter by providing a frame. **JL/TW**

16. Recent and forthcoming meetings. The Clerk reported on the YLCA York Branch on 4 June. The problem regarding CYC’s change to the grant element of the precept – and the implications of the change – had been discussed.

17. Highways, paths and verges.

Council heard that action has been taken to control the Giant Hogweed opposite the Sports Club. Cllr Laverack has also contacted a neighbouring landowner.

The issue of HGVs on Dauby Lane (and Main Street) was discussed. Ward Councillor Mercer is raising the issue at CYC and will report back to the Council. **SM**

Council discussed a request for bar markings in Church Green. It was unable to support this as it could result in numerous other requests. It is hoped the resident in question could resolve the problem with his neighbours – or put up a suitable sign on his property.

18. Standing Orders. YLCA has suggested that Council amend its Standing Orders and adopt template rules for the recording of meetings. The draft will be circulated and a decision taken next month. **ALL**

19. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Bus services.

20. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Christmas tree lights; Standing Orders; Remembrance Day road closure.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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