

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Forster; Nicholson; Webster + 2 residents
2. **Apologies.** Cllrs Taylor; Wilson.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Webster declared an interest in Item 9, the three applications for Broad Oak Cottage, Dauby Lane.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 17.02.2015 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** There were none.
6. **Police matters.** The latest crime report shows only two minor incidents in February.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
 - i) Request for protection to bottom of the slide tunnel in the Play Area. *To be checked.*
 - ii) Feedback to Keep Elvington Rural group about 'Vision' statement
- Correspondence (in):**
 - (i) Rural Action Yorkshire: 52 (Almost) Painless Things Your Community Can Do
 - (ii) Clerk & Councils Direct
Available from the Clerk as an email:
 - (iii) Newsletters: School; YorOK; Voluntary Voice; York Life
 - (iv) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Spotlights; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
 - (v) Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership – Stakeholder Survey
 - (vi) Full Register of Electors. *Circulated to Cllrs.*
 - (vii) CYC Big Spring Clean – 27 to 29 March
 - (viii) Neighbourhood Planning Grants and Support Programme. *Forwarded to KER.*
 - (ix) Neighbourhood Planning Workshop – Bolton Percy – 27 March
For consideration:
 - (x) Copy of Medical Practice letter to patients. *No reply will be made.*
 - (xi) Minutes of the Keep Elvington Rural meeting – 4 March. *CYC will be making no further substantial progress on the Local Plan until after the local elections. New housing projection figures and the comments of another Planning Inspector will have to be taken into account.*
 - (xii) Notification of Community Speed Watch trial. *No action will be taken by the Council but individuals will be welcome to pursue the pilot schemes.*
 - (xiii) Neighbourhood Planning Workshop in Earswick – 30 March
 - (xiv) Email from resident about damage by horses to the Public Footpath near Wheldrake Lane. *Council noted the correspondence with CYC Public Rights of Way Officer and hope he is successful in getting the path restored.*
 - (xv) BT Adopt a Kiosk. *Details will be circulated but it was decided the matter should be debated by the new Council in May.*
 - (xvi) Update letter from MP

DH

8. Financial.

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor believed existing arrangements were adequate to allow online payments. However, Council agreed that before being implemented, further controls should be introduced – such as monthly inspection of bank statements. The Clerk will be continuing to use cheques for the present.

Receipt. The following was noted:

CYC - £1,765.00 – Double Taxation

Payments. **Minute 15009.** The following payments were agreed:

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

D J Headlam - £14.99 – printer ink

S J Danby Ltd - £6,926.40 – Play Area extension

Other financial items:

The Operating Statement was approved.

The current List of Assets was agreed. The Play Area figure now includes the recent extension and the Village War Memorial (at Blacksmiths Cottages) has been added.

Minute 15010. Council reviewed its governance. It was satisfied that its systems were appropriate, particularly in regard to accounting, internal audit and risk assessment.

Minute 15011. It was agreed that the Clerk will be the point of contact for correspondence with The Pensions Regulator.

Minute 15012. It was agreed that the Clerk's salary should reflect the current scale of SCP25, an increase of 2.0%, with effect from 1st April.

9. Planning Matters.

New Applications. Cllr Webster made a statement in support of the following three applications, left the room and took no part in the discussion or votes.

Minute 15013. Council had no objections to:

15/00241 – Broad Oak Cottage, Dauby Lane – installation of gates

15/00321 – Broad Oak Cottage, Dauby Lane – extensions and conversion of garage

Minute 15014. 15/00322 – Broad Oak Cottage, Dauby Lane – conversion of office. Council had no objection, but wished conditions imposed to maintain its use as holiday accommodation only.

Application received after publication of this Agenda.

Minute 15015. Council had no objection to:

15/00436 – 7 Becksde – extension in lieu of conservatory

Appeal. Council noted an appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate for:

14/01720 – Brook House, Main Street – erection of new dwelling (resubmission). Council had no amendments to make to its original comments, but the Clerk will check if a S106 payment in lieu of open space provision will be imposed. **DH**

Approvals. Council noted the following:

14/02811 – Brinkworth Hall – replacement boundary fencing

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

Other Matters.

Chapters, York Road – Council noted the removal of a Scots Pine tree.

Water Treatment Works – Solar Panel scheme. Council will be making a site visit on Monday 23rd March.

10. Bus Service. Ward Cllr Barton has confirmed that the daytime service 36 will continue until at least April 2016 – but it has a very high subsidy and a very low usage. Cllr Taylor has offered to be proactive in surveying and promoting the service to try to encourage more use. It was decided that this will be an issue for the new Council to consider in May. **DH**

11. Annual Parish Meeting. The date is TUESDAY 28 APRIL. There will be no guest speakers. Refreshments will be offered. Help from partners was requested. **ALL**

12. Local Elections. Nomination Packs were distributed. A further notice will be in the next Newsletter. Closing date for applications to be submitted to CYC, by hand, is 4.0pm on THURSDAY 9 APRIL.

13. Recent and forthcoming meetings. Nothing to report.

14. Highways, paths and verges. Ward Cllr Barton has confirmed that the request for a weight limit on Dauby Lane will be considered by CYC in the autumn. Cllr Nicholson pointed out that, potentially, HGVs would use Main Street instead, increasing the problem there. A message of thanks has been sent to CYC for the 'litter pick' undertaken recently on the B1228. It has made a noticeable difference.

15. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council election.

16. Items to be placed on next Agenda. None nominated.

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