

ELVINGTON
ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 7.30pm
Elvington Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman welcomed** 27 residents to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** had been received from Derek & Gill Jones, Mollie Lamb, Jonathan Laverack, Terry & Jane Nundy, Phil & Helen Rees, Colin Skelton, Anne Taylor, Tim Tozer.
3. **Minutes** of last year's meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Terry Wilson; seconded by Martin Moorhouse.
4. Ian Bailey presented the **Chairman's Report for 2015-2016**.
He explained that there had been a contested Parish Council election last May in which three new Councillors had been elected and that they had brought a fresh input.
Flooding. Apologies had been received from the Nathan Culpan of the Drainage Board who was unable to attend the meeting. But the Flood Defence Scheme continues to work well, especially over the New Year period when Main Street would have been flooded for some weeks. The Boxing Day flood was caused by abnormal rainfall and inadequate drains. Yorkshire Water has investigated the main drain and says that blockages are principally being caused by fats being washed down drains. It will be writing to all households with advice and will be checking the capacity of the system.
Planning. The revised Local Plan has still not been published by CYC, but a detailed map of proposals is expected in June. Consultations will then take place.
Solar Farm – although approved the decision has to be referred to Government.
The Stables – this site for Travelling Show People should revert to Green Belt in June, as per the Planning Inspector's original decision.
Home Lea – has permission for touring caravans and recent activity on the site has been noticed.
Neighbourhood Plan – two Parish Councillors are now to progress a Plan, which will be led by the Parish Council. [Martin Moorhouse subsequently appealed for anyone who wished to participate to contact him.]
Buses. A consultation by CYC is currently underway on the new contract for the 36 and X36. The Parish Council is trying to boost usage of the services – the timetable is now in every Newsletter - and details of the new proposals are awaited.
Roads. The Wheldrake Lane junction has been resurfaced and the B1228 between the Maze and Wheldrake Lane should be top dressed in June. Other areas such as Church Lane and the road between the traffic lights and Sutton Bridge are being progressed with CYC.
HGVs. Increasing numbers of HGVs are passing through the village. With a change of administration at CYC, it is intended to make a case for a weight limit in the near future.
City of York Council. Relations are generally very good but direct access to some departments is restricted, which does make it more difficult.

Policing. There is little crime in the village, but the bus shelter has had some problems. It is intended to install an internal light there.

Environment. The lock is suffering from disuse and needs to be tidied. The Play Area is well used and is in good condition. On the Village Green, the hole for the maypole is being reworked. Dog fouling remains a recurring problem in some areas.

Thanks. Ian Bailey concluded by thanking fellow Councillors and residents for making the village the pleasant place in which to live that it is.

5. The **Financial Statement** was presented by the Clerk. The accounts for the year showed the principal items of income and expenditure and the funds held in the two bank accounts. The main exceptional expenditure had been on Christmas tree lights to which a CYC grant had contributed. Fundraising by Colin Skelton had allowed two defibrillators to be purchased, one of which is on the Village Hall wall and the other is the responsibility of the Surgery. The Parish Council precept is unchanged again for this year (in cash terms).

6. **Presentations.** Policing. PCSOs Tony Barge and Matt Lewis explained the work of the new Rural Task Force. Tony also described his visibility locally in visiting the school, holding monthly surgeries as well as other routine visits. Crime levels remain very low. Judy Bailey asked about door to door canvassing and was advised it was not illegal but the police should be contacted if there are any concerns.

Defibrillators. Des Sykes explained the procedure in case of emergencies and led a demonstration of the unit. The need to call 999 in the first instance was emphasised.

Ward Councillor. Suzie Mercer introduced herself after her election to CYC last year and described her duties.

7. **General Forum.** Julie Pearce complained that the dog bins had not been cleared for a long time and Richard Pearce said a new dog bin was needed near the Village Green. This is being progressed.

George Wright said that the vehicle activated speed sign near the school had been turned round.

Richard Pearce led a discussion on traffic calming and agreed to forward specific proposals to the Parish Council. David Stead suggested that the 20mph limit be extended but it was thought this would be unenforceable.

Jonathan Shaw raised the subject of a chicken farm development in Wheldrake but it was not thought to affect the village.

Ian Bailey thanked all those present for attending and the meeting ended at 9.05pm when light refreshments were served.