

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Tuesday 16th September 2003 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Councillors present Cllr. Ingledew, Cllr. Wilson, Cllr. Webster, Cllr. Fewster, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Rees and the clerk. Also present was PC Robinson and, for a time one observer, Mr. Braithwaite.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Nicholson.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th August 2003 were signed as a true record.

Matters arising a) The chairman expressed his concern and disappointment regarding the lack of action taken about the complaints received re land behind Lorraine Avenue and about car parking at Brinkworth Bungalow. Elvington Parish Council has a "No development policy" within the Green Belt. Both of these are Green Belt issues and as custodians of the Green Belt the council should have treated them as such.

Police Matters PC Robinson thanked the council for nominating him for his recent award. He outlined the implications of his change of role to Police Ward manager, covering Wheldrake, Fulford, Heslington and Bishopthorpe. In future he will work largely through the Ward Committee and attend meetings of the newly-formed Virtual Ward Committee.

His function is now to deal with long-term problem-solving. He hopes to resume surgeries and do some patrols. The Ringmaster initiative is now up and running and there will be a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Oct. 2nd.

He stressed the need for residents to report any incidents to the police without delay and the clerk is to display this advice on the notice boards. **D.R.**

Councillors raised the concern of nuisance on the fields behind Beckside. The clerk will contact Cllr. Nicholson about the possibility of closing the access gates in this area . **D. R.**

Cllr. Rees had attended the award ceremony at which PC Robinson had won the award from a group of eight area nominees. He felt this had been a worthwhile and enjoyable function.

Financial Matters Minute 03060 The council approved the following transactions:

Receive cheque from

Customs & Excise (VAT) £159. 91

Pay cheques to:

Elvington Village Hall (10/7, 11/8, 19/8) £34. 00

T. Wilson (Bulbs for planting) £14. 99

D. L. Ryan (Salary July-Sept.) £589. 13

S. & S. Services (Cutting 22/7, 6/8) £165. 00

Cameo Engraving (Name badges) £24. 68

E. Ingledew (Company registrn. Fee) £20. 00

Other financial items a) The clerk announced the current balances at the date of the August 20th reconciliation. He will present a current operating statement at the October meeting so that the council can transfer excess funds to the Reserve A/C. D.R.

Planning matters

Minute 03061 03/02836 Land east of Wheldrake Lane Building of equestrian centre. The council raised objections to this application which will be communicated to the Planning Dept. and to Cllr. Vassie **D. R.**

Minute 03062 03/02856 The Old Gatehouse Erection of rear pergola.

The council offered no objections.

Correspondence (out)

Letter to J. Grogan expressing concern about lack of effective planning enforcement.

Covering letters for cheques.

Congratulations to Tom & Sally on national award.

Covering letter with copies of accounts to auditors.

E-mail to Cllr. Vassie about airfield concerns.

Correspondence (in)

Information from Switch media to select website. (Circulated documents).

Letter from Dennis Edwards promising work on footway near Riverside Gardens.

DEFRA flyer on Rural Services. (Circulated documents).

Acknowledgement from J. Grogan.

Invitation to Virtual Ward Team meeting (11. 9. 03.). In noting that no rep. had attended, the chairman stressed the need for councillors to try to maintain a presence at such meetings.

Information on the Local Channel. Councillors were asked to study this ready to discuss it at the October meeting **ALL**

Request to deliver transport surveys.

YLCA docs. inc 'White Rose Update'. (Circulated documents).

Card from Jenny Woodford concerning Christmas tree and lights. **Minute 03063** It was resolved that Cllr. Wilson would arrange the purchase of a single tree for the green, and the supply of lighting and bulbs in time for Dec 7th. **T. W.**

CPRE questionnaire. (Noted).

Letter from Yorkshire Water on path repair delay. The chairman had followed this matter up with Roger Armistead and there are still difficulties. Cllr. Wilson added that no work had been done on the area near Derwent Close. The clerk write to P.Robins. **D. R.**

Details of local mapping consultation from Countryside Agency. (Circulated documents).

Letter about refuse collection. (Noted). The clerk will reply. **D. R.**

Recent meetings There were none.

Matters arising from circulated documents No matters arising.

Delegates reports Scout Group Cllr. Webster informed council that the Cubs and Scouts are well attended and the Wheldrake group may amalgamate with Elvington.

Flooding matters There had been a productive meeting with John Grogan M.P. and others. A further meeting has been arranged with a DEFRA engineer. The situation is under discussion and no firm conclusions can be reported at this stage.

Highways, paths and verges No matters raised.

Village Design Statement Minute 03064 Council will take no action at this stage.

The Airshow Various concerns were raised about the recent airshow, mainly about control of air and road traffic. Cllr. Bailey agreed to draft a letter to York council. **I. B.** and a letter would also be written to the CAA also regarding the airspace infringements during the air show. **D R.**

Refuse Collection No further action required.

'Welcome to Elvington' form Cllr. Fewster has completed the review and will table a draft copy at the October meeting. **C. F.**

Third Notice Board Although the council owns this board (near the school) it is largely used to publicise current events of general interest.

The establishment of a village web-site and access to Broadband Cllr. Ingledew has established contact with Messrs. Jenner and Etherington who have offered to help with a website, and he will pursue this matter. To find more about Broadband, Cllr. Webster will contact Jenny Smith at the school and the clerk will enquire from Kingston Communications. **E. I./J. W./ D. R.**

Circular on doorstep crime No action required beyond the recent warning in the newsletter.

Remembrance Day Service The clerk agreed to order the two wreaths and include this item on the next agenda. **D. R.**

Wheatley Cottages Cllr. Wilson offered to visit a resident who is worried about some recent construction. **T. W.**

Items to be placed on the next agenda To agree a policy on the award of Section 137 grants for 2004.

The meeting ended at 10. 10 pm