

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Atkin Room, Village Hall

## MINUTES

**1. Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Rees; Laverack; Marsh; Moorhouse; Taylor; Wilson + Ward Cllr Mercer.

**2. Apologies.** There were none.

**3. Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Taylor declared an interest in Item 11, Water Treatment Works and took no part in the vote.

**4. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15.12.2015 were approved.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Manhole cover surrounds have deteriorated after recent heavy rains – as predicted!

**6. Police Matters.** The crime report had been circulated and primarily had reports of two thefts. PCSO Tony Barge is to hold surgeries in the Village Hall. The Clerk will contact him to offer help in publicising. **DH**

### **7. Correspondence (out):**

i) Newsletter item concerning availability of affordable housing

ii) Notification of no local interest to the vendors of 10 Wheldrake Lane

iii) Thanks to Tim Garland for help in lighting Christmas tree. *He is also helping with removal.*

### **Correspondence (in):**

(i) Clerks & Councils Direct

(ii) York Landscapes - flyer

*Available from the Clerk:*

(iii) Newsletters: School; White Rose Update; Northern Powergrid (and storm updates); Voluntary Voice; 7 Days in York; Rural Action Yorkshire; Northern Gas Networks

(iv) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service

(v) York CVS Funding Fair – 4 February

(vi) SLCC Practitioners Conference – 25/26 February

(vii) Royal Voluntary Service – home library service + IT support

(viii) Confirmation of defibrillator at Village Hall added to insurance

(ix) Flooding in York – CYC press release on help, Yorkshire Water help. *Forwarded to one resident.*

*For consideration:*

(x) Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beacons. *Details will be forwarded to the PCC and the subject will be raised at the March meeting.* **DH**

(xi) NY Police recruitment of Special Constables in 2016. *To be posted to website etc.* **AT**

(xii) Proposed increase in YLCA subscriptions. *Council expressed concern at continuing increases and will write to YLCA and other parishes asking for specific details of the trend. A motion to withdraw from YLCA will be considered next month. A copy of YLCA Annual Accounts will be forwarded to Cllrs Moorhouse and Marsh.* **KM/MM**

(xiii) Reminder about Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Preferred Options

(xiv) Reminder about Smaller Authorities Transparency Code funding. *The Clerk was asked to review if any application for funding should be made.* **AT/DH**

(xv) Tree survey report. *No problems had been found. To bring up in six months.*

(xvi) Police & Crime Commissioner Surgery – CYC Offices – 25 January

## **8. Financial.**

Payments. **Minute 16001.** The following seven payments were agreed:

WEL Medical - £ 1,248.00 – defibrillator cases

WEL Medical - £270.00 – training defibrillator

Elvington Village Hall - £30.00 - November + December meetings

P. Rees (at Pocklington Trading) - £10.50 – storage box for tree lights

D. J. Headlam (at Staples) - £15.49 – printer ink

D. J. Headlam (at Morrisons) - £20.00 – gift for fitting of Christmas tree lights

H Beevers - £240.00 – Christmas tree

Other financial items:

The Operating Statement was approved.

**Minute 16002.** Council resolved to remain 'opted in' for the Sector Led Body to arrange external audit.

**9. Budget 2016.** Council noted that the Council Tax Base for 2016/2017 will result in a 2.7% decrease for a Band D property, whilst maintaining an unchanged precept.

**Minute 16003.** The proposed budget for 2016/2017 was confirmed and a request for an unchanged precept of £12,350 will be made to CYC. **DH**

**10. Grass cutting.** A quotation for an unchanged fee for grass cutting of the village green, play area and French War Memorial had been received from the current contractor.

**Minute 16004.** It was agreed to appoint The Lawn Man as the contractor for the coming year. It was also resolved to undertake a full quotation exercise next year. **DH**

Ward Cllr Mercer supplied the map of proposed grass cutting to be taken over by a local contractor instead of CYC. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk will progress. **IB/DH**

## **11. Planning Matters.**

New Application.

15/02639 – Water Treatment Works – solar panel scheme. All Cllrs were generally supportive of the scheme as it was a contribution to 'renewable' energy generation and would have virtually no detrimental impact on the village. However, support for the project was conditional on two items. **Minute 16005.** Council had no objection to the application but wished it confirmed that the Green Belt status of the land (on which the panels sit) would be unchanged by the development, i.e. in future this would not be considered a 'brownfield' site. CYC should also consider asking for a goodwill gesture from Kelda to the village, as a condition for the temporary loss of a Green Belt area.

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

**12. Oil & Gas Exploration Licences.** Cllrs discussed the information received from Cuadrilla on the awarding of licences for fracking and extraction from the Cleveland Basin. It was considered to be an opportunity to learn more about the subject, but not at the present time, as only a very small area of the parish is affected by the current award. Therefore it was also agreed not to join the meeting Wheldrake is proposing at this stage. **DH**

**13. Play Area.** The annual inspection report was presented which listed the minor items of repair that had been undertaken. Thanks are to be passed on to Playscheme for their continuing support for the play area. Some extra wood chippings are required and Mark Gillett will be asked to see if any further maintenance/improvements can be made into a package for a possible future grant request. **MG/DH**

**14. Defibrillators.** Cllrs Bailey and Taylor are to attend a meeting at the Surgery to agree publicity for the two new units sited in the village. Awareness training is expected to be held on the last two Saturdays in February. Cllr Taylor proposed that the units be included when the Emergency Plan is next updated. **IB/AT/DH**

**15. Village Green.** Cllr Wilson informed Council that the fixing arrangements for the Christmas tree and Maypole need to be updated. Cllr Wilson will bring costs to the next meeting. Cllr Laverack will explore whether concrete could be donated. **JL/TW**

- 16. YLCA/CYC Parish Charter.** No amendments were proposed to the Charter.
- 17. Local Award Scheme.** Council decided not to apply to join the scheme.
- 18. Recent and forthcoming meetings.** There were no reports.
- 19. Highways, paths and verges.** The problems caused by recent heavy rainfall were discussed. Cllr Bailey cited poor communication with CYC and wished to have the signage and barriers to enable closure of Main Street if necessary. Cllr Rees suggested barriers should be used to show the road/beck edge when flooding occurred. The speed activated sign near Riverside has been removed for repair and will be reinstated. The road surface at the junction of Wheldrake Lane and Elvington Lane is being surveyed for repair by CYC.
- 20. Village Assets.** It was confirmed that the village assets are in good condition.
- 21. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** Defibrillator training; Special Constables
- 22. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** Maypole/tree fixing arrangements; Annual Parish Meeting; YLCA membership.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

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