

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

## MINUTES

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

**2. Apologies.** Cllr Wilson.

**3. Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. Cllr Laverack declared an interest in Item 9, 16/00278, West House Farm, and took no part in the discussion and vote.

**4. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 16.02.2016 were approved.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Cllr Moorhouse had heard nothing from the Surgery's Patients Participation Group. Cllr Bailey will remind. **IB**  
The grant available for website hosting will have to be applied for annually. **DH**

**6. Police Matters.** No crimes had been reported in the previous month. Council was reminded that the next PCSO Surgery will be at the Village Hall on Saturday 19 March at 11.00am.

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

- i) Details of 'Betty's Seedlings at School' initiative forwarded to Sports Club
- ii) Neighbourhood Plan papers forwarded to 'Keep Elvington Rural'
- iii) Request for PCSO to monitor misuse of bus shelter. *Acknowledged.*
- iv) Details of dog fouling forwarded to CYC Street Scene team. *Acknowledged.*
- v) Request for Community Payback date. *Will be TUESDAY 10 MAY.*
- vi) Request to CYC for repair of bridge over beck on Village Green. *CYC are unsure of the ownership of the bridge but are still being asked to progress repairs.*

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

*Available from the Clerk:*

- (i) Clerks & Councils Direct; White Rose Update
- (ii) Newsletters: School; YorOK; 7 Days in York; Northern Powergrid; Voluntary Voice
- (iii) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service; Rural Spotlight; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- (iv) Register of Electors. *Complete version circulated to Cllrs.*
- (v) Northern Gas – North Riding Depot Open Day, Nether Poppleton – 17 March
- (vi) Police & Crime Commissioner surgery – Easingwold – 21 March
- (vii) York CVS conference – 23 March
- (viii) NALC Digital Councils event – 18 May
- (ix) NALC Funding and Grants Bulletin
- (x) Result of ballot for Parish representative on CYC Standards Committee – Cllr Wiseman, Earswick PC
- (xi) BFI Neighbourhood Cinema Equipment fund

*For consideration:*

- (xii) Request by resident for funding of a Girlguiding expedition. *After discussion it was decided not to provide funding. The Clerk will reply.* **DH**
- (xiii) CYC website consultation for Cllrs. *Noted.*
- (xiv) YLCA – revised model financial regulations. *Noted.*
- (xv) A petition to allow Parish Councils to appeal planning decisions. *Circulated to Cllrs.*

(xvi) CYC Emergency Planning Officer rest centre exercise – 26 May. *Cllr Rees suggested the robustness of our Plan's venues be tested at the next Plan revision. Cllr Moorhouse asked for the item to be on the May meeting agenda.* **DH**

(xvii) CYC poster on restarting of Green Bin collections on 4 APRIL. *Poster will be sited on notice board, and website and Facebook items posted.* **AT/DH**

## **8. Financial.**

Payments. **Minute 16011.** Council agreed the following:

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

D J Headlam (at Staples) - £19.99 – printer ink

Other financial items:

The Operating Statement was approved.

List of Assets. **Minute 16012.** With two small revisions the current List of Assets was approved.

Council reviewed its governance. **Minute 16013.** It was satisfied that its systems were appropriate, particularly in regard to accounting, internal audit and risk assessment.

Pensions Regulator. The update was noted. **Minute 16014.** The Clerk has confirmed that he will be the point of contact. He will also check any change of circumstances before the Staging Date. **DH**

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd – the third update was noted.

Clerk's salary. Local council sector workers have been offered an increase of 1% with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April. **Minute 16015.** Council agreed to authorise the Chairman to agree this increase when it has been ratified. **IB/DH**

## **9. Planning Matters.**

New Applications. **Minute 16017.** Council, by a majority decision, had no objection to:

16/00099 – 6 Lorraine Avenue – extension

**Minute 16018.** Council supported:

16/00278 – West House Farm, Wheldrake Lane - extension

Applications received after publication of this Agenda. There were none.

Local Plan. Ward Cllr Mercer updated Council on the expected timescales for the next stages of the Local Plan. Disappointment was expressed at the slowness – and continuing lack of true consultation – over the publication of the Plan.

**10. Village Green.** Changes to maypole fixing arrangements. Due to the absence of Cllr Wilson, this item will be considered next month. **TW**

**11. Bus Shelter.** Cllr Laverack updated Council on the options for an internal light. With the offer of a power source from the Village Hall, which Cllr Rees will confirm, it was agreed to progress the costing of a vandal-proof light along with the necessary conduit and sensor. Confirmation of costs will be agreed next month. **JL/PR**

**12. Bus Services.** Cllr Marsh updated Council on CYC's current review of services - and subsidies. She believed that weekday daytime services will probably be continued but weekend services are more threatened. The current timetable will remain in force until the end of August. Cllr Marsh will continue to chase CYC officers to get early sight of any proposals affecting the village's services. **KM**

**13. Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – 21 April.** Council agreed to site bunting on the village green. **IB/TW**

**14. Annual Village Meeting.** Council discussed whether to combine the Annual Village Meeting with a Drop In Meeting for the (anticipated) Local Plan proposals. After discussion it was agreed to hold a separate Annual Village Meeting in April, as is normal practice. **DH**

**15. Recent and forthcoming meetings.** No reports.

**16. Highways, paths and verges.** The Clerk reported his contact with Yorkshire Water concerning the overflowing drains in Main Street – and their non-appearance to date. It

was agreed to invite a representative of YW's waste water division to a future meeting to discuss the issue and to hear what action is intended to resolve the problem.

The flooding in Church Lane is subsiding but the Clerk will still chase CYC to clarify what action is being taken.

Resurfacing of the B1228 is underway and work on the Wheldrake Lane junction and Halifax Way should take place in April/May. The Clerk will check. **DH**

**17. Village Assets.** The condition of one item at the Play Area is wearing and Playscheme has been notified and will repair. Other than that all other items are in good condition.

**18. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** Annual Village Meeting; Green Bins.

**19. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** Community Payback; Village Green (maypole); Neighbourhood Plans; bus shelter; Yorkshire Water drains; insurance.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

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