

ELVINGTON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm, Elvington Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman welcomed** 36 residents to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** had been received from Martin & Jane Moorhouse and Derek & Jenny Woodford.
3. **Minutes** of last year's meeting. Wendy Bundy asked that Item 7 should reflect that she asked 'when' not 'where' the HGV weight limit would be imposed. The minutes were otherwise accepted as a true record. Proposed by Jonathan Laverack; seconded by Jonathan Shaw.
4. **Chairman's Report for 2018-2019** was presented by Ian Bailey. He opened by saying that the condition of the road surface of Main Street continues to be of concern, despite constant requests for repairs and the imminent arrival of the Tour de Yorkshire. Also, the HGV ban has still not been agreed. Our Ward Councillor has been supportive. A traffic survey was completed and the evidence presented, but now a report by CYC officers has to be prepared.

Ian Bailey moved on to say that it had generally been another quiet year.

City of York Council has a very helpful Ward Officer who progresses local issues for us, but otherwise CYC seems to be strangely inactive.

Policing. There was very little to report, other than a small crime wave that involved a number of break-ins and car thefts. There was some extra patrolling as a result, but generally the village has little visible policing. Ian Bailey did add that he thought young residents were a credit to the village, invariably being polite and helpful.

Flood Defence Scheme continues to protect the village. The number of times it is activated is published in the Newsletter and website each year.

Village Green is used for various events – several by the Grey Horse such as the monthly Farmers Markets and an autumn music festival. All events have to have prior clearance from the Parish Council.

Play Area continues to be well used and in good condition, although the time may be approaching for some refreshing.

CYC Local Plan is currently with the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council opposed the extension to Beckside and suggested the use of land near the school instead. The new town (Whinthorpe) is proposed to have over 3000 houses but the Parish Council would prefer that it be much nearer the A64. There is still no news about the next stage of the Plan.

Elections. Of the seven Parish Councillors, three are not standing for re-election. Five nominations have been received so they will be elected unopposed. Two co-options will be necessary at the May meeting of the Parish Council. Ian Bailey informed the meeting that he would be standing down as chairman.

Thanks. Ian Bailey concluded by thanking residents for continuing to make Elvington the pleasant place that it is in which to live.

5. **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. Several minor items of expenditure had been incurred last year. The Parish Council precept, in cash terms, is unchanged again for the coming year.

6. **General Forum.**

The meeting was informed that children at the school had organised a poster campaign to highlight littering. It has been suggested that the problem of dog fouling be the subject for next year's campaign – if suitable wording can be found!

The Clerk mentioned that window stickers to discourage doorstep sellers were available from him.

Wendy Bundy asked a question about the ownership of the car park at the Sports Club – and asked if the whereabouts of the CYC sign at Sutton Bridge was known and if it was to be re-sited.

She also wished to thank Ian Bailey for his chairing of the Parish Council over the past several years, including the time in which the flood defence scheme had been built – and funded.

7. **Tour de Yorkshire.** Anne Taylor updated the meeting on the various activities that were being organised for the 'big day' on Thursday 2 May when the cyclists and their entourage pass through the village. Julie Pigg, Judy Bailey and many others have produced and will be sitting a lot of bunting! But more is always needed. Residents, especially those facing the route, were encouraged to site bunting/bikes etc. The Village Green will be the focal point with a big screen, an aircraft, hay bales and various food and drink offerings. An acoustic singer will also be performing, courtesy of the Grey Horse. The TdeY caravan will stop about 3.30pm for about 15 minutes, with the race passing through about an hour later. There will be no parking on the route. Rolling road closures will be enforced and cones will be placed alongside stretches of Main Street. Local media will be covering the day. Updates will be posted to village social media.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm. Ian Bailey thanked all those present for attending and light refreshments were then served.