

# ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Atkin Room, Village Hall.

## MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Laverack, Bailey, Gallery, Lloyd, Moorhouse.
2. **Apologies.** Cllrs Rickard, Taylor.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15.10.2019 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Cllr Laverack and the Clerk met with Ward Cllr Vassie and various items were discussed. The arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were thought to have worked well – apart from still not getting the PA systems to work optimally.
6. **Police Matters.** A 'nil' crime report has been received for October.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
  - i) Request for Ward Grant to recover costs of felling tree on Green. *Approved.*
  - ii) Acceptance of CYC offer of survey of Play Area, with request to meet assessor.
  - iii) Request to Surgery for (joint) action on fencing. *See Item 11 (b).*
  - iv) Further request to Playscheme to site padding to crane swing legs. *Actioned.*
  - v) Messages of thanks after Remembrance Day.

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

*Available from the Clerk:*

- (i) Newsletters: Clerks & Councils Direct; White Rose Update; Voluntary Voice
- (ii) Rural Services Network: Rural Bulletins; Rural Funding Digest
- (iii) NALC – Newsletters; Chief Executive's Bulletins;
- (iv) YLCA – Various training events including webinars; Internal Audit service; General Election – guidance for Councils
- (v) North Yorkshire strategy for tackling loneliness – consultation. *Cllr Gallery requested a copy.*
- (vi) Community First Yorkshire leadership support – survey
- (vii) Heslington Local Plan submission consultation. *Cllr Moorhouse requested a copy.*
- (viii) Woodland Trust – tree charter day and free trees

*For consideration:*

- (ix) VE 75 – letter from SSAFA, Armed Forces Charity. *To forward to sub-committee.*
- (x) Police – anti social text messaging service for parents. *To forward to Cllr Taylor for publicising on social media.*
- (xi) Message from Sutton on Derwent Parish Council about establishing allotments. *Item will appear in next Newsletter.*
- (xii) Message from resident about verge and tree near Dauby Lane junction. *The Clerk was asked to get a quotation from Toby Johnson for regular cutting and crown lift the tree.* **DH**

### **8. Financial.**

Receipt. The following was noted:

Remembrance Day collection - £46.00 – transferred to Petty Cash

Payments. **Minute 19055.** The following were agreed:

Patricia May - £80.00 – poppy wreaths

Elvington Scout Group - £100.00 – donation (in lieu of collection made on Remembrance Sunday)

St. Chad's Scouts Band - £100.00 – donation

Elvington Village Hall - £17.00 – October meeting

P Rees - £9.99 – microphone stand (50% contribution to Village Hall)

Village Newsletter - £50.00 – donation

S J Danby Ltd (Playscheme) - £218.40 – safety padding

The following was noted:

PWLB - £1,892.04 – loan repayment instalment

Other Matters:

The Operating Statement was approved. Cllr Laverack had checked the Bank Statement.

It was agreed a sub-committee of Cllrs Laverack, Taylor and the Clerk will meet to propose a budget for 2020-2021.

JL/AT/DH

**9. Planning Matters.**

New Application: **Minute 19056.** Council had no objection to:

19/02333 – 3 Holly Bank, Main Street - extension

Approvals. The following were noted:

19/01938 – Derwent Valley Gun Club, Elvington Lane – Certificate of Lawful Existing Use

19/02151 – The Green – to fell tree (application by Parish Council)

19/02152 – 1 Church Lane – tree work

Other Matter.

Local Plan. Phase 1 hearings are taking place currently at the Racecourse. Phase 2 hearings, which include site specific comments, will follow. Cllr Laverack will be speaking then. Cllr Bailey asked if YLCA were submitting any comments on behalf of all rural parishes. Cllr Laverack will look to re-submit a brief summary on the Parish Council's objections by the deadline date.

JL

**10. Village Green.** (a) **Minute 19057.** Council agreed to the use of the Green over the Christmas period for the Carol Concert and Tug of War. Cllr Lloyd will check on the organising of the Tug of War on Boxing Day. It was also agreed to purchase the Christmas tree from Beevers. The Clerk will confirm on what day it is to be erected, so that the lights can be fitted at the same time; (b) The approval of a Ward Grant to fell the horse chestnut tree was noted. A condition is that a replacement tree should be planted. This will need to be funded; (c) It was agreed to repaint the maypole in the spring when weather conditions improve; (d) It was agreed that bulb planting in the tubs should take place when the Christmas tree is erected.

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**11. Play Area.** (a) Cllr Gallery led a discussion on the provision of a skate park, in response to a request he had received. Council was supportive in principle, but raised a number of issues that would have to be answered first: is there a true demand for a park?, where would it be sited?, how would the (large) funding be raised?, and who would lead the project? It was thought the Sports Club would have to be involved; (b) Council agreed that the Play Area fencing facing the Surgery needs to be repaired as it is very loose. The Clerk will obtain two quotations. The Surgery has said they have no responsibility but Cllr Bailey asked that they should be asked again for a contribution.

JG/DH

**12. Village Recognition.** To bring up at next meeting.

**13. Risk Assessment.** To bring up at next meeting.

**14. Weight Limit.** Our previous Ward Cllr (Suzie Mercer) has challenged CYC on why the proposed weight limit has not been progressed – and has yet to receive a reply – although current CYC Cllrs appear supportive. The meeting was informed that Hagg Bridge will be closed for up to eight months (January to August 2020) and CYC will be asked to provide signage at Grimston Bar to inform motorists. This should result in a significant reduction of traffic in the village – and provide evidence that a weight limit would work.

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

**16. Highways, paths and verges.** The Clerk will send photos of the fountaining manholes on Main Street that happened as a result of recent heavy rainfall.

DH

**17. Village Assets.** All assets are in good condition.

**18. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** Alerts for anti-social behaviour.

**19. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** To be with the Clerk before Monday, 9 December.

**20. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 17 December.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.