

# ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Atkin Room, Village Hall.

## MINUTES

**1. Councillors Present.** Cllrs Taylor (in the Chair); Bailey; Gallery; Laverack; Moorhouse; Rickard + 1 visitor.

**2. Apologies.** Cllr Lloyd.

**3. Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.

**4. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 19.11.2019 were approved.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** The closure of Hagg Bridge between February and July 2020 will have a big impact on traffic normally passing through the village. Separately, our previous Ward Cllr, Suzie Mercer, continues to chase CYC over their inaction on the weight limit proposed for Main Street.

**6. Police Matters.** No crimes had been reported in November.

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

i) Contact with Yorkshire Water about manholes on Main Street near the Green. *Ongoing repair work has been commissioned by YW.*

ii) Comment to Planning Inspector at Local Plan Phase 1 hearings.

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

*Available from the Clerk:*

(i) Newsletters: White Rose Update; Voluntary Voice

(ii) Rural Services Network: Rural Bulletins; Rural Funding Digest

(iii) NALC – Newsletters; Chief Executive’s Bulletins; Spring Conference – 17 March

(iv) YLCA – Cllr Training event; Legal Note: Disciplinary and Grievance Arrangements

(v) Consultation: Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments

(vi) University of York survey on discrimination and hate crime

(vii) CYC Budget consultation

*For consideration:*

(viii) Northern Powergrid – ‘Be Winter Ready’ campaign. *Being publicised.*

### **8. Financial.**

Payment. **Minute 19058.** The following was agreed:

Elvington Village Hall - £17.00 – November meeting

#### Other Matters:

a. The Operating Statement was approved. A check has been made on the Bank Statement.

b. **Minute 19059.** The quotation from Sandalwood of £595.00 + VAT for additional posts to strengthen the fencing adjoining the Play Area was accepted. The Clerk will progress and arrange for a 30% deposit to be paid. Council agreed that the Surgery should be approached again for a 50% contribution as the fencing adjoins their car park. **DH**

c. The Clerk presented the budget being proposed by the sub-committee. **Minute 19060.** It was agreed to accept the budget and request an unchanged precept for 2020/2021.

### **9. Planning Matters.**

#### New Applications:

19/02363 – 1 The Green – tree work. *Clerk delegated to respond with ‘No Objections’.*

19/02404 – 16 Church Green – tree work. *Clerk delegated to respond with ‘No Objections’.*

**Minute 19061.** Council had no objections to:

19/02393 – Allenby House, Wheldrake Lane - extension

19/02522 – Water Treatment Works – replacement plant building

**Minute 19062.** 19/02568 – Blacksmiths Close/Grey Horse – tree work. Council objected because all the pruning would reduce the trees to hedge height. Trees should stand proud of the hedge.

**10. The Conifers.** No prior interest has been received for any property becoming available. The seller will be informed. **DH**

**11. The Green.** Council were informed that CYC require the replacement tree for the horse chestnut to be a silver birch. It was agreed to ask Toby Johnson to quote for sourcing and planting “in close proximity” to the felled tree. If bare root then it should be planted before the end of March. **DH**

**12. Village Recognition.** Item deferred to next month. **JL**

**13. Risk Assessment.** Cllr Gallery presented the draft report of the sub-committee. Various questions remain, including the scoring of risk, and the Clerk will join their next meeting. **JG/SL/JR/DH**

**14. Recent and forthcoming meetings.** Council noted the upcoming CYC Parish Council Liaison meeting – 7 January – including the update of the Parish Charter.

**15. Highways, paths and verges.** Cllr Rickard informed Cllrs that the leaves cleared from the Belvoir Avenue access track had been left on the edge of the Green. It is expected they will be left until the first grass cut.

**16. Village Assets.** All assets are in good on condition.

**17. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** ‘Be Winter Ready’ campaign.

**18. Items to be placed on next Agenda.** Local Plan; Emergency Plan; Grass cutting; Risk Assessment; Use of Green events. Any others to be with the Clerk before Monday, 13 January 2020.

**19. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 21 January 2020.

**20. The Clerk.** Council were informed that the Clerk will be retiring on 30 April 2020, or earlier if a new Clerk has been appointed. There have been three expressions of interest and it was decided that Cllrs Laverack and Taylor will contact all three to discuss the job. A recommendation will be brought to the next meeting. The pay scale is expected to be in the middle of the current range of NALC pay grades. **JL/AT**

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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