

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Councillors Mark Barratt (Chairman), Helen Candy, Andrew Hardcastle, Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor. Also present were one resident and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

14.106– TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

14.107 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from City Councillor Chris Steward.

14.108 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September, having been circulated and read were accepted and signed as a true record.

14.109 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Councillor Chris Steward was not able to be present as he was attending a Ward Meeting. He had emailed the following: - *“Following Labour defections the Local Plan has essentially been halted and the consultation planned for October has been postponed/cancelled. With Labour losing their majority we called a special full council to amend all the committees so opposition councillors have a majority rather than Labour and this has now taken effect.”*

14.110 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) Registration of Parish Land - To receive an update and make appropriate decisions

Councillor Hardcastle reported that the statutory declarations were now with the solicitor.

(b) Hessay Pond

It was noted that the owl box had come down and is to be put back. **(Action Councillors Barratt and Hildreth)**

A branch of a willow tree is growing over the path. It was agreed that Stuart Cariss should cut the branch down to the ground.

(c) Willow Garth

It was agreed that 50 hawthorn plants, canes and spirals should be bought (for no more than £50) to fill in the gaps in the hedge. **(Action Stuart Cariss)**

(d) Allotments

It was reported that there are now two vacant allotments.

(e) *Thief Lane*

No report on this subject.

(f) *Sandpit Field*

No report on this subject.

14.111 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) *To discuss the expansion of the recycling facilities at Harewood Whin and the implications for Hessay*

After a discussion on this subject it was resolved that no action be taken.

(b) *To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

There have been no decisions since the September Parish Council meeting.

14.112 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION INCLUDING SUPERFAST BROADBAND AND THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

A decision on the supply of superfast broadband in the village is to be taken at the end of November. It was agreed that if Hessay is not included in "fibre to the cabinet" a Parish Council meeting will be called when the subject will be discussed.

14.113 - TO DISCUSS ROADS, FOOTPATHS, SWEEPING, SIGNAGE AND POTHOLES

The following points were raised.

- (a) A pothole in New Road between the crossing gates and the A59.
- (b) A pothole in Shirbutt Lane opposite Park Garth.
- (c) The missing fence over the culvert at the end of Shirbutt Lane.
- (d) The damaged chevron at the bend in Atterwith Lane. The Clerk assured the Councillors that he had reported the damage to the City Council on several occasions.
- (e) The Roecliffe Court sign is on the pavement.
- (f) The red patches in New Road And Main Street need to be repainted
- (g) The white markings on the red patched need to be enhanced
- (h) The fact that the exit on to New Road from Roecliffe Court is hidden was mentioned. The possibility of the installation of a warning sign was discussed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the City Council to carry out the appropriate repair work. **(Action Clerk)**

The condition of the old finger post sign in Main Street opposite New Road was discussed. The possibility of having the sign listed was suggested. The Clerk is to make enquiries. **(Action Clerk)**

14.114 – TO DISCUSS THE JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD WITH THE A59 & THE ENTRANCE TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN NEW ROAD

In City Councillor Chris Steward absence there was no report.

14.115 - TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A FOOTPATH ALONG THE WETHERBY ROAD AT RUFFORTH.

The Clerk reported a conversation with Andy Vose, a City Council Transport Planner, who is asking the City Council's Engineers to price up the cost of laying a footpath.

14.116 – TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC CALMING IN MAIN STREET

The Clerk tabled the Department of Transport's Traffic Advisory Leaflet for the Councillors to consider.

It was agreed that enquiries should be made about having gates at the side of the road similar to those on the approach to Rufforth. Also to have a series of white triangles painted on the road to warn drivers that they are approaching a speed restricted area. **(Action Clerk)**

14.117 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

It was noted that no incidents had been reported to the police during September and October.

14.118 – TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR YORK

It was agreed that no action need be taken on this subject.

14.119 – TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

It was resolved not to acquire a Christmas tree. It was agreed to spend up to £100 on purchasing solar-powered/rechargeable battery lights which are to be put on one of the existing trees in the playground. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

14.120 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 25 November 2014. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 25 November were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£9,368.43

(b) To agree accounts for payment

191	Roger Hildreth	Cutting verges in the village	£240.00
192	Mrs L Cariss	Internal audit fee	£80.00
193	Blackfoot Hosting	One year's domain renewal fee	£18.50
194	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium	£243.80
195	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – October & November	£262.70
196	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – October & November	£65.60
197	Information Commission	Annual registration fee	£35.00
198	James Mackman	Expenses	£5.91

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Bank interest	£1.00
Tour de France Event	Further income	£35.00
City of York Council	2nd half year's precept	£1,375.00
Northern Powergrid	Wayleave	£15.38
HMRC	VAT refund	£164.68

(d) To note the external auditors comments on the Annual Return

The external auditor had made the following comment on the Annual Return.

The amount shown in the precept box should be reduced by the Council Tax Support Grant which for 2013-14 was £79. This had been done and the alteration initialled by the Chairman and Clerk.

14.121 - CLERK'S REPORT:

Progress on the investigation into accidents at the junction of New Road and the A59. (Min. 14.096 – Sep 14)

The Clerk reported that he had asked the police for details of accidents that had been reported at the junction over the last few years and received the following reply. “I have checked the injury accident data base held by North Yorkshire police for the last ten years data (01/01/2004 to 31/08/2014) and there is 1 (one) slight injury accident (2005) recorded during that period at the junction of New Road, Hessay and the A59 York to Boroughbridge Road.”

Progress on the subsidence of the road in Atterwith Lane (Min. 14.083) – (Nov 13)

No news on this subject. (**Action Clerk**)

14.122 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

14.122.1 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the September meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors

- (a) CYC - Yortime News - November 2014
- (b) Julian Sturdy MP - Special e-Bulletin - Local Plan
- (c) Kay Bailey – CYC - Rural West York Ward news
- (d) Rural Action Yorkshire – e-Bulletin
- (e) YLCA - White Rose Updates – October and September 2014

14.122.2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the September meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

Clerk & Councils Direct - November 2014 - Issue 96

14.123 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None

14.124 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To discuss the Local Plan.

14.125 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on Wednesday, 14 January at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 11 March and 13 May 2015.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....2015

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