

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2014

Present: Councillors Mark Barratt (Chairman), Helen Candy, Andrew Hardcastle and Penny Taylor. Also present were City Councillor Chris Steward, six residents and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

None.

14.002 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillor Hildreth.

14.003 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward said that:-

- The Boundary Commission had now agreed and published the new Wards in York. For Rural West York, Copmanthorpe had been removed and Skelton added.

14.005 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

Councillor Hardcastle reported that all the statutory declarations had been drafted and are to be given to the proposed signatories. When ready they will be duly witnessed by a solicitor.

(b) Hessay Pond

- i. It was agreed that the pond area is looking fine at the moment.
- ii. The Clerk reported that the City Council had given an extra £166 this year specifically for work to the pond area and fence.

(c) Willow Garth

- i. A working party had met and coppiced a third of the small bushes. Dead trees and leaning branches have been cut down and log piles created. Tree guards have been removed. More tidying-up needs to be done. Arrangements are to be made to increase the depth of the pond.
- ii. The Councillors expressed their thanks to Councillor Hildreth for the use of his machinery by the working party.

(d) Allotments

It was reported that the recent storm had blown the roof off the shed on the allotments. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take no action to repair the damage as the shed is not the Parish Council's property.

(e) Thief Lane

No report.

(f) Sandpit Field

No report.

14.006 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) No planning applications had been received for consideration.

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that there had been no planning applications for the Local Planning Authority to approve since the November Parish Council meeting:

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

(a) Councillor Candy reported having given the broadband questionnaire to 94 residential addresses and had received 48 responses, all supportive of the campaign.

(b) Councillor Candy tabled a draft a letter to be sent to interested parties giving the results of the survey and urging that action be taken to have the village connected to the superfast broadband network as soon as possible. The wording of the draft letter was agreed.

(c) It was agreed that the Chairman should acknowledge emails sent to the Parish Council through its website.

14.008 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING, POTHoles, BROKEN SIGNS AND THE STATE OF THE FOOTPATH IN NEW ROAD AND SHIRBUTT LANE

It was reported that a new pothole has appeared opposite the entrance to the Industrial Estate in New Road. Stuart Cariss said that he would report this to the City Council.

14.009 – TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN NEW ROAD

The Clerk reported that he had exchanged correspondence with the City Council and had been given the name of an Officer who might be able to move this subject forward. **(Action Clerk)**

14.010 - TO DISCUSS THE DAMAGED BENCH IN MAIN STREET

It was reported that one of the laths on the seat had broken. It was agreed to seek to obtain three quotations for repairing the seat. The Clerk, in consultation with the chairman, was authorised to spend up to £100 on the repair.

14.011 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

The incident below was the only incident to have been reported to the police during the months of November and December.

21 Nov	Theft	Oil taken	Main Street
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14.012 - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE ARRANGEMENTS TO CELEBRATE THE TOUR DE FRANCE PASSING THROUGH THE PARISH ALONG THE A59 IN 2014

Robert Whitemore reported that he had sent questionnaires about the Tour de France to 90 households and had received 33 responses covering 81 adults and 41 children. The overwhelming majority of the responders (all but two) supported the idea of celebrating the event. Many said they would help in organising the celebrations.

The working group will continue to organising the celebrations. Enquiries are to be made into the possibility of closing the roads in the village during the day of the race itself.

14.013 - TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF CHINESE LANTERNS

It was reported that a Chinese lantern had caused a barn in the village to be razed to the ground and that some near misses had also occurred. The dangers of the unreliability of this product were discussed.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the City Council's Chief Executive and to Julian Sturdy MP urging them to support the Farmers Guardian campaign to get local authorities to ban the sale of Chinese lanterns. (**Action Clerk**)

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

There is a public footpath through the fields from Hessay towards Rufforth. Where the footpath exits on the Wetherby Road (B1224) there is no footpath for some 300 metres to where the pavement in Rufforth ends. To keep safe, pedestrians have to walk along the top of the embankment at the side of the road or have to walk along the busy single-carriageway road. The Councillors resolved that they would like to see a footpath constructed along the verge to make it safe for pedestrians. It was agreed that an approach should be made to Rufforth Parish Council, in the first instance, to see if it would be prepared to offer support to the proposal. (**Action Clerk**)

14.015 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 8 January 2014. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 8 January were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,649.44

(b) To agree accounts for payment

165	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium	£243.80
166	Nether Poppleton Parish Council	Stationery contribution for 2013	£20.00
167	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – December & January	£262.70
168	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – December & January	£65.60
169	James Mackman	Expenses and SLCC subscription (£18.20)	£31.45
170	Jacksons Nurseries	Christmas tree	£37.95

(c) *To receive a report on income received*

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.99
City of York Council	Double taxation allowance	£309.50

(d) *To agree to pay a proportion of the Clerk's SLCC subscription*

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £18.20 towards the total of this year's subscription of £165.00.

(e) *To consider the Budget for 2014-2015 and set the precept*

The Councillors considered the proposed budget that the Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting. After a review of all the discretionary and non-discretionary items it was resolved to set the precept at £2,750 for the financial year 2014-15. The Chairman and Clerk signed the appropriate City Council request form. The agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

14.016 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) *Progress on the subsidence of the road in Atterwith Lane (Min. 13.105) – (Nov 13)*

It was noted that the subsidence has not been repaired. The Clerk is to continue to pursue the City Council to make the suitable repair. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) *Progress on the planting of the permanent Christmas tree (Min. 13.110) – (Nov 13)*

It was noted that a Christmas tree had been bought and planted in the children's play area.

14.017 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

14.017.1 - The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence:-

(a) Zurich Municipal – insurance renewal documents

(b) An email from a resident asking for the subject of "traffic calming" to be included on the agenda

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

Boundary Commission for England - Final recommendations

14.018 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None

14.019 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Use of the phone box as a book exchange.

14.020 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on Wednesday, 12 March at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 14 May and 9 July.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.33pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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