

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017

Present: Councillors Mark Barratt (Chairman), Roger Hildreth, Olivia Johnson, Mike Lord and Ann Watson. Also present were two residents, City Councillor Chris Steward and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

17.126 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Olivia Johnson was introduced to the Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that she had signed her Declaration of Office.

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

None.

17.128 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

17.129 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward mentioned the planning application for the asphalt plant where the applicants are endeavouring to get approval from the City Council's Highways Department.

17.131 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) Registration of Parish Land - To receive an update

It was reported that our solicitor had written for clarification of five points as required by the Land Registry. The need to prove that the Parish Council had held the land for the last twelve years had been supplied by the Clerk who had made the Parish Council's minutes and financial records available to the solicitor.

(b) Hessay Pond

It was noted that the area has been given another trim. Councillor Barratt said that the trees needed inspecting and unwanted or unsafe trees removed. It was agreed to pay the invoice for keeping the pond area maintained during 2017.

(c) Willow Garth

Councillor Hildreth reported that he had trimmed the hedge bordering Willow Garth and Shirbutt Lane.

(d) Allotments & the possible of starting a community garden scheme

Councillor Barratt reported that Nick Booth had completed a Ward Committee's claim form and was asking for a contribution towards a new shed, some tools, filling in the pond, a new pump and gate posts.

(e) Thief Lane

No report.

(f) Sandpit Field

No report.

17.132 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that the Local Planning authority had made no decisions since the 13 September 2017 Parish Council meeting

(b) To discuss the proposed road surface coating plant on the Hessay Industrial Estate and agree actions and a possible further financial contribution from the Parish Council if needed

It was agreed that it was not necessary to provide further funding for consultants' fees at the present time.

17.133 - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE VILLAGE, AND HGVs USING THE VILLAGE ROADS ILLEGALLY.

The Clerk reported having asked a City Council officer to visit Hessay and be appraised of the numerous problems regarding the above subject and that in item 17.134 below. The Clerk had volunteered to collect an officer from West Offices and return them after the visit. No reply had been forthcoming.

The correspondence from the City Council about Community Speed Watch was discussed. It was agreed to investigate this further and endeavour to find a resident to lead the project. This is to be done by email, through Hessay's Facebook page and by means of a leaflet drop. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

17.134 - TO DISCUSS, THE CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE ROADS, VERGES, POTHoles, FOOTPATHS AND SIGNAGE IN THE VILLAGE

No news on this subject.

17.135 – TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH BETWEEN HESSAY AND RUFFORTH

Councillor Watson gave an update on this subject and advised the Councillors that the City Council have the matter in hand and looks as though they will change the stile for a kissing gate to improve access.

17.136 – TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE

The Councillors are still looking for a suitable site for a defibrillator. The site of the old phone box is one possibility. The Clerk is to ask BT when they intend to remove the phone box.

17.137 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND IN MAIN STREET

The Clerk reported that his enquiry had been redirected to another Department of the City Council (Parks and Open Spaces) and it was hoped that a reply would be forthcoming soon.

17.138 – TO DISCUSS BROADBAND PROVISION FOR THE VILLAGE

There was no further news on this subject.

17.139 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 8 November 2017. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 8 November were: -

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£10,250.65

(b) To note accounts for payment

307 Sanderson Consulting	Further consultancy services fees	£851.08
308 Information Commissioner	Annual registration fee	£35.00
309 Krystal Hosting Ltd	Website domain renewal	£14.99
310 Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium	£257.60
311 James Mackman	Clerk’s salary October & November	£273.84
312 Post Office Ltd	Income tax – October & November	£68.40
313 James Mackman	Expenses	£7.02

(c) To receive a report on income received

City of York Council	2 nd half year’s precept	£1,425.00
City of York Council	Double taxation relief	£317.94
Northern Powergrid	Wayleave	£15.37
Hessay Residents	Pledges re proposed asphalt plant	£595.00
HSBC	Bank interest	£0.61

(d) To agree the Parish Council’s insurance renewal

It was agreed that, as Zurich Municipal had quoted a figure lower than that in the budget for the year, the Parish Council renew the insurance with them.

17.140 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

The Clerk reported the following incident in Hessay had been reported to the police during the period from 1 September to 31 October.

Incident Type	Details
Burglary	4 th September - attempt burglary at an address on Main Street

17.141 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on the clearance of the gutter and pipe in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 17.121a) - (Jan 16)

No news on this subject.

(b) *Hessay pond sign (Min. 17.121b – (Jun 17)*

It was reported that the sign will be erected shortly.

(c) *Willow Garth sign (Min. 17.121c) – (Jun 17)*

It was reported that the sign will be erected shortly.

17.142 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

17.142.01 – The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence receive since the September meeting

- (a) Friends of the Earth - FOI request re fracking
- (b) Zurich Municipal - How to carry out Risk Assessments
- (c) An email regarding the availability of a website - sayhes.com – which the Councillors unanimously refused to consider

17.142.02 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the September Parish Council meeting listed below had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

- (a) Explore York Libraries & Archives - Yortime November 2017
- (b) Julian Sturdy MP – Two E-Bulletins
- (c) North Yorkshire Police - Community Speed Watch

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

Clerk & Councils Direct - November 2017 - Issue 114

17.143 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

17.144 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To consider amending the bank mandate so that the Parish Council can operate electronic banking.

17.145 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10 January 2018.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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