

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2016

Present: Councillors Mark Barratt (Chairman), Roger Hildreth, Mike Lord and Ann Watson. Also present were one resident and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

None.

16.002 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Candy.

16.003 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2015, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

In a City Councillor's absence there was no report.

16.005 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

It was noted that work on this project is still ongoing.

(b) Hessay Pond

No report on this subject.

(c) Willow Garth

It was reported that a tree has fallen over. Mr Cariss is going to remove it. It was agreed that he should keep the wood in recompense for his labour.

(d) Allotments

No report on this subject.

(e) Thief Lane

It was reported that one of the owl boxes looks as though owls have used it; a second box looks as though squirrels have inhabited it.

(f) Sandpit Field

No report on this subject.

16.006- PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that there had been no plans for the Local Planning Authority to approve since the November 2015 Parish Council meeting.

16.007 - TO DISCUSS BROADBAND PROVISION IN THE VILLAGE.

- (a) It was reported that the service has deteriorated since Christmas. It was noted that the Superfast West Yorkshire and York website <http://www.superfastwestyorkshire.co.uk/postcode-lookup> shows that Hessay should be connected to superfast broadband between July and September 2017.
- (b) Whilst welcoming this news the Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact the City Council to see if pressure can be applied to BT to bring forward the installation date. **(Action Clerk)**
- (c) It was also agreed that in the next Newsletter residents should be encouraged to complain to their service provider about the poor broadband speed.

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

It was noted that the road in front of the Industrial Estate entrance is still pothole free and appears not to be showing any sign of wear.

The Clerk said that he is hopeful that a City Councillor Officer will visit the village in the next few weeks to be shown the various problems with signs and road markings.

16.009 – TO DISCUSS THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE HESSAY SIGN IN MAIN STREET - OPPOSITE NEW ROAD

It was agreed to drop this subject from the agenda but for Councillors to keep looking to see if they can come up with a cheaper way of refurbishing the signpost. **(All Councillors)**

16.010 - TO DISCUSS THE JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD WITH THE A59 & THE ENTRANCE TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN NEW ROAD

No report on this subject other than in 16.008 above.

16.011 - TO DISCUSS PARKING AND VEHICLES OBSTRUCTING FOOTPATHS IN THE VILLAGE

It was reported that there have been a number of incidences recently of cars being parked on pavements making it impossible for wheelchair bound residents and people with pushchairs to do anything but use the road to get past. It was agreed that the subject would be covered in the next Newsletter.

16.012 – TO DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS

- (a) It was noted that no properties in Hessay had been flooded during the recent period of heavy rainfall.
- (b) It was reported that Councillor Hildreth clears away any rubbish which collects in front of the grill over the culvert which is approximately 70 metres east of the pond gate. It was agreed that Councillors would ensure that the culvert is kept clear.
- (c) It was reported that the roadside gutter and pipe between the electricity substation and the pond needs to be cleared. The Clerk is to ask the City Council to carry out the work. **(Action Clerk)**

16.013 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

It was note that no incidents had been reported to the police during November. The December incident is shown below.

16 Dec	Theft	Parcels taken – two arrests	Main Street
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16.014 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Clerk reported that he had notified the YLCA that Councillor Watson needs to be booked on to a YLCA training course as soon as a suitably located one becomes available. **(Action Clerk)**

16.015 - FINANCE

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 13 January 2016. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 13 January were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,877.70

(b) *To agree accounts for payment*

252	Z Barratt	Annual pond area maintenance 2015	£229.00
253	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium	£251.85
254	Upper Poppleton PC	Stationery contribution	£20.00
255	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – December & January	£268.52
256	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – December & January	£67.00
257	James Mackman	Expenses including SLCC subscription £17.11	£24.11

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£1.07
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(d) *To agree to sign a new bank mandate*

It was noted that two of the existing signatories had resigned from the Parish Council. It was agreed that all Councillors should be signatories and those present signed the new mandate provided by the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk should also be a signatory so that he could continue to operate Internet banking.

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

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £17.11 towards the total of this year's subscription of £167.00.

(f) *To consider the Budget for 2016-2017 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 £2,850 for the financial year 2016-17. (the same as 2015-16). The Chairman and Clerk signed the appropriate City Council request form. The agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

(g) *To consider the options regarding the new audit regime*

The Clerk had circulated details of the new audit regime prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not opt out of the new regime which applies to all Parish Councils whose income/expenditure is less than £25,000 per annum.

16.016 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on clearing the footpath from the Chapel to the village (Min. 15.130a) – (Jan 15)

It was noted that the weather had not yet been suitable to carry out the work. It was agreed that, when the weather is dryer, a mini digger be hired to make the work of clearing the path easier. The councillors agreed a budget of £50 for this.

(b) Progress on the replacement of the grit bin outside 4 Main Street (Min. 15.130b) – (Mar 15)

The Clerk reported having contacted the City Council about the missing bin but had not received a reply. It was agreed that the Clerk chase the City Council for a reply. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Progress on the purchase of Christmas tree light (Min. 15.124)-(Nov 15)

Councillor Barratt said that he had not bought another set of lights as he had been unable to find a set to match the existing lights. It was agreed that he should still endeavour to purchase a new set. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

16.017 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

- (a) Digitalcity – CYC - Rural broadband update
- (b) Exploreyork - Yortime News - December 2015 and January 2016
- (c) Julian Sturdy – Two E-Bulletins
- (d) Kay Bailey – CYC - Mobile Library Service email
- (e) YLCA - Letter regarding the 2016-17 subscription
- (f) YLCA - White Rose update
- (g) YLCA - Changes to the External Audit Regime

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

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16.018 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

16.019 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To discuss the requirements of The Pensions Regulator.

16.020 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on **Thursday** 10 March 2016 at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 11 May and 13 July 2016.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 10.10pm.

Chairman *Mark Barratt*

Date 10 March 2016

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