

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2013

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

13.001 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

13.002 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roger Hildreth.

13.003 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2012, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward reported on a number of points of interest.

13.005 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

This subject is still proceeding.

(b) General maintenance of the pond area

It was noted that the pond is at a high level owing to the amount of rain that has fallen in the last six months. It has been reported that 2012 has been the second wettest year since records began. The water table is very high as the land isn't draining well.

(c) Willow Garth

i. Provision of a replacement tree for the removed tree.

It was noted that the replacement tree is being collected and should be planted next week.

ii. Report of working party

Owing to the continued wetness of the land no working party has been held.

(d) Allotments

It was reported that rabbits are a continuing problem within the allotments, fencing continues to be a concern for the current allotment holders.

(e) Marking Jubilee trees

It was noted that no trees in the village had as yet been identified to have been planted to celebrate previous Jubilees.

(f) Other areas

No report.

13.006 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) *To consider the following planning application*

Ref: 12/03722/FUL – Two-storey side extension at Manor Farm House, Main Street by Mr & Mrs R W Watson	No objections
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(b) *To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

There had been no decisions since the November meeting.

13.007 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A PERMANENT CHRISTMAS TREE

It was agreed that the City Council be asked if it would agree to a fir tree being planted in the children's play area so that it could be used as a Christmas tree every year. It was also agreed that the City Council be asked to recommend the species of tree. **(Action Clerk)**

13.008 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION INCLUDING REVIEWING PROGRESS ON THE PROPOSED WEBSITE

Councillor Candy reported that the Home Page on the Parish Council's website now has a photograph of the Parish Church at its head.

13.009 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING, POTHOLES, BROKEN SIGNS AND THE STATE OF THE FOOTPATH IN NEW ROAD

It was reported that the village gutters had been swept on the morning of the Parish Council meeting.

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

There was no news to report on this subject.

13.011 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

No incidents had been reported to the police during November and December.

13.012 - FINANCE

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 9 January 2013. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 9 January were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,343.93

(b) *To agree accounts for payment*

144	Stuart Cariss	Grass cutting in the pond area in 2012	£200.00
145	Information Commissioner	Annual fee	£35.00
146	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – December & January	£260.04
147	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – December & January	£65.00
148	James Mackman	Expenses including SLCC subscription	£25.44

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.98
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(d) *To agree to pay a proportion of the Clerk's SLCC subscription*

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £17.87 towards the total of this year's subscription of £162.00.

(e) To consider the Budget for 2013-2014 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 2013-14. The Chairman and Clerk signed the appropriate City Council request form. The agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

It was noted that the money made available for the village Christmas tree was not taken up.

13.013- CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on the repairs to the pavement outside No. 6 Main Street (Min. 12.113a) – (Nov 09)

No news on this subject.

(b) Progress on the clearing of vegetation off the pavement and gutter in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 12.113b) – (May 12)

The Clerk reported that Community Payback has agreed to visit Shirbutt Lane in the near future and continue to clear vegetation off the footpath.

(c) Progress on refurbishing the seat by the pond (Min. 12.113c) – (Jul 12)

It has been too wet to paint the seat.

(d) Progress on the removal of vegetation at the junction of Shirbutt Lane and the A59 (Min. 12.113d) – (Jul 12)

It was reported that there had recently been an accident at this junction but it wasn't known if the vegetation had been a contributing factor.

(e) Progress on the re-siting of the "Hessay Industrial Estate" sign on the A59 (Min. 12.113e) – (Sep12)

It was noted that the sign has been moved and raised so that it no longer blocks the line of sight of drivers of vehicles coming out of the nearby driveway.

13.014 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

13.014.1 - The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence

(a) A poster giving the dates of Julian Sturdy MP's surgery dates which the Clerk had put on the notice board

(b) A letter from a resident notifying the Parish Council of tractors being driven along the grass verges in Shirbutt Lane. It was agreed that Councillors would monitor the situation and that the Clerk would write and ask the resident to speak to the farmer concerned.

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

(a) Marie Curie -Funding request

(b) Rural Action Yorkshire - Winter warmth leaflet

13.015 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was noted that two of the bollards in the pedestrian refuge on the A59 with its junction with New Lane were lying down. It was agreed that this be brought to the attention of the City Council.
(Action Clerk)

13.016 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013 AT 7.30PM

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 13 March 2013 at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 8 May and 10 July.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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