

## HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

None.

#### 14.022 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillor Hildreth.

#### 14.023 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January, having been circulated and read were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward reported:-

- That the City of York Council is increasing Council Tax by 1.9% for 2014-15
- That there is to be a Ward Committee meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 26 March at the Methodist Church Hall in Upper Poppleton.
- Road Closures and frequently asked questions regarding the Tour de France

#### 14.025 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

Work to complete the statutory declarations is in hand.

*(b) Hessay Pond - including agreement to pay for grounds maintenance during 2013-14*

- i. It was reported that the Drainage Board has cleaned out the ditches behind the pond and this has helped the water flow. The village as a whole should benefit from better drainage. The level of water in the pond had not been affected.
- ii. The Councillors confirmed payment of £200 to Stuart Cariss for looking after the pond area during the previous twelve months.
- iii. It was agreed the sum of £250 be provided for Mr Cariss for attending to the pond area and maintaining a metre of land either side of the hedge in Willow Garth for the next twelve months.

*(c) Willow Garth*

- i. The Chairman said that more work needs to be done in Willow Garth. Another working party would be required at a time suitable so as not to disturb nesting birds.

- ii. It was suggested that the gaps in the older portion of the Willow Garth hedge be filled in with new plants, the councillors agreed to decide on this matter at the next meeting after they had had a chance to look at the hedge.

(d) *Allotments*

- i. Councillor Hardcastle is to speak to existing allotment holders to ascertain if they all plan to continue with their plots in the next growing season.
- ii. It was decided that signage was not needed for the well on the allotments as it was sufficiently fenced off.

(e) *Thief Lane*

No report.

(f) *Sandpit Field*

No report.

**14.026 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

Details of Planning Application	Comments
Ref: 14/00382/FUL – Variation of condition 2 of permitted application 12/03722/FUL to alter windows at Manor Farm, Main Street by Mr and Mrs R W Watson.	No objections

(b) *To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved the following application:

- Ref: 14/00284/TPO – Crown clean and deadwood Oak (T1), Tree protected by Tree Preservation Order CYC 140 at The Saplings, 6 Laburnum Close Farm by Mr Wacketts.

**14.027 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION INCLUDING SUPERFAST BROADBAND AND THE PARISH COUNCIL’S WEBSITE**

Councillor Candy reported that:-

- (a) Three more names have been added to the email distribution list.
- (b) A page about the Tour de France is to be added to the website
- (c) Further money had been made available to North Yorkshire under the superfast broadband roll out, though it was not clear how this was to be distributed and what it meant for Hessay.
- (d) Replies had been received from those organisations that had been sent a letter regarding the lack of superfast broadband in the village with the exception of BT who had merely sent a holding letter.

It was agreed to contact Virgin Media to ask if they would be willing to lay cabling in the village. It was also agreed to continue to liaise with the City Council on the subject. It was agreed to write to BT again. **(Action Clerk)**

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

- (a) It was reported that a road sweeper had been through the village in February
- (b) Work has commenced in Mill Lane, the chairman asked that the condition of the road in Mill Lane be discussed at the next meeting, once the councillors had been able to see the extent of works carried out.
- (c) The Subsidence in Atterwith Lane had received a temporary fill. Though the problem still persists.
- (d) It was noted that the chevron in Atterwith Lane has still not been repaired the clerk will raise the matter again with the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

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

The Clerk reported that the City Council has commenced work at the entrance to the Industrial Estate. The kerb is being moved back and the radius changed to accommodate large vehicles. The road surface is being made more robust. The footpath opposite the entrance is being firmed up to withstand heavy vehicles. The work should be completed by 31 March 2014.

The Councillors observed that there is still a problem with the stretch of road between the crossing in New Road and the A59 in that it is not wide enough to accommodate the large vehicles accessing the industrial estate, the grass verge at the side of the road has been worn away and vehicles are frequently having to use the pavement as an extension of the road, the most concerning problem being the narrow width of the junction with the A59. It was agreed to invite the appropriate City Council Officer to come and discuss the problem on site. **(Action Clerk)**

**14.030 - TO DISCUSS THE USE OF THE PHONE BOX AS A BOOK EXCHANGE**

The idea of using the BT phone box in Main Street as a book exchange was discussed. It was agreed that, as the phone box did not belong to the Parish Council, it would be inappropriate to authorise any alternative use of the phone box.

**14.031 - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE ARRANGEMENTS TO CELEBRATE THE TOUR DE FRANCE PASSING THROUGH THE PARISH ALONG THE A59 IN 2014**

Robert Whitmore reported on the Tour de France Roadshow that he had attended in Leeds. He then outlined the events in the village that had been planned for the Tour de France weekend. Mr Musgrave is prepared to host the event in his field adjacent to the A59, a marquee and large screen televisions have been sourced, toilets, food and family entertainment are to be provided, there is no intention to sell alcohol as this would require a liquor licence. The event would need to attract around 200 attendees to break even. He asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to underwrite the event. The councillors agreed to see if a cost saving could be made if insured under the Parish Councils existing insurance policy **(Action Clerk.)**

It was suggested that businesses in the village be approached for sponsorship. The Clerk reported that the only way in which Hessay Parish Council could make any funds available was via Section 137. It was believed there to be around 120 electors, giving rise to a total of around £840 at the £7.20 allowed per elector, it was agreed that this amount would represent a substantial contribution.

On the basis of the information available, it was agreed that the Parish Council should underwrite the event to this value subject to confirmation of the identified site being available, and the event being open to all members of the village. It was agreed that any profits generated would be put to good use in the village and that the chairman should attend future meetings of the organising group.

It was agreed a road closure should be sought for Sunday 6 July for all roads in the village. (**Action Councillor Candy**)

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

It was noted that the Rufforth Parish Council had agreed in principle to the construction of a footpath between the allotments in Rufforth and the start of Hessay Footpath.

It was agreed that Alistair Briggs, the City Council's Traffic Network Manager, be asked to progress the subject. (**Action Clerk**)

**14.033 – TO DISCUSS THE IDEA OF PROVIDING A MAP OF THE VILLAGE SHOWING ALL THE HOUSE NAMES**

A resident had written to ask if there was a map which showed the names of the houses in the village. This would be a great help in locating houses given that few houses in the village are numbered. Councillor Hardcastle agreed to look into providing a satisfactory map so as to comply with crown copyright. (**Action Councillor Hardcastle**)

**14.034 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING**

It was noted that no incidents had been reported to the police during the months of January and February.

**14.035 - FINANCE**

*(a) Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 12 March 2014. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 12 March were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,074.54

*(b) To agree accounts for payment*

171 Stuart Cariss	Maintaining Hessay Pond & Surrounding area	£200.00
172 Ken Falkingham	Refurbishing the Main Street seat	£18.50
173 Stuart Cariss	Purchase of Hawthorns, protectors & canes	£17.20
174 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – February & March	£262.90
175 Post Office Ltd	Income tax – February & March	£65.40
176 James Mackman	Expenses	£8.38

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.92
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*(d) To agree to pay a School Room rent*

After discussion it was agreed to donate the sum of £100.00 for the use of the Schoolroom. (**Action Clerk**)

(e) *To agree the revision of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations*

It was agreed that the Clerk should send draft revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to the Councillors who will discuss them at the May meeting. (**Action Clerk**)

**14.036 - CLERK'S REPORT:**

(a) *Progress on repairs to the bench in Main Street (Min. 14.010) – (Jan 14)*

It was noted that the bench had been repaired.

(b) *Progress on the subsidence of the road in Atterwith Lane (Min. 14.015a) – (Nov 13)*

It was noted that the Highways Authority had laid some Tarmac on the surface but that the result is not satisfactory.

**14.037 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

*14.037.1 - The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence:-*

Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board - Notice of laying rate

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

- (a) Chris Steward -Julian Sturdy press release re Chinese Lanterns
- (b) North Yorkshire Advice Network - Newsletter
- (c) YLCA - Branch Liaison Group representatives request

*14.037.2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the January meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors*

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - January 2014 - Issue 91
- (b) Clerk & Councils Direct - March 2014 - Issue 92
- (c) Local Government Boundary Commission - Further views required
- (d) NYCC - Minerals and Waste Joint Plan - letter and poster
- (e) YLCA - Guidance for weekly bins collections

**14.038 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None

**14.039 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

To discuss the Mill Lane road repairs.

**14.040 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on Wednesday, 14 May at 8.00pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 9 July and 10 September.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.50pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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