

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2015

Present: Councillors Mark Barratt (Chairman), Helen Candy, Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor. Also present were one member of the public, City Councillor Chris Steward and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

15.067 - CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The Councillors noted that Mike Lord had agreed to be co-opted on to the Parish Council. The proposition was put to the vote and carried unanimously. Unfortunately, Mr Lord was unable to be present. The Clerk is to contact Mr Lord and have him sign the required documents and offer him an induction course. (**Action Clerk**)

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

None.

15.069 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

15.070 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2015, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward

- The City Council is considering an emergency budget next week
- More funding will be available to Ward Committees
- Councillor Ian Gillies is the Executive Member for Transport & Planning
- City of York council is to consult with the public regarding devolution of some governmental powers to a local level

It was agreed that agenda item 15.079 be brought forward to this point in the agenda. The item is minuted below.

15.072 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

No progress to report on this subject.

(b) Hessay Pond including awarding a contract for grass cutting/maintenance for the year

It was noted that the pond area is looking tidy.

(c) Willow Garth

It was noted that Willow Garth is being kept in good order.

(d) Allotments

Two plots are being tended and a third is being kept tidy.

George Taylor has donated a petrol rotavator to the village. Thanks were expressed from the Chairman and Councillors; it is being kept at the allotments but may be used by residents.

(e) Thief Lane

No report on this subject.

(f) Sandpit Field

No report on this subject.

15.073 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved no Hessay planning applications since the May 2015 Parish Council meeting.

15.074 - TO DISCUSS BROADBAND PROVISION IN THE VILLAGE.

Councillor Candy reported that Hessay is the only village in the area not to have superfast broadband. It was noted that a fibre-optic cable had recently been laid through the village to the Industrial Estate. The residents would like to be able to connect into this cable; Cllr Steward is to look into this development.

15.075 - TO DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE ROADS, MUD & SWEEPING, POTHOLES, FOOTPATHS, AND SIGNAGE INCLUDING THE HESSAY SIGN AT THE JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD & MAIN STREET

- (a) It was reported that the sign at the end of Mill Lane has been demolished and the Hessay Industrial Estate sign has been turned to face the wrong direction. It was agreed that Councillor Hildreth would report these to the City Council. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**
- (b) It was noted that the white stop lines at the New /Main Street junction need to be repainted. **(Action Clerk)**
- (c) It was agreed that the kerbs along the roads in the village need to be sprayed with weed killer. **(Action Clerk)**
- (d) The Clerk had obtained the Guideline & Specification document from Signpost Restoration Ltd This was circulated in the correspondence pack and the subject will be discussed at the next meeting.

15.076 - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE VILLAGE

The Clerk reported that he had been notified that the City Council Officer that he had been trying to meet on site was currently on holiday.

The City Council had replied to say that they are planning to do some sort of annual review of speed limit requests later in the year, but there's a question mark over the funding of investigations and any proposals at the moment. The Clerk will endeavour to arrange a site meeting when his contact is back from his holiday. **(Action Clerk)**

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

No report on this subject.

15.078 – TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A FOOTPATH ALONG THE WETHERBY ROAD AT RUFFORTH.

The Clerk reported that his contact at the City Council had not managed to obtain a price for the work from the City Engineers and would endeavour to have the price before the next meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

15.079 – TO DISCUSS THE BUS SERVICE THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Mrs Rogers spoke about the proposed changes to the bus service which means that the bus from Ripon to York will terminate at the A59 Park & Ride. This will mean that travellers will have to pay a bus fare and a Park & Ride fare to travel from the village to York and back. The last bus to leave the Park & Ride bound for Hessay will be 5.00pm which is too early, especially if the Park & Ride bus that connects to it is delayed in traffic.

The Councillors discussed the problems outlined and agreed that residents should be encouraged to take part in the consultation, and that the Clerk should ask for the paper survey from North Yorkshire County Council and, in consultation with the Chairman, make the points that the Parish Council is looking for frequency and reliability of service. **(Action Clerk)**

15.080 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

It was note that no incidents had been reported to the police during May and June.

15.081 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Clerk suggested that Mike Lord should be invited to attend a YLCA Councillor training session. It was agreed to provide the sum of £45 to cover the cost of the course. The Clerk will arrange Councillor Lord's training.

15.082 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 8 July 2015. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 8 July were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£9,257.52

(b) To agree accounts for payment

239 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – June & July	£268.32
240 Post Office Ltd	Income tax – June & July	£67.20
241 James Mackman	Expenses	£7.54

(c) To receive a report on income received

Parish land tenants	Rent for 2015-16	£90.00
HSBC	Bank interest	£1.04

15.083 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on clearing the footpath from the Chapel to the village (Min. 15.062a) – (Jan 15)

No progress to report on this subject, the footpath is unusable due to the vegetation growing from the hedge onto the pavement. It was agreed the Clerk should remind the City Council that said it would spray the area. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Progress on the replacement of the grit bin outside 4 Main Street (Min. 15.062b) – (Mar 15)

The Clerk reported that the City Council has indicated that the bin will be replaced next winter.

15.084 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

15.084.1 - The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence

PKF Littlejohn (the external auditor) - Note of a £30 surcharge on the late submission of the Annual Return

15.084.02 - It was noted that the correspondence listed below had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

- (a) CYC - I-Travel York letter
- (b) CYC - Sex establishment questionnaire
- (c) CYC - Statement of Gambling Policy Consultation
- (d) Ian Gillies - Hessay bus service response
- (e) Inspector Lee Pointon - Invitation to crime prevention event 6 July
- (f) Julian Sturdy - E-Bulletin
- (g) RAY - RAY News 24 - May eBulletin
- (h) YLCA - White Rose update June 2015

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - July 2015, Issue 100
- (b) Signpost Restoration - Guideline specification and invoice

15.085 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

15.086 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To amend the Standing Orders to incorporate the recording of meetings.

15.087 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 11 November and 13 January 2016.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....2015

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