

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Councillors Nick Booth, Mark Barratt, Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor. Also present were two members of the public, City Councillor Ben Hudson and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

None

09.116 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phil Wood and City Councillor Ian Gillies.

09.117 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2009, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Ben Hudson reported

- That the planning application for the proposed A59 Park & Ride site will be going to the City Council's Planning Committee soon
- There will be a Ward Team meeting on 19 November and Parish Councillors are invited.
- The subject of the caravan enforcement on Shirbutt Lane has not been forgotten

09.119 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) *The village pond*

i. *Registration of the pond area as a Village Green*

Councillor Barratt said that he had been unable to locate anyone who had experience in registering a village green. He provided documents and contacts which could be followed up. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the project further and report back on the process and possible costs. (**Action Clerk**)

ii. *To consider the quotation for cutting back the vegetation*

A quotation from Dean Landscapes of £50.00 per cut for the grass in the pond area was discussed. It was agreed that after the first cut in 2010 the Parish Council would discuss future grass cutting on a meeting by meeting basis.

iii. *General maintenance*

No report.

(b) *Allotments*

(i) *Receive an update on the vacant plot*

No enquiries about the allotment had been received. It was agreed to discuss the future letting of the allotment at the March 2010 Parish Council meeting.

(c) *To discuss the quotation for the refurbishment of the seat by the notice board in Main Street*

It was agreed to accept a quotation of £48 from Ken Falkingham for refurbishing the seat. Councillor Booth agreed to contact the residents of The Grange to ask them to cut back the branches of their tree that overhangs the seat. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

(d) To discuss buying saplings to plant in the gap by the repaired fence

It was agreed that Councillor Hildreth buy, on behalf of the Parish Council, the required number of hawthorn saplings, tubes and canes to fill the gap. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

(e) Other areas

No reports.

09.120 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following planning application

Ref: 09/01904/FUL – First floor extension over garage (amendment of 06/00871/FUL) at Doon Court House, Main Street by Mr & Mrs R S Cariss	No objections
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(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved no planning applications since the September meeting.

09.121- TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION

The Clerk was asked to arrange for future deliveries of the City Council's Your Ward leaflet to be delivered to Councillor Booth's house. The City Council is to be asked to give longer notice for the delivery of Your Ward. **(Action Clerk)**

09.122 – TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR A £50.00 DONATION TOWARDS A CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Amanda Carlyle had written to ask the Parish Council for a donation of £50.00 towards a Christmas tree. It was assumed that the tree would be erected in the children's play area. The Councillors expressed concern that the tree may not be properly secured, that mains electric lights may be placed on the tree and that the land in question belongs to the City Council. It was agreed that the £50.00 would be donated on receipt of written assurance from the City Council that it was content with the arrangements for the installation of the tree. **(Action Clerk)**

09.123 – TO DISCUSS THE POWERING OF LIGHTS ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE

It was agreed not to pursue this subject in light of the decision on the above agenda item.

09.124 - TO DISCUSS THE BT INVITATION FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL TO BUY THE PHONE BOX FOR £1

The Clerk read a letter just received from BT inviting the Parish Council to buy the red phone box in Main Street for £1. BT would remove the equipment and thereafter the cost of maintaining the fabric of the box would fall on the Parish Council which would be free to use the box for any purpose it deemed suitable. It was agreed that there was no reason to retain a phone box that didn't work and that BT should be informed that the Parish Council would not take up its offer and that BT would be welcome to remove the phone box at some future date.

09.125 - TO CONSIDER THE INTRODUCTION OF "NO COLD CALLING ZONES" IN THE VILLAGE

After discussion it was agreed not to pursue this subject as the zones were considered to be unnecessary in the village.

09.126 - TO DISCUSS THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE NEDL WAYLEAVE

No progress had been made on this subject and it was agreed to remove it from future agendas.

09.127 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING

The Clerk reported having requested that City Council thoroughly clean out the roadside gutters. It was agreed that this work had not been done. The Clerk is to pursue the matter. (**Action Clerk**)

09.128 TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENCE OF POTHOLES

It was reported that some potholes in Shirbutt Lane are getting worse. Some of the potholes, but not all, in New Lane had been repaired some weeks ago. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the City Council to provide a schedule of planned road repair work for Hessay. (**Action Clerk**)

09.129 - TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENCES OF DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE

It was agreed that the Ward Committee be asked to fund a dog waste bin in the next round of bid applications. In the meantime the subject is to be removed from the agenda.

09.130 - FINANCE

(a) To receive a financial statement

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 11 November 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 11 November were:

Current Account	£1,000.00
Business Money Manager Account	£9,005.34

(b) To agree accounts for payment

56	James Mackman	Contribution towards new computer	£50.00
57	Linda Cariss	Internal audit fee	£80.00
58	Mazars	External audit fee	£50.00
59	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – October & November	£257.02
60	Post Office Ltd	Income tax - October & November	£64.80
61	James Mackman	Expenses	£8.60

(c) To receive a report on income received

City of York Council	Double taxation rebate 2009-10	£143.33
City of York Council	2 nd half year's precept	£1,325.00
HSBC	Bank interest	£0.79
Northern Electric	Wayleave	£13.09
City of York Council	Section 106 payment	£1,874.00
Mr & Mrs Readman	Donation	£10.00

(d) To consider acquiring a petrol strimmer

With the acceptance of the quotation for cutting the grass round the pond it was agreed that the purchase of a strimmer was unnecessary.

(e) To agree the implementation of the NALC/SLCC pay award for the Clerk

The Clerk reported that NALC/SLCC had agreed a 1% rise in clerks' salaries for 2009-10. It was agreed to implement the increase as from 1 April 2009.

(f) To note the External Auditor's report

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had made no comments on this year's Annual Return.

(g) To note the Internal Auditor's report

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had asked that future Parish Council minutes should record the names of the people who give rent for the various parcels of land they rent from the Parish Council.

09.131 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on moving the telegraph pole outside No. 3 Main Street (Min. 09.071c40) – (Mar 09)

The Clerk reported that as he had had no reply to his letter to BT he had phoned the BT Pole Removals Department and had received an apology for the non-reply and an assurance that the matter was now being dealt with.

09.132 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

09.132.1 - The Clerk read of referred to the following correspondence:-

A letter from the North Yorkshire Police asking for a volunteer to help compile a Neighbourhood Profile Guide. The letter was included in the pack for circulation

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - November 2009, Issue 66
- (b) Rural Action Yorkshire - Country Air, Autumn 2009
- (c) YCVS - Training programme etc
- (d) YCVS - Voluntary Voice, November 2009
- (e) YLCA - Agenda for 1 October/ Employment issues
- (f) YOPF - Newsletter - October 2009
- (g) York Local Involvement Network - LINKed In, September 2009

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

Minor Matters

The regular incidence of a puddle in the pavement outside 6 Main Street was mentioned. The Clerk is to notify the City Council of this and request that the appropriate work be carried out. **(Action Clerk)**

Items for the next agenda - Bird & bat boxes.

09.134 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS 13 JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30PM

Agreed.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.14pm.

Chairman..... Date.....
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