

## HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2011

**Present:** Councillors Mark Barratt, Helen Candy, Andrew Hardcastle, Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor. Also present were City Councillor Chris Steward, six members of the public and the Clerk, James Mackman.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **11.037 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Nick Booth, the retiring Chairman, took the Chair. He expressed his thanks to the Councillors and Clerk for their help over the last three years. He then asked for nominations for Chairman for the ensuing year. It was agreed that Councillor Barratt would be Chairman for the meeting and that the position of Chairman for the rest of the year would be discussed at the July meeting.

#### **11.038 - TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNED DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Barratt signed the Declaration of Office.

#### **11.039 - CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

It was unanimously agreed that Helen Candy be co-opted on to the Parish Council. Councillor Barratt welcomed Helen as a Parish Councillor. Councillor Candy signed her Declaration of Office.

#### **11.040 – ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed to defer the election of a Vice-Chairman until the July meeting.

#### **11.041 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

#### **11.042 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

#### **11.043 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2011, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

New City Councillor Chris Steward introduced himself. He said that he would be the Ward Councillor looking after the smaller villages in the Ward. Councillor Healy would look after Copmanthorpe and Councillor Gillies would look after the Poppletons.

#### **11.045 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND**

(a) *The village pond*

(i) *Registration of the pond area as a Village Green update*

It was agreed that the registration of the pond as a Green should take preference over its registration as Parish land. **(Action Clerk)**

(ii) *General maintenance*

It was noted that Stuart Cariss has cut the grass round the pond.

*(b) Allotments*

One allotment is still vacant. Nick Booth is keeping the allotment tidy by trimming back the vegetation. The hedge has been tidied up and repairs made to the rabbit-proof fence.

It was agreed that the allotment should be offered to those people on the waiting list for an allotment in Upper Poppleton with the proviso that should a Hessay resident require an allotment any agreement with an Upper Poppleton resident would be terminated at the end of the following March. **(Action Clerk)**

*(c) Registration of Parish Land*

It was agreed that Councillors should seek a meeting with Alan Rogers so that they are made aware of the problems of registering the Parish land and note what steps should be taken to ensure that the land is registered.

*(d) The use of BTCV in clearing Parish Council-owned land.*

The Clerk reported that he and two Councillors had met with two of the BTCV representatives who had had a good look at the land. They had agreed that they would send a report of the work they considered appropriate and an estimate of the cost of the work. The Clerk said that he had not yet received an estimate. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact BTCV and ask for the estimate to be available for the July meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

*(e) Fencing the Parish Council land in Shirbutt Lane*

It was noted that the fence had been erected and that the contractor had been paid.

*(f) A request from Mr & Mrs Readman to rent a section of the Parish Council land in Shirbutt Lane*

Mr Lumley had been asked if he would relinquish a portion of the land he rents from the Parish Council so that the area could be leased to Mr & Mrs Readman for use as a garden. Mr Lumley said that he did not wish to relinquish any of the land he rents. It was agreed that no further action be taken on this subject.

There was discussion about the weeds that come through the fence into the Readman's garden. Mr Lumley offered to control the weeds with weed killer; Mr Readman offered to apply grass cuttings as mulch. The councillors agreed they would meet at the land to see if there is anything Hessay Parish Council is able to do to resolve the weed problem.

*(g) Other areas*

It was reported that the seat in Main Street is in need of refurbishment again. The Clerk is to ask Ken Falkingham for a quotation for the work. **(Action Clerk)**

## **11.046 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved the following planning applications

- Ref: 08/02087/FUL – Erection of 2no. single-storey pitched roof agricultural building at OS Field 2021, York Road by John Denning.
- Ref: 10/02819/FUL – Agricultural building for storage of machinery, straw and hay at Glebe Farm, Hessay to Moor Bridge, Hessay by Mr Stuart Gledhill.
- Ref: 10/02820/FUL – Agricultural building to house livestock at Glebe Farm, Hessay to Moor Bridge, Hessay by Mr Stuart Gledhill.
- Ref: 10/02821/FUL – Agricultural building to store silage at Glebe Farm, Hessay to Moor Bridge, Hessay by Mr Stuart Gledhill.

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had refused the following planning applications

- Ref: 11/00192/FUL – Single-storey side extension to existing garage and erection of detached garage to side at Shirbutts, York Road by Mr Richard Dixon.

#### **11.047 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION**

It was agreed that some of the future copies of the Parish Council's newsletter would be put on the notice board and be available for people to take away.

Councillor Candy agreed to take over the email mailing list of residents from Nick Booth.

Councillor Candy agreed to create a dedicated email address for the Parish Council so that people responding to items in the newsletters or wanting to contact the Parish Council would have an email address to use.

It was agreed that a new key for the notice board should be cut.

#### **11.048 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING, POTHoles, BROKEN SIGNS AND THE STATE OF THE FOOTPATH IN NEW ROAD**

There are still two deep delves in the footpath in New Lane just a few metres away from the A59. The Clerk will report these to the City Council.

City Councillor Chris Steward agreed to have a word with the City Council about the lack of a gutter sweeping service which the Parish Council had been told should be every 35 days but isn't.

There is a broken top to the stop cock outside Fawcett House. This is to be reported to Yorkshire Water. **(Action Clerk)**

#### **11.049 – TO DISCUSS THE BUS SERVICE – 142 & 143**

The Clerk gave the Councillors the current timetable for the two bus routes. Two bus operators are involved in providing the service; Eddie Brown and Harrogate Coach Travel trading as Connexions Travel. It was noted that the first bus from Hessay to York is at 9.14am making it too late for most people to use to go to work. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Connexions Travel to ask if the 7.46am bus from Green Hammerton could be diverted through Hessay if it could be proved that there was a need for the service. **(Action Clerk)**

If the bus company agrees in principle then residents will be notified by email to see if there is a demand.

#### **11.050 – TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF THE A59/NEW ROAD JUNCTION**

It was agreed to leave this subject on the agenda. The erection of additional signage was discussed. City Councillor Chris Steward said that he would investigate the subject and report back.

#### **11.051 - FINANCE**

##### *(a) Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 11 May 2011. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 11 May were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£9,497.29

*(b) To agree accounts for payment*

89	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – April & May	£260.04
90	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – April & May	£65.00

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

CYC	1 <sup>st</sup> half year's precept	£1,375.00
HSBC	Bank Interest	£0.94

*(d) To agree to subscribe to the YLCA for 2011-12 - £92.00*

It was agreed to subscribe to the YLCA for the current year.

*(e) To agree the Statement of Accounts on the Annual Return*

The Clerk gave an explanation of the figures in the Statement of Accounts on the Annual Return. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should sign the form.

*(f) To agree the Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return*

The Councillors considered the questions in the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return. It was agreed that the Parish Council response to all the questions is "Yes" and the Chairman and Clerk signed the form.

**11.052 - CLERK'S REPORT:**

*(a) Progress on the repairs to the pavement outside No. 6 Main Street (Min. 11.032a) – (Nov 09)*

It has not been possible to take a photograph of the puddle as there has been very little rain since the March Parish Council meeting.

*(b) Progress on the raising of the sunken manhole covering the road outside Wheatsheaf House (Min. 11.032c) – (Mar 10)*

No progress on this matter. City Councillor Chris Steward agreed to take the matter forward.

*(c) Progress with fencing the Parish Council land in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 11.025e) – (Mar 11)*

As reported above the fencing has been erected and paid for.

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

*11.053/1 - The Clerk read or referred to the following items of correspondence:-*

The Clerk reported having received a letter from a man who has a "My Naturehood" Project the aim of which is to increase the populations of house sparrows, starling, song thrush, swift, house martin, and farmland species, though informing residents how to make their gardens, and land more wildlife friendly. He would like to submit an article for the next Parish Council newsletter. The Clerk had agreed to let the man know when the next newsletter is to be written. (**Action Clerk**)

*11.053/2 – It was agreed that the correspondence received since the March meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors*

- (a) CE Electric UK - Consultation invitation
- (b) CYC - Precept banding notice
- (c) CYC - Streets Ahead - Spring 2011
- (d) Kompan - Playground funding support service
- (e) Rural Action Yorkshire - Country Air - Spring 2011
- (f) YLCA - White Rose Update - April 2011
- (g) York Local Involvement Network - LINKed In - March 2011, Issue 14

**11.054 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

*Minor Matters*

Councillor Hildreth said that the York Archaeological Trust may carry out a dig on the site of the Roman road in the field at the junction of New Road and the A59.

Councillor Barratt thanked Nick Booth for the work that he had carried out as Chairman.

*Items for the next agenda*

New bank mandate. Increasing the number of bird boxes in the parish.

**11.055 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2011 AT 8.00PM**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 13 July at 8.00pm,

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.42pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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