

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2009

Present: Cllrs Nick Booth (Chairman), Roger Hildreth and Mark Barratt. Also present were City Councillor Ian Gillies, three members of the public and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Coates read a letter giving an outline of how she came to live in Hessay and the problems she has faced with her riding school and living accommodation.

09.001 – CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject until after the forthcoming Newsletter has been circulated.

09.002 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

09.003 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

09.004 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

09.005 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported

- The Ward Committee have awarded £250 to the Youth Group
- The Hessay K6 phone box is on the schedule of phone boxes to be listed
- The verge by the railway crossing gates in New Lane is being churned up and is a problem for the gatekeeper.

09.007 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) The Village pond

- i. It was agreed that the tree by the pond needed to be pruned back. Councillors agreed to inspect the tree and take the appropriate action.
- ii. The question of whether or not there should be a lifebelt and a sign was asked. The Clerk is to check with the insurance company and report back. **(Action Clerk)**
- iii. The Clerk asked why the pond area was not registered as Parish Council land with the Land Registry. It was agreed that Alan Rogers be asked what had happened to frustrate the previous attempt to have the area registered. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Allotments

It was agreed that the Ward Committee should be asked for funding for topsoil for the allotments. The Clerk is to contact City Councillor Ian Gillies and the City Council Officer responsible for the Rural West York Ward Committee. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Other areas

No reports.

09.008 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION

It was mentioned that the Parish Council:-

- Puts agendas and minutes on the notice board in Main Street
- Has copies of previous Parish Council meetings, the current agenda and details of Parish Councillors on the Local Channel website at www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/hessay/home.aspx
- Produces the occasional Newsletter
- Has the email addresses of a number of residents who are sent information

09.009 - TO DISCUSS RENEGOTIATING THE NEDL WAYLEAVE

The Parish Council receives a small wayleave from NEDL for the electricity pole situated in the Parish Council's land in Shirbutt Lane. Councillor Hildreth agreed to contact NEDL to ask for an increase in the amount of the Wayleave. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

09.010 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING

(a) It was noted that the roads in the village were swept about three times last year. The Councillors are of the opinion that the roads should be swept on a 35-day cycle. The Clerk is to identify the City Council Officer responsible for road sweeping and ask for a copy of the 35-day cycle rota so that it can be checked against the actual sweeping incidences. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) The Clerk is also to find out when the City Council is next planning to cut back the vegetation on the footpaths to the pin kerbs. **(Action Clerk)**

09.011 - TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENCE OF POTHOLES

It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject until the next meeting to enable the Councillors to inspect the roads and footpaths in the village. **(Action Councillors)**

It was pointed out that the manhole cover in the road outside Wheatsheaf House is still loose and that the depression in the road outside Chapel House has not been filled in. The Clerk is contact the City Council to ask that the work be carried out. **(Action Clerk)**

09.012 - TO DISCUSS DRAINAGE MATTERS IN THE VILLAGE

A drainage issue was discussed and it was agreed that it was not a Parish Council matter. Councillor Booth is to talk to the resident with the drainage problem. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

09.013 - 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 14 January 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 14 January were:

Current Account	£200.00
Business Money Manager Account	£6,771.69

(b) To agree accounts for payment (net of VAT);

40	Zurich Insurance	Insurance premium	£205.00
101	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – November & December	£256.88
102	James Mackman	Expenses	£26.47
103	Post Office Ltd	Income tax	£64.00

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Bank interest	£7.60
City of York Council	Your Ward Distribution Fee	£10.83

(d) To consider the Budget for 2009-10 and set the precept

The Councillors considered the proposed budget that the Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion it was resolved to set the precept at £2,650 for the financial year 2009-10. The Chairman and Clerk signed the appropriate City Council request form. The agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

09.014 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on the construction of the island in the pond (Min. 08.096) - (Jul 07)

The island is still not visible.

(b) Progress on the provision of top soil for the allotments (Min. 08.096b) - (Nov 08)

See **09.007b** above.

(c) Progress on the provision of a swing in the children's play area (Min. 08.102) - (Nov 08)

The Clerk reported that the City Council has the matter in hand and that it is expected that the swing will be installed soon.

09.015 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 08/02288/CLU – Certificate of lawfulness of existing use for non-commercial keeping, riding and grazing of horses at Tancred House, Main Street by Mr Chris Digby.

It was noted that the following application had been withdrawn

Ref: 08/02238/FUL – Permanent retention of temporary dwelling at Oakview Farm, Low Moor Lane by Mr M A Lord.

The Councillors discussed the planning application for the erection of a building to house a biomass power plant with chimney stack at Harewood Whin. The Parish Council is not one of the consultees as Harewood Whin is in Rufforth Parish. They agreed that the City Council Planning Department and the Ward's City Councillors should be informed of the fact that the Councillors were of the opinion that the Parish Council should have been consulted and that the Councillors understood that no environmental impact assessment is being considered.

09.016 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

09.016.1 - The correspondence listed below had been circulated prior to the meeting

- (a) James Alexander - Labour PPC - Christmas card
- (b) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service - Summary of Accounts 2007-8 leaflet
- (c) NYCC - Winter Service Leaflets
- (d) YCVS - Voluntary Voice, Dec 08 - Jan 09
- (e) York & North Yorkshire Waste Partnership - Performance Matters - Issue One, November 2008
- (f) YRCC - Annual Report etc

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - January 2009, Issue 61
- (b) Communities & Local Government - Code of practice consultation
- (c) NYCC - Minerals & Waste Development Framework update
- (d) YOPF - Newsletter January 2009

09.017 - TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

It was agreed that the next agenda should include an item on the incidence of Parish Council trees overhanging pavements and that there is a telegraph post in the middle of the pavement outside 3 Main Street. It was also agreed that the subject of potholes be a permanent agenda item.

09.018 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2009 AT 7.30PM

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 March 2009.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.28 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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