

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2009

Present: Councillors Mark Barratt, Penny Taylor and Phil Wood. Also present were five members of the public and the Clerk, James Mackman.

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was agreed that Councillor Barratt should chair the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

Councillor Wood declared a personal interest in agenda item 09.080a.

09.076 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nick Booth (Chairman) and Councillor Roger Hildreth (Vice-Chairman). Also from City Councillor Ben Hudson.

09.077 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2009, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record after an amendment had been made

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

No City Councillor was present.

09.079 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) The village pond

i. Sign

The “DEEP WATER” sign has been received and put up.

ii. Registration of the pond area as a Village Green

No progress. (**Action Clerk**)

iii. General maintenance

It was agreed that a working party to clear the pond area vegetation be arranged for later in the year. Stuart Cariss then volunteered to cut the vegetation in the area tomorrow. The Councillors thanked Stuart for his offer and were glad to accept it. Scott Jefferson offered to give the Parish Council his petrol strimmer.

(b) Allotments

(i) Vacant plot

There is still a vacant allotment to let.

It was agreed to consider the subject of allotment tenancy agreements at the next Parish Council meeting.

(c) Parish Council trees overhanging pavements

It was agreed that no action is required at the moment all necessary work having been carried out since the last inspection.

(d) Progress on fence repairs

A working party has yet to be arranged.

(e) Other areas

No reports

09.080 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following Planning Application

Ref: 09/00814/FUL – Single-storey rear extension and first floor front extension over garage at Corriedale, The Fold by Mr Scott Jefferson.	The Parish Council does not object to the planning application as revised providing that the revisions are implemented.
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(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 09/00823/FUL – Single-storey pitched roof rear extension after demolition of existing conservatory at 6 New Road by Mr & Mrs Turvey.

09.081- TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION

Two City of York publications had been delivered to all households in the village one of which was accompanied by a Paris Council Newsletter.

09.082 - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON CYCLE ROUTES AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS

The Clerk reported a conversation he had had with the City Council’s Cycling Officer when he was informed that this year’s budget has been earmarked for projects other than the proposed Hessay/Rufforth cycling and that no work will be done on this until the next financial year.

09.083 - TO DISCUSS THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE NEDL WAYLEAVE

In the absence of Councillor Hildreth discussion on this subject was deferred.

09.084 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING

It was noted that the roads in the village had been swept this week. Unfortunately, the grass growing in the gutters had been left behind. It was agreed that the City Council be asked to clear the grass to enable the road sweeper to do a proper job in the future. **(Action Clerk)**

09.085 TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENCE OF POTHOLES

The number of potholes at the side of the road in New Lane between the industrial estate and the A59 were noted. The potholes are caused by heavy lorries which need to hug the side of the road when one is passed by another coming from the opposite direction. The answer to the problem would be to widen the road. It was agreed that a Council Officer be asked to come to the village to see and appreciate the problem. **(Action Clerk)**

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

The City Council has not yet provided a “No Dogs Allowed” notice on the gate of the children’s play area. It was agreed that the City Council also be asked to put a “Please shut the gate” sign on the gate. **(Action Clerk)**

09.087 - 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 8 July 2009. 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	£6,805.64

(b) To agree accounts for payment

48	YLCA	Annual subscription	£75.00
49	L Philliskirk & Son	Moving topsoil	£200.00
50	James Mackman	Expenses	£12.74
51	James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – June & July	257.82

(c) To receive a report on income received

Parish Council land tenants	Annual rents	£110.00
HSBC	Bank interest	£0.83

(d) To agree to sign a new bank mandate

It was agreed that a new bank mandate be signed and the Councillors present duly signed the mandate provided by the Clerk.

(e) To consider Ward Committee Grant applications

It was agreed that the Ward Committee be asked for £200 for bird and bat boxes to help improve the wild life habitat in the village.

It was also agreed to ask the Ward Committee for a £300 contribution towards the cost of a brush cutter and safety equipment for the maintenance of the area round the village pond.

09.088 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on City Council advice re the Christmas Tree (Min. 09.071b) – (Mar 09)

The Clerk reported that the City Council had said that if the lights on the Christmas tree were solar powered there would be no need for a fence to be put round the tree. It was agreed that solar powered lights were probably not ideal in the middle of winter and the Clerk was asked deputed to ask the City Council for more information. **(Action Clerk)**

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

No progress.

09.089 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

- (a) Details of a City Council Development Control Seminar to be held on 11 July
- (b) A request from York & District Mind for a donation– to be included on the next agenda
- (c) CE Electric UK - Power cut information
- (d) Clerk & Councils Direct - July 2009, Issue 64
- (e) YCVS - Voluntary Voice - June 2009
- (f) YLCA - Annual Report 2008-9 etc
- (g) YLCA - White Rose Update, May 2009 – Charter information

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

It was noted that the railway crossing warning sign in New Lane is partially obscured by the hedge. The Clerk is to report this to the Highways Department. **(Action Clerk)**

Items for the *next agenda* –

- To consider acquiring a petrol strimmer
- To establish how the land around the village pond should be managed, and agree the frequency of cutting back the vegetation in the pond area.
- To consider introducing agreements for the allotment tenants

09.091 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS 9 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM

Agreed.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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