

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

Present: Councillors Nick Booth, Mark Barratt and Phil Wood. Also present were three members of the public, City Councillor Ian Gillies and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stuart Cariss commented on the state of potholes in the village.

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

Councillor Booth declared a personal interest in agenda item 09.102b - allotments.

09.098 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor.

09.099 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2009, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

09.100 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 JULY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2009, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported

- On the A59 Park & Ride meeting held at the Poppleton Centre on 8 September 2009 when 160 people attended. Councillor Gillies explained that as he is on the City Council's Planning Committee he is unable to express an opinion about the proposed Park & Ride until the Committee meeting. The subject of the Park & Ride is on the agenda for the Ward committee meeting to be held at the Poppleton Centre on 7 October.
- On the latest edition of the Local Development Framework document and asked that the Parish Council look at to see if there are any references to Hessay.
- On the introduction of No Cold Calling Zones in Copmanthorpe and Poppleton and asked if the Parish Councillors would consider them for Hessay.
- On the fact that the railway crossing keeper had reported that large vehicles running over the verge by the gates had created mud which had been carried into the signal box and also filled in the grooves where the railway line crosses the road.

Councillor Gillies was asked to speak to the City Council to see if he could get the person who cuts the grass verges to do a better job.

09.102 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) *The village pond*

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

After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Barratt would make enquiries about registering the area as a village green. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

(ii) *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.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received the sum of £143.33 from the City Council being the sum calculated to cover the cost of cutting the grass round the pond in 2008-09. Bearing this in mind the Councillors agreed that quotations should be obtained for having the grass cut either four or six times a year. **(Action Clerk)**

(iii) General maintenance

No report.

(b) Allotments

(i) Receive an update on the vacant plot

The plot has not been let.

(ii) To consider introducing agreements for the allotment tenants

The Clerk produced a draft allotment tenancy agreement. It was agreed that each allotment holder would be asked to sign an agreement which would take effect on 1 April 2010. Councillor Booth agreed to inform the other allotment holders of this. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

(c) Progress on fence repairs

It was reported that the fence had been repaired. Mr Readman offered the Parish Council the sum of £10 to go towards planting saplings in the gap at the side of the fence. The gift was gratefully received.

(d) To discuss the refurbishment of the seat by the notice board in Main Street

The poor state of the surface of the seat was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quotation for refurbishing the seat. **(Action Clerk)**

(e) To discuss a request to buy the land in Shirbutt Lane

The Chairman referred to a letter received in which a request had been made to buy the land in Shirbutt Lane on which it was proposed to erect a bungalow. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not sell the land and that the enquirer was to be informed of this. **(Action Clerk)**

(f) Other areas

No reports.

09.103 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To discuss the newly planted hedge in The Fold

The subject of the newly planted hedge in the Fold was discussed and the fact noted. Councillor Wood is to speak to the residents of The Fold. **(Action Councillor Wood)**

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 09/00814/FUL – Single-storey rear extension and first floor front extension over garage at Corriedale, The Fold by Mr Scott Jefferson.

Ref: 09/01029/FUL – Change of use of unit 5 to builders storage yard, erect new gates and blockwork wall at Unit 5 Springbank Business Park, York Road by Mr K Marsden.

Ref: 09/01339/FUL – Pitched roof side extension with accommodation in the roof and rear dormer (resubmission) at Old School House, Shirbutt Lane by Mr & Mrs Stephen Readman.

09.104- TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION

No report.

09.105 - TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT PROBLEMS AND THE PROPOSED A59 PARK & RIDE

Comments made by Councillor Gillies and the Clerk on the proposed A59 Park & Ride were noted.

09.106 - TO DISCUSS THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE NEDL WAYLEAVE

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

09.107 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING

The Clerk reported that he had arranged for a representative of the City Council to visit the village and ascertain if the problem of the weeds growing in the gutters should be solved by spraying or by being removed.

It was agreed that the City Council should be made aware that the verges were not being cut correctly. The mower operator was travelling too quickly for the mower to cut properly. In some cases the cylinder mower was not able to cut long grass so that the amount of grass being cut is slowly being reduced as the long grassed area expands. **(Action Clerk)**

09.108 TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENCE OF POTHOLE

The Clerk reported that he is arranging for the City Council's Operations Manager, Neighbourhood Services, to visit the village to see and appreciate the problem. **(Action Clerk)**

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

The subject of dog fouling was discussed but no resolution made.

09.110 - 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 9 September 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 9 September were:

Current Account	£350.65
Business Money Manager Account	£6,806.40

(b) To agree accounts for payment

53	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – August & September	£257.02
54	Post Office Ltd	Income tax	£28.80
55	James Mackman	Expenses	£12.50

(c) To receive a report on income received

City of York Council	Double taxation rebate 2008-09	£143.33
City of York Council	Distributing Your Ward fee	£18.05
HSBC	Bank interest	£0.76

(d) To consider acquiring a petrol strimmer

It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject.

(e) *To consider making a contribution towards the Clerk's new computer*

After discussion it was agreed to make a contribution of £50.00 towards the cost of the Clerk's new computer.

09.111 - 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 provided details of solar powered lights for Christmas trees and he passed the details to the Councillors. Councillor Booth agreed to circulate the details to residents. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

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

The Clerk reported having located the BT office to write to about moving the telegraph pole and had subsequently sent a letter.

(c) *Progress on clearing the obscured railway crossing warning sign in New Lane (Min. 09.090) – (July 09)*

The Clerk reported that the hedge has been trimmed and the sign is now clearly visible.

(d) *Progress on the "No Dogs Allowed" sign on the children's play area gate. (Min. 09.086) - (July 09)*

The Clerk reported that this sign was now on the gate and that the City Council has agreed to put up a "Please shut the gate" sign on the gate.

09.112 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

The Clerk read of referred to the following correspondence:-

- (a) A poster from the City Council about food waste poster which had been put on the notice board
- (b) A letter from the City Council regarding its consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy under the Gambling Act 2005. It was agreed that no action be taken on this subject
- (c) An audit notice from Marston Moor Internal Drainage Board which had been put on the notice board

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - September 2009, Issue 65
- (b) Rural Action Yorkshire - Country Air, Summer 2009
- (c) YCVS - Voluntary Voice - September 2009
- (d) YOPF - Newsletter August 2009
- (e) YOPF - Newsletter, July 2009

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

Minor Matters

None

Items for the next agenda

To buy saplings to plant in the gap by the repaired fence.

To consider the introduction of "No Cold Calling Zones" in the village

09.114 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS 11 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM

Agreed.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.25pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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