

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON THURSDAY 8 MAY 2008

Present: Cllrs Roger Hildreth, Mark Barrett, Nick Booth, Amanda Carlyle, and Scott Jefferson. Also present were five members of the public and the Clerk, James Mackman.

In the absence of a Chairman, Councillor Hildreth took the Chair and conducted the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

08.034 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Booth was proposed and seconded and unanimously elected as chairman.

08.035 - TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNED DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Booth signed the Declaration.

08.036 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors Carlyle and Jefferson declared a personal interest in agenda item 08.040.

08.037 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

08.038 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported

- The money for the Vehicle Activated Sign will come out of the 2008-09 budget.
- The Wilkinsons sign on the trailer by the A59 is subject to an enforcement order. A planning application has been submitted for the sign.
- The School bus is funded by the NYCC but the City Council pays for seats. The contract is to be re-let for next term so the bus times may change.
- Manor School has a policy that if it is over-subscribed the School Governors give preference to pupils living nearest the school.

08.040 - TO DISCUSS THE SCHOOL BUS JOURNEY TIMES

It was noted that the journey from Hessay to the school in Poppleton takes up to 80 minutes. The contract for the service is to be re-let. It was agreed that a letter be sent to York Transport Provision to ask that the new service reduces the time for delivering the children. **(Action Clerk)**

08.041 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS - *To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

Ref: 08/00127/FUL – Erection of 2no. storage buildings following demolition of existing buildings (resubmission) at Mizpah Cottage, Shirbutt Lane by Mr & Mrs Craggs.

08.042 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE ON

(a) Parish Land

A “Parish Council Memo” had been sent to all Hessay households giving details of various subjects relating to the Parish Council including a selection of the results from the survey. These included:-

- Hessay needs more community facilities - 31% strongly agreed
- Parish land should be used in such a way that its wildlife is maintained and encouraged - 50% strongly agreed
- Where appropriate Parish Land should be rented out to provide an income for the parish council - 58% agreed
- Parish owned land should be used for the greatest long term benefit of the whole village - 50% strongly agreed
- The play ground would benefit from equipment to appeal to children over 5 years old - 42% agreed
- The use of parish owned land provides the greatest benefit to the whole village - 35% no opinion
- Parish land needs to retain the rural aesthetics of the village - 50% strongly agreed
- Use of Parish Land need to be sensitive to the rural environment - 50% strongly agreed

(b) Cycle routes

Also included in the Parish Council Memo were the following notes:-

- The City Council (CYC) is going through transport funding for all transport methods, including Park and Ride and cycle routes.
- As part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) there is a North West Action Plan. Part of the Plan includes an initiative to develop a route linking the Holgate Road Railway site to Wyevale, along with a proposed park and ride facility which includes a cycle route from York to outer York.
- The Hessay cycle route initiative fits with North West Action plan and CYC is hopeful of attracting Sustrans funding.
- There remain a number of route options for a cycle path between Hessay and York though nothing has been agreed as yet. The village survey revealed some strong views on the unsuitable nature of the A59 and we are therefore keeping in touch with the CYC to see what other options might be possible.

08.043 - TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

Prior to the Annual Parish Meeting a Parish Council Memo, as mentioned in the minute above, had been delivered to all residents. This gave notice of the forthcoming meetings, a summary of the results of the Questionnaire, an update on Traffic Management and the proposed Cycle Route.

08.044 - TO DISCUSS PROTECTION FOR THE HESSAY/UPPER POPPLETON BOUNDARY STONE

No progress had been made on this subject. It was agreed that a fence be erected round the stone to protect the stone from cattle. The stone itself would be unaffected.

08.045 – TO CONSIDER A LETTER REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR A PETITION AGAINST THE REDUCTION OF THE VALUE OF SENIORS’ TRAVEL TOKENS

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not support the petition and a letter to this effect be sent to the organiser of the petition. (Action Clerk)

08.046 - 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 May 2008. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 8 May were:

Current Account	£200.00
Business Money Manager Account	£3,853.06

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

24 James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – April & May	£250.60
25 Post Office Ltd	Income Tax	£62.60
26 James Mackman	Clerk’s expenses	£9.76

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£22.46
City of York Council	First half year’s precept	£1,300.00

(d) *To agree to subscribe to the YLCA for 2008-9 - £72.00*

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.

08.047 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) *Progress on the consideration of a draft Contract of Employment for the Clerk (Min 08.011b) - (Sep 07)*

No progress.

(b) *Progress on the refurbishment of the No Through Road sign in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 08.011c) - (Sep 07)*

The City Council had said that the sign would be refurbished in the new financial year

(c) *Confirmation that the Double Taxation Claim Form provided by the City Council has been completed. (Min. 08.029e)*

The Clerk reported that he had completed and returned the form to the City Council.

08.048 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

08.048.1 - *The Clerk read or referred to the following items of correspondence*

- (a) A letter from the City Council notifying of two forthcoming seminars on Development Control
- (b) A letter from the City Council to say that the proposed 30mph extension in Shirbutt Lane is going to public consultation
- (c) A note from Zurich Municipal to say that they now cover Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide

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

- (a) Thorp Arch Estate - The Archway - Spring 2008
- (b) YCVS - Voluntary Voice, April 2008
- (c) YCVS - Voluntary Voice, May 2008
- (d) YOPF - Newsletter - April 2008

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

It was noted that the last road grating in New Lane before the T-junction has sunk.

The drain cover in Main Street opposite Wheatsheef has yet to be fixed

The edge of the road outside Chapel House has sunk

The surface of New Lane between the crossing gates and the A59 is in need of repair

For the next agenda - Acquiring and planting daffodils, the election of a Vice-Chairman, payment of rent for the Chapel Schoolroom.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Jefferson for providing the refreshments, Les Walker for making the tea and Jack and Sylvia Holliday for washing up the pots from the Annual Parish and Parish Council meetings.

08.050 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS THURSDAY 10 JULY 2008

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10 July 2008.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.45 pm.

Chairman.....2008

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