

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2007

Present: Cllrs Neil Huntington (Chairman), Roger Hildreth, Stuart Cariss and Alan Rogers. Also present were Mrs Linda Cariss, retiring Clerk, and Mr James Mackman, the newly appointed Clerk.

The Chairman, Cllr Huntington, welcomed the newly appointed Clerk, James Mackman. He then thanked the retiring Clerk, Linda Cariss, not only on behalf of the Parish Council but for the whole village for her long service as Clerk and the valued work she had performed.

07.001 - APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Allan Davey.

07.002 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2006, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record

07.003 - MATTERS ARISING:

(a) It was agreed that the City Council's Planning Officer, Gareth Arnold, should be contacted to see if he had come to any decision about development of paddocks in the village. (**Action Clerk**)

(b) Mrs Cariss had reminded City Council Officer Robin Sweetman about the missing "Passing Places" signs and chevrons in Atterwith Lane. There was also the continuing problem of the narrowness of the continuation of Main Street to Mill Lane and Mr Sweetman had been asked about the possibility of having this widened. (**Action Clerk**)

(c) Mrs Cariss also mentioned that Robin Sweetman had been asked about re-instating the Shirbutt Lane and Main Street signs which had been moved from the walls onto the side of the road. The signs had not been put back and it was agreed that they should be. (**Action Clerk**)

07.004 – CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Cariss referred to the following items of correspondence.

(a) Poppleton Ward Residents Association – Minutes of 29 November 2006 and notice that the next meeting will be on 31 January.

(b) YLCA York Branch minutes of two previous meetings, agenda for 1 February

(c) A letter from the City Council's Enforcement Officer saying the cars had been removed from Shirbutts in York Road. The Councillors were disappointed to note that the polythene and gravel had not been removed by the owner and it was resolved that the City Council be asked why it was not enforcing the remedial works to return the area back to grass, it being in the Green Belt. (**Action Clerk**)

(d) The precept request form from the City Council. Mrs Cariss suggested that the precept should be £2,250. Mr Mackman produced a suggested budget sheet for the 2007-08 financial year and a schedule of Parish Council income and expenditure for the last ten years. These were duly studied. It was resolved that the precept for 2007-08 be set at £2,250 which would cover the increase in the Clerk's salary and maintain the bank balance.

07.005 - PLANNING:-

No report.

07.006 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Allotments

There was a lengthy discussion about the village allotment. It was agreed that the subject should be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting when a decision would be taken on the allotment’s future. **(Action Cllr Rogers)**

(b) Road Sweeping

It was reported that the roads in the village had not been swept recently and that it appeared that the City Council were not abiding by the agreed 35-day rota. It was resolved that the City Council be asked to confirm that the village is still on a road sweeping rota and to ascertain when the next sweeping is scheduled. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Water Pumping Station

Recent works at the pumping station by Yorkshire Water had seen the removal of approximately 12 to 15 feet (4 metres) of hedge. It was resolved that Cllr Cariss would ask Yorkshire Water to reinstate the hedge. **(Action Cllr Cariss)**

(d) 7.5 tonne sign

Councillor Cariss reported that the 7.5 tonne restriction signs on the A59 are misleading to drivers of heavy vehicles as they lead them to believe that there is no access to the Industrial Estate and can make them take a “detour” which can bring them back through the village. It was resolved that the City Council’s Highways Department be asked to look at the problem and come up with a solution. **(Action Clerk)**

(e) Drain cover in Main Street

It was reported that the sunken drain cover in Main Street has still not been raised. Councillor Huntington agreed to take a photograph of the drain and give it to the Clerk. Councillor Hildreth is to provide the Clerk with the name of the contact who should be able to deal with the matter. **(Action Clerk)**

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 10.05 pm

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