

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2007

Present: Cllrs Neil Huntington (Chairman), Stuart Cariss, Allan Davey and Roger Hildreth. Also present were two members of the public and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

07.011 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

None.

07.012 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rogers.

07.013 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2007, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

07.014 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2007, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

07.015 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on Paddocks (Min 07.003a)

The Clerk reported having spoken to City Council officer, Gareth Arnold, who had said he was in the process of writing a report on the paddocks. It was pointed out that Mr Arnold had met with Councillors in August 2006 and that it was time that the report was received. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Progress on "Passing Places" signs (Min. 07.003b)

The Clerk reported having spoken to City Council officer, Robin Sweetman, on this subject and is waiting for a response. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Progress on re-instating street signs (Min. 07.003c)

The Clerk reported having spoken to City Council officer, Robin Sweetman, on this subject and is waiting for a response. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) Progress on removal of gravel and polythene (Min. 07.004c)

No progress. **(Action Clerk)**

(e) Progress on road sweeping (Min 07.006b)

The Clerk reported having asked City Council officer, Russell Stone, for a schedule for road sweeping in the village but hadn't received one as yet. **(Action Clerk)**

(f) Progress on water pumping station hedge (Min 07.006c)

Cllr Cariss reported having made contact with the appropriate person and reported that the hedge will be reinstated.

(g) Progress on 7.5 tonne sign (Min 07.006d)

The Clerk reported having spoken to City Council officer, Ian Symonds, on the clarification of the 7.5 tonne limit signs. The signs have now been altered and the Councillors will consider their effectiveness prior to the next Parish Council meeting. **(Action all Councillors)**

(h) Progress on the drain cover in Main Street (Min. 07.006e)

No progress.

07.016 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

- (a) A letter from Cllr Davey informing the Parish Council that he would not be seeking election at the Parish Council elections to be held on 3 May 2007. The Chairman expressed his and the Parish Council's thanks for everything that Cllr Davey had done in more than 30 years as a Hessay Parish Councillor.
- (b) Y&NY Playing Fields Association - Subscription renewal details. It was agreed not to take out this subscription
- (c) 40twenty Design - Parish Plan and Village Design Statement printing
- (d) City of York Council - Travel concessions details and a poster. The poster will be pinned to the notice board

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct – March 2007
- (b) CYC - Precept banding
- (c) NALC/Electoral Commission - Election information
- (d) YCVS - Voluntary Voice - March 2007
- (e) YRCC - Country Air, Spring 2007 - No. 103
- (f) YRCC - Village Ventures competition

07.017 - FINANCE

(a) To receive a financial statement

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the current financial year for the period to 22 March 2007. It was agreed that the Clerk's salary for the three months from 1 January be paid. The balance in the Building Society Account after this payment will be £4,561.32.

The Clerk explained that his salary was subject to income tax and he requested that the Parish Council be registered as an employer so that the tax could be deducted from his future salary. This was agreed. It was also agreed that there would be new signatories to the Building Society mandate after the election in May.

(b) To agree accounts for payment – Clerk's salary £458.50

(c) To receive a report on income received – no income received since the January meeting.

07.018 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following Planning Application

Ref: 07/00453/FUL – Conversion of barn into 1no. dwelling including single-storey extension, relocation of garage and change to main entrance (Amendment to existing planning permission 06/00810/FUL) by Mr Richard Penny at Croft Farm, Main Street.	No objections but the Parish Council would prefer the garage to be built at the east side of the property in the location shown on the original planning application. If permission is given to build the garage at the west side of the plot it should be located further northwards, towards the house, with an eaves height of 2.3 metres and a maximum roof pitch of 40°.
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(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions
None.

07.019 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) *The future of the allotment*

It was agreed that the allotment should be split into two and the rent for each allotment be £20 per annum.

(b) *Other land*

Cllr Cariss is to check regarding putting back the island in the Village Pond and there will be an agenda item at the next meeting regarding “Further work at the Village Pond”.

07.020 - TO AGREE TO MAKE USE OF THE LOCAL CHANNEL AS A PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

It was agreed that the Parish Council should use the Local Channel. Items that would be available are agreed minutes, agendas, pending planning applications together with a link to the City Council’s website and the names of the Councillors of the new Council after the elections to be held on 3 May 2007. (**Action Clerk**)

07.021 - TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FOR THE YORK DESIGN AWARD

City Councillor Janet Hopton had written to ask for suggestions of good design of new build properties – those completed between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2006. The Councillors knew of no newly built properties in the village that would qualify. (**Action Clerk**)

07.022 - TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- (a) It was agreed that there would be an item on the agenda for the next meeting regarding making a donation to the Chapel for the use of the room.
- (b) Cllr Davey reported that there were several holes in the footpath in New Lane, particularly opposite the Church. (**Action Clerk**)
- (c) Suggestions were made as to the content of the Annual Parish Meeting which is to be held prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

07.023 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None.

07.024 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 10 May 2007.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman.....2007

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