

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: Cllrs Neil Huntington, Nick Booth, Amanda Carlyle, Scott Jefferson and Roger Hildreth. Also present were fifteen members of the public, City Councillor Ben Hudson and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

07.065 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Huntington declared a personal interest in agenda item 07.071.

07.066 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies for absence.

07.067 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2007, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

07.068 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) To identify and confirm the current usage of the land

It was agreed that the Parish Council land consists of the allotments in Low Moor Lane, Thief Lane at the bottom of Low Moor Lane, the Sandpit in Atterwith Lane, the strip of land on the south side of Shirbutt Lane and the pond area in Shirbutt Lane.

(b) To consider ideas for the future usage of the land

It was agreed that a questionnaire be produced and circulated to all residents asking for their thoughts on the use of Parish Council land.

(c) To discuss putting Parish Land into a Trust

It was agreed that this subject would not be pursued.

(d) To receive a report and make a decision on the construction of an island in the pond

John Pulleyn is to build an island in the pond for approximately £100.

07.069 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

City Councillor Ben Hudson reported that:-

- The recent heavy rains had caused flooding in Rufforth but that he knew of no such problems in Hessay. This was confirmed by the Councillors.
- Traffic calming measures taken in Rufforth were not liked by the residents. The speed humps that had been installed had been removed following complaints about the vibration caused by heavy vehicles. Subsequently, chicanes had been installed near the school but these are currently the subject of objections by residents.

Councillor Hildreth arrived at this point on the agenda.

- Andy Vose, the City Council’s Cycling Officer, is doing a detailed costing of the suggested cycle path from Rufforth to Acomb. The estimated cost of the cycle path is currently £300,000.
- He would like to be included in any correspondence that the Parish Council may have with the City Council about possible traffic calming measures in Hessay.

07.070 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON CYCLE ROUTES

It was agreed that a question on cycle routes be included in the questionnaire to be circulated about the use of the Parish land. **(Action Councillor Carlyle)**

It was agreed that it would be useful to have a survey other villages in the area to see if there is support for a cycle route that they could use.

Councillor Hudson said that he would give the cycle route his support but that a plan would need to be drawn up before the City Council would consider authorising Officer time to be spent on the project.

It was mentioned that Sustrans are trying to establish an east west cycle route

07.071 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following Planning Applications

Ref: 07/01582/FUL – Conservatory to rear after demolition of existing conservatory at 3 New Road by Mr & Mrs Close.	No objections
Ref: 07/02064/FUL – Two-storey pitched roof side extension and single-storey pitched roof rear extension at Oat House, Main Street by Gareth Doeg.	No objections

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

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.

Ref: 07/01371/FUL – Erection of single-storey storage building following demolition of existing (Re-submission) at Tockwith Training Services, Shirbutt Lane by Tockwith Training Services.

07.072 – TO DISCUSS PADDOCKS

Councillor Jefferson declared that he had a personal interest on the subject of paddocks.

The Councillors considered the report on paddocks prepared by Gareth Arnold, the City Council’s Area Team Leader (City Centre and West Team Development Control). It was agreed that the Parish Council would not ask the City Council to produce a policy on paddocks. There was no change to the Parish Council’s opinion that paddocks should not be exploited so that they become established as residential land.

07.073 – TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE VILLAGE

Councillor Carlyle declared a personal interest in the item about The Grange.

The Clerk showed the Councillors photographs of the new road signs that the City Council is proposing to erect in the village and a map showing where the new signs may be placed. The Councillors considered the proposals and agreed that they would be an improvement on the existing signage. Included were:-

- (a) Improvements to the junction of New Road/Shirbutt Lane/Main Street where three wooden heritage bollards will be placed adjacent to The Grange boundary and the road markings will be altered slightly.
- (b) The current “Shirbutt Lane” sign will be replaced with a sign showing the No Through Road symbol.
- (c) The junction warning sign on Main Street is to be sited nearer the junction.
- (d) A junction information sign will be erected on a pole in the grass verge adjacent to the post box and a 30mph repeater sign will be added to the post.

It was agreed that the City Council be asked about the possibility of a Vehicle Activated Sign being installed in the village. **(Action Clerk)**

It was agreed that the City Council be asked to increase the length of the 30mph limit so that it includes the whole of Shirbutt Lane. **(Action Clerk)**

07.074 – TO AGREE TO THE ERECTION OF TWO “NO ACCESS TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK” SIGNS AT THE END OF MILL LANE

It was agreed that the City Council be asked to erect a sign at the end of Mill Lane which directs traffic for the Industrial Estate to the left and not through the village. **(Action Clerk)**

07.075 – TO CONSIDER THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HAWTHORN HEDGE IN THE PLAYGROUND

It was agreed that the internal hawthorn hedge in the children’s play area be replaced with a hedge that didn’t have sharp spikes. **(Action Clerk)**

07.076 - 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 13 September 2007. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 13 September were:

Current Account	£242.28
Business Money Manager Account	£4,468.94

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

6 James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – July and August	£238.84
7 Post Office Ltd	Income Tax	£67.32
8 James Mackman	Clerk’s expenses	£20.09

(c) To note income received

Various residents	Land rents	£90.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	£63.61
HSBC	Interest	£25.79

(d) To consider making a donation to Hessay Methodist Chapel for use of the Schoolroom

It was agreed to make a donation of £75.00 to the Chapel for the use of the schoolroom for the last year.

07.077 – TO CONSIDER A DRAFT CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE CLERK

The Clerk said that he would forward a draft contract to the Councillors as soon as he could.

07.078 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) *Progress on re-instating street signs (Min. 07.050c) - (May 06)*

Both signs have been re-instated

(b) *Progress on the drain cover in Main Street (Min. 07.050g) - (Aug 06)*

The drain cover has been made good.

(c) *Progress on removal of gravel and polythene (Min. 07.050d) - (Oct 06)*

It was agreed that the area in question now looked like paddock and that the subject be dropped from future agendas.

(d) *Progress on the provision of a 7.5 tonne sign in the Industrial Estate (Min. 07.050f) - (May 07)*

The owners of the Industrial Estate have agreed to install an appropriate sign in the near future.

(e) *Progress on the painting of the seat by the pond (Min. 07.050i) - (May 07)*

Councillor Jefferson said that he had put another coat of paint on the seat. Jack Holliday volunteered to look at the seat and do any necessary remedial work. He was thanked for volunteering.

(f) *Progress on replacing the missing chevron signs (Min. 07.059c) – (Jul 07)*

The missing signs have been replaced.

07.079 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

07.079.1 - The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence

(a) A letter from the City Council informing that Suzan Hemingway, the Head of Legal Services, is leaving the Council to take up a new appointment.

(b) Certificates from the YLCA for the Councillors who attended the recent training courses.

(c) A letter from Ginette Ridsdale expressing her continued interest in buy the piece of Parish Council land adjacent to her property and asking for the land to be regularly maintained.

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

(a) HBC - Consultation on the Harrogate District Local Development Framework

(b) HBC - Local Development Framework - Draft

(c) North Bank Forum - Access to health services in Selby & York

(d) Y&NY PFA - The Playing Field - Summer 2007

(e) YCVS - York Voluntary Voice etc, September 2007

(f) YLCA - White Rose Update - August 2007

(g) Yorkshire Forward - LEADER event notice

07.080 - TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

07.081 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 7.30PM

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 15 November 2007

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.56 pm

Chairman.....2007

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