

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON THURSDAY 3 JULY 2008

Present: Cllrs Nick Booth (Chairman), Roger Hildreth, Mark Barrett and Amanda Carlyle. Also present were fourteen members of the public, City Councillor Ian Gillies and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

08.051 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

08.052 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Scott Jefferson.

08.053 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

08.054 - TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Hildreth was elected as Vice-Chairman

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

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported

- The money for the Vehicle Activated Sign and the survey is in place.
- The Wilkinsons sign on the trailer by the A59 has been removed.
- Progress is being made on the timing and route of the School bus
- Discussion is taking place between Manor School and the Education Authority on the number of places to be allocated to the villages.
- First Harrogate Trains is planning to run four trains a day from Harrogate to London. The trains will stop at Cattal and Poppleton Stations.

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

(a) Acquiring and planting daffodils in the village

Councillor Carlyle reported that the City Council Highways Department had been encouraging over the planting of daffodils in the roadside verges. It was agreed that daffodils should be acquired and planted in New Lane and Main Street. Donations of daffodils are to be sought. The Clerk is to ask the City Council if it has a free supply of bulbs this year. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) The Village pond

It was reported that the grass between the pond and the road needs to be trimmed. Councillor Hildreth is going to do the work with his tractor. Councillor Booth is going to arrange for a working party to complete the strimming of the area. The working party will remove some of the bulrushes in the pond. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

(c) An Over 5s event in the park

Councillor Carlyle has made the arrangements for this event which is being held between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 5 July.

(d) Other reports

None.

08.057 - 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.

Consideration was given to the following application

Ref: 08/01220/FULM – 30m x 50m manege including 6 no. floodlights and access road, and change of use of agricultural land to paddock at Tancred House, Main Street by Chris Digby.	The Parish Council does not object to the application but wishes to make the following points. 1. We have concerns about the lighting. We recommend that the lights should be governed by a timer and be turned off no later than 9.00pm. 2. The lights should be of a design that minimises light pollution and does not allow light to shine up to the sky. 3. The manege should be for the private use of the owner and not be used for commercial purposes.
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08.058 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE ON

(a) Parish Land

No report.

(b) Cycle routes

Councillor Booth reported that the City Council have been given £3.7 million to provide more cycle routes in the city. Various proposals are being considered.

08.059 - TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

(a) To agree a policy for the timing of the publication of the minutes of Parish Council meetings

It was agreed that draft minutes should be sent to Councillors as soon as possible after a meetings. Minutes are not to be published until approved at the following Parish Council meeting.

Agenda papers for future meetings are to be sent by email and not hand delivered in order to accelerate circulation of Councillors and reduce the Clerk's mileage.

(b) Other reports

Councillor Hildreth reported that he and Councillor Booth had distributed the Ward Newsletter. It was agreed that the Parish Council publish a Newsletter to be sent round with the next Ward Newsletter. Items for the Newsletter will be agreed at the September Parish Council meeting.

08.060 - TO DISCUSS THE YHA DOCUMENT “MEETING THE CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE”

During a long and active discussion mention was made of the possibility of reopening Hessay railway station and car sharing. No resolutions were made.

08.061 – TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF “WORLD HERITAGE SITE STATUS FOR YORK”

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the proposition that York seek World Heritage status for the city. The Clerk was asked to write to Janet Hopton to convey the Parish Council’s decision. **(Action Clerk)**

08.062 - 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 3 July 2008. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 3 July were:

Current Account	£200.00
Business Money Manager Account	£4,853.24

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

27 YLCA	Annual subscription	£72.00
28 James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – June	£125.40

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Bank interest	£20.77
Inland Revenue	1 st part of Online Filing Grant	£31.20
Various tenants	Annual rent for Parish Council land	£135.00

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

After discussion it was agreed to donate the sum of £100.00 for the use of the Schoolroom.

(c) To consider Ward Committee Grant applications

It was agreed that the Ward Committee be asked to provide funding for the following projects:-

- (a) Play equipment for junior children £3,000
- (b) Contribution to the Youth Group £250

08.063 - 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)*

No progress. The Clerk agreed to pursue the City Council to change the sign as soon as possible. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) *Progress in the implementation of the 30mph limit extension in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 08.048 .1b) – (Jul 07)*

The 30mph limit is now in force. A number of 30mph repeater signs have been erected. One of the signs is very high and the Clerk was asked to contact the City Council to see if the sign could be lowered. It was reported that a resident had objected to another sign being erected outside his house. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) *Progress on fencing the Hessay/Upper Poppleton Boundary Stone (Min. 08.044)*

The Clerk reported that John Oxley, the City Council's Archaeologist, had said that the boundary stone is not registered and that he has no problem with a fence being constructed to protect the stone.

08.064 – TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2008

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting had been circulated and were duly noted. The minutes will be presented for confirmation at the next Annual Parish meeting.

08.065 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

(a) A letter from Julian Sturdy, the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Outer York, asking to come and sit in on a future Parish Council meeting. The Councillors agreed that Mr Sturdy should be invited to do this. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) A letter from HM Revenue & Customs notifying the Parish Council that it has received a £100 grant for filing its tax return for 2007-8 online.

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

(a) Clerk & Councils Direct - May 2008, Issue 57

(b) Clerk & Councils Direct - July 2008, Issue 58

(c) YLCA - White Rose Update etc, May 2008

(d) YLCA - Annual Meeting documents

(e) YLCA - Joint Annual meeting notice etc

(f) York YCVS - Voluntary Voice, June 2008

08.066 - TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE DAY OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF ODD NUMBERED MONTHS

It was agreed that future Parish Council meetings would be held on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months, i.e. January, March, May, July, September and November.

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

Minor matters

Councillor Hildreth mentioned that a notice has appeared in the village phone box notifying that there are plans to have the box removed. It was agreed that the traditional red phone box helps maintain the rural heritage of the village and that it should be retained. The Clerk was asked to contact BT and ask if the box could be retained. **(Action Clerk)**

Items for the next agenda:-

- (a) Update on the Vehicle Activated Sign.
- (b) To consider reviewing the rents for tenants of Parish Council land.

08.068 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.50 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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