

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Cllrs Nick Booth (Chairman), Roger Hildreth, Mark Barrett and Amanda Carlyle. Also present were nine members of the public, Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, Julian Sturdy and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

08.074 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

08.075 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Scott Jefferson.

08.076 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

08.077 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 JULY 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

No City of York Councillor was present.

Julian Sturdy was invited to say a few words to the meeting. He said that:-

- He was a farmer from Tockwith
- He had been a local councillor for five years
- When asked if he would be able to help in fund raising he said that he has some influence now but would have more as an MP

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

(a) The purchase of daffodils for planting in verges in the village

Councillor Carlyle reported that she had secured two 25kg bags of daffodil bulbs from the City Council. She said that a 25kg bag of daffodils at Wyevale was £25 plus VAT. It was resolved to purchase four bags. It was agreed that there would be a bulb-planting working party on 20 September. **(Action Councillor Carlyle)**

(b) The Village pond

It was reported that a working party had cleared the bulrushes and strimmed the grass.

(c) Other reports

Councillor Hildreth reported that he had sprayed the verge by the Parish Council land in Shirbutt Lane with Roundup.

08.080 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS - To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 08/01744/FUL - Single and two-storey side and rear extensions at The Paddocks, 3 Roecliffe Court by Mr Paul Crane.

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

Ref: 08/01101/FUL - Provision of 2 vehicle parking spaces for lorries to park overnight at Springbank, York Road by John Denning.

Ref: 08/01108/FUL – Siting of a temporary agricultural worker’s dwelling at Springbank, York Road by Mr John Denning.

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

Ref: 08/01226/AGNOT – Agricultural building to house livestock at Springbank, York Road by John Denning.

Ref: 08/01240/AGNOT – Agricultural building to house livestock at Springbank, York Road by John Denning.

It was noted that the following planning application had been withdrawn:

Ref: 08/01220/FULM – 30m x 50m menage including 6 no. floodlights and access road, and change of use of agricultural land to paddock at Tancred House, Main Street by Chris Digby.

Consideration was given to the following application

Ref: 08/01799/FUL – Two-storey rear extension at The Old Barn, Main Street by Mrs Kathryn Darbandi.	The Parish Council does not object to the principle of an extension but objects to this application for the following reasons. 1. The proposed extension is not in keeping with the conversion of the original barn 2. The proposed extension is not in keeping with other properties in the village.
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08.081 - TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

(a) To agree items for a Newsletter

It was agreed that the next Newsletter would contain articles about the pond, daffodil planting and the 30mph signs. Councillor Carlyle said she would write the Newsletter and send it to Councillors for approval.

(b) Other reports

None.

08.082 – TO DISCUSS CYCLE ROUTES PROGRESS AND UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Booth reported that he had spoken to the City council’s Cycling Officer, Andy Vose. The City Council has received £3.7 million funding for cycling. He had talked to Andy Vose about the possible cycle routes and is going to meet Mr Vose on 26 September to talk about the proposed cycle route along the A59.

08.083 – TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE TELEPHONE BOX IN MAIN STREET

BT is proposing to remove most of the phone boxes in the area as they are little used these days owing to the large incidence of mobile phones. The phone box in Main Street is a K6 type that was installed at the time of George V’s Silver Jubilee. According to BT there were 65 usages last year. BT plans to remove the box unless it is bought from them for the sum of £1 or subsidised to the tune of £500 per year. For £1 BT would sell the phone box, take out the equipment and transfer the upkeep of the non-functioning box to the purchaser. For £500 per year BT would continue to supply card-payment equipment and maintain the phone box. After discussion it was agreed that the phone box should be kept but not as a functioning box. BT would be asked to sell the box to the Parish Council for the sum of £1. **(Action Clerk)**

08.084 – TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENCE OF SLURRY LORRIES USING THE VILLAGE ROADS

After discussion it was resolved not to take any formal action on the subject. Councillor Booth agreed to contact the local farmers and report back to the next meeting.

08.085 – TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF LOW MOOR LANE

The Parish Council had been asked what the status of Low Moor Lane is. It was noted that it is a public highway from Shirbutt Lane to the caravan site. After the caravan site it is a private road and in Upper Poppleton Parish.

08.086 – TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE PLAYSPACE

It was noted that the City Council had not run the York Playspace event in Hessay in 2008. It was agreed that the City Council should be asked if it would run York Playspace in the 2009 summer holidays. **(Action Clerk)**

08.087 - 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 10 September 2008. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 10 September were:

Current Account	£200.00
Business Money Manager Account	£6,394.08

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

29	Hessay Methodist Church	Hire of Chapel School room for the year	£100.00
30	James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – July	£125.40
31	Linda Cariss	Internal audit fee	£80.00
32	James Mackman	Expenses	£19.89
33	James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – August	£125.00

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£11.03
Inland Revenue	2nd part of Online Filing Grant	£31.60
City of York Council	Section 106 monies	£1,916.00
Julia Coatesworth	Donation towards new play equipment	£50.00

(d) *To consider the Internal Auditor's report*

The Parish Council's internal auditor, Linda Cariss, had submitted a report on the audit work she had undertaken using the Parish Council's specification as her guideline. Mrs Cariss reported – "that in all significant respects the objectives have been achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Parish Council. The Parish Council's records are such that I have no comments, adverse or constructive to make in this year's audit."

Mrs Cariss observed that there is no detailed record of who is paying rent for the appropriate piece of Parish Council Land apart from a carbon copy held in the cash receipt book. She suggested that invoices could be raised for the various parcels of land and the receipt recorded individually against the invoice number. It was agreed to adopt this suggestion.

The Councillors noted Mrs Cariss's comments.

08.088 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) *Progress on the consideration of a draft Contract of Employment for the Clerk (Min 08.063a) - (Sep 07)*

No progress.

(b) *Progress on the refurbishment of the No Through Road sign in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 08.063b) - (Sep 07)*

The new sign has been installed.

(c) *Progress in the implementation of the 30mph limit extension in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 08.063c) - (Jul 07)*

The Clerk reported having spoken to the City Council on the subject of the missing repeater signs. He said that if any of the proposed repeater signs were missing then the 30mph limit would be unenforceable. The City Council is checking to make sure that all the signs have been installed. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) *Progress on Ward Committee Grant applications (Min. 08.062)*

The grant application forms were completed and sent to the City Council by the due date.

08.089 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

- (a) CE Electric UK - Parish Council Liaison - update
- (b) Clerk & Councils Direct - September 2008, Issue 59
- (c) Harrogate Borough Council – Local Development Framework Consultation - disc
- (d) YOPF - Newsletter August 2008
- (e) York YCVS - Voluntary Voice, July-August 2008
- (f) York YCVS - Voluntary Voice, September 2008
- (g) YRCC - Country Air - Summer 2008 etc

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

Minor matters

- (a) The question was asked as to what stage in planning had the City Council reached regarding the proposed vehicle activated sign. **(Action Clerk)**
- (b) The question was also asked as to whether or not the bus company had any plans for reducing the bus service through the village. **(Action Clerk)**

Items for the next agenda:-

Vehicle Activated Sign update, bus service, bus shelter and swing for the children's play area.

08.091 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12 November 2008.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.28 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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