

## HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2008

**Present:** Cllrs Nick Booth (Chairman), Roger Hildreth, Mark Barratt and Amanda Carlyle. Also present were City Councillors Ben Hudson and Ian Gillies, three members of the public, and the Clerk, James Mackman.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **08.092 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor Booth declared that he had a personal interest in agenda item 08.096b regarding the proposed splitting of the allotments.

#### **08.093 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Booth read out a letter of resignation from Councillor Jefferson. The Clerk outlined the procedure that has to be followed to secure a new Councillor.

#### **08.094 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2008**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

#### **08.095 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

City of York Councillors Gillies and Hudson were present.

*Councillor Hudson* gave details of the proceedings at the Ward Committee meeting held on 15 October.

*Councillor Gillies* read details taken from the recent traffic survey carried out by the City Council at a location close to the Chapel in Main Street. The speed of cars had been measured over a 7-day period. It had been found that the incidence of speeds over 30 mph were very small and that it was felt the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign would not have any material effect on traffic.

#### **08.096 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON**

##### *(a) The Village pond*

The island in the pond has not been completed. Councillor Hildreth agreed to follow this up. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

##### *(b) Allotments – division of existing allotments and the apportionment of rents*

A resident has asked to have an allotment. The current allotment holders, Messrs Booth and Allen, have agreed to surrender part of their allotments to accommodate a third allotment. It was agreed that the new tenancy would commence at the beginning of the next season and that allotment rents would be reviewed at a future meeting.

It was agreed that the City Council be asked if it could supply a load of top soil in order to make the allotment land more fertile. **(Action Clerk)**

##### *(c) Other reports*

None.

**08.097 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS - To note Local Authority Planning Decisions**

*(a) To consider the following Planning Application*

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| Ref: 08/02087/FUL – Erection of 2no. single-storey pitched roof agricultural building at OS Field 2021, York Road by John Denning | The Parish Council objected to the previous AGNOT application for this development and its opinion is unchanged:-<br><br>The size of the development, i.e. two buildings, is excessive for the area of land and the size of the agricultural operation. |
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*(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

Ref: 08/01799/FUL – Two-storey rear extension at The Old Barn, Main Street by Mrs Kathryn Darbandi.

**08.098 - TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS**

The Newsletter had been written and distributed.

Items for the next Newsletter were suggested. These included: news about the Vehicle Activated Sign, an update on traffic matters, new rules about the construction of hard standing near private dwellings, the need for a new Parish Councillor, encouraging people to use the bus service and a request for top soil for the allotments.

**08.099 – TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN**

Following City Councillor Gillies’s report on the recent traffic survey it was agreed that no further action would be taken on requesting a Vehicle Activated Sign for the village. Councillor Gillies was asked if he would agree to use the VAS money for other village activities.

**08.100 - TO DISCUSS THE VILLAGE BUS SERVICE**

The Clerk read a letter from the Managing Director of Harrogate Coach Travel which stated that there are no plans to alter the level of service through the village. The Managing Director said he would be grateful if the Parish Council could encourage the use of the bus as it will help to guarantee it for the long term. The Councillors agreed to mention this in the Newsletter.

It was pointed out that the first bus into the City in the morning leaves at 9.20 am which is too late for it to be used by commuters.

**08.101 – TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A BUS SHELTER IN THE VILLAGE**

After discussion it was agreed not to seek the provision of a bus shelter.

**08.102 – TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A SWING IN THE CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA**

A quotation of £2,000 plus VAT had been received from S J Danby Ltd for a 2-bay Senior Swing. As the Parish Council had received a Section 106 grant of £1,916 and a donation of £50 from Julia Coatesworth only £34 would need to make up the difference and this would come out of reserves. It was agreed that the City Council be asked to purchase the swing and that the Parish Council would cover the £2,000 cost. The maintenance, insurance and safety inspections of the swing would be the responsibility of the City Council.

### **08.103 – TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO CONTRIBUTE £50 TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE FUND**

After a long discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute up to £50.00 towards a Christmas tree for the children's play area.

### **08.104 – IN THE LIGHT OF NEW INFORMATION TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE FUTURE OF THE TELEPHONE BOX IN MAIN STREET**

The Clerk reported that a City Council Officer has been appointed as coordinator for all threatened K6 phone boxes in the York area. It was agreed that the phone box not be listed so that the option to remove it at some future time would not be compromised. The Clerk mentioned that there may be costs involved in decommissioning the phone box such as the disconnection of the electricity supply. The Clerk was asked investigate the costs. (**Action Clerk**)

### **08.105 – TO DISCUSS CYCLE ROUTES PROGRESS AND UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL**

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the City Council's Cycling Officer, Andy Vose, to ask to ask him to confirm that he would commission a feasibility study as agreed at the meeting he attended on 26th September at Blackthorn House, Hessay at which Cllrs Booth and Hildreth were present.

### **08.106 - 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 12 November 2008. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 12 November were:

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| Current Account                | £200.00   |
| Business Money Manager Account | £7,305.61 |

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

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|----|-----------------|--|---------|
| 35 | Mazars          | External auditors fee                    | £50.00  |
| 36 | James Mackman   | Clerk's salary net – September & October | £272.06 |
| 37 | Post Office Ltd | Income tax                               | £62.00  |
| 38 | Amanda Carlyle  | Daffodil bulbs                           | £32.04  |
| 39 | James Mackman   | Expenses                                 | £11.22  |

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

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| HSBC                 | Bank interest                       | £28.13    |
| Inland Revenue       | Final part of Online Filing Grant   | £6.00     |
| City of York Council | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half year's precept | £1,300.00 |
| City of York Council | York Ward distribution fee          | £6.76     |
| NEDL                 | Wayleave                            | £12.71    |

#### *(d) To agree the Clerk's annual pay increase as per the National Agreement*

The Clerk read a letter from the YLCA which stated that this year's pay award had gone to arbitration but that the employers' rejected offer of a 2.45% pay rise, backdated to 1 April 2008, should be implemented with immediate effect. Any increase agreed over 2.45% subsequently agreed would be the subject of another agenda item. It was agreed that the pay award be implemented.

**08.107 - CLERK'S REPORT:**

*(a) Progress on the provision of Playspace in 2009 (Min. 08.086) – (Sep 08)*

The Clerk reported that he had ascertained that there had been no Playspace events in 2008 because there had been no funding. Playspace events for 2009 could be booked at a cost of £195 each. It was agreed that City Councillor Gillies and Michael Hawtin, the City Council’s Neighbourhood Management Officer, be asked if funding could be found for Playspace events in 2009. **(Action Clerk)**

*(b) Progress in the installation of the 30mph repeater signs in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 08.088c) – (Jul 07)*

All the 30 mph repeater signs in Shirbutt Lane have been installed.

*(c) Progress on planting daffodils (Min. 08.79a) – (Sep 08)*

Three teams of residents including many children had planted the daffodil bulbs that had been bought by the Parish Council and donated by the City Council and residents. It was reported that 54 people had been involved in the planting. Councillor Carlyle was thanked for her efforts in arranging the event.

**08.108 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - November 2008, Issue 60
- (b) Communities & Local Government - Communities in control - consultation
- (c) CYC - Nappochino notice board notices
- (d) Dept of Communities & Local Government - Byelaws consultation
- (e) N Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service - Corporate Report 2008-2011
- (f) Standards Board - Town & Parish Standard, Issue 3 - September 2008
- (g) YCVS - York Voluntary Voice, November 2008
- (h) YLCA - White Rose Update - October 2008, Issue 2/08
- (i) YOPF - Newsletter October 2008
- (j) York YCVS - Voluntary Voice, October 2008
- (k) York YCVS - Report for y/e 31 March 2008
- (l) YorOK - Children's & Young People's Plan for York
- (m) Zurich Insurance – notification of impending change of name

**08.109 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

*Minor matters*

There were no minor matters.

*Items for the next agenda:-*

Renegotiating the NEDL Wayleave, road and path sweeping, potholes, allotments top soil, allotment rents and drainage matters in the village.

**08.110 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 January 2009.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.36 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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