

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2009

Present: Cllrs Nick Booth (Chairman), Mark Barratt, Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor. Also present were nine members of the public and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

09.026 – CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

It was unanimously agreed that Penny Taylor be co-opted on to the Parish Council. Councillor Booth welcomed Penny Taylor as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Taylor had signed her Declaration of Office.

09.027 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

09.028 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillors Ben Hudson and Ian Gillies.

09.029 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2009, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

09.030 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2009, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

No report.

09.032- CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

(a) To discuss the new swing

Councillor Booth mentioned that at the consultation last spring there was overwhelming support for a swing in the children's play area. Money for the provision of the swing had been found with the help of City Councillor Ian Gillies. The swing had been bought by the City Council and erected on City Council-owned land. The swing is well used. Complaints about the swing have been received from two residents.

There followed a discussion involving councillors and members of the public. It was generally held that the swing had widespread approval and should remain. However in order to take account of the complainant's concerns Councillor Booth suggested that the Parish Council consider ways of ameliorating those concerns.

It was pointed out that the hawthorn hedge had been removed from inside the play area but had not yet been replaced and so it was suggested that perhaps the CYC could be asked to use

available resource to screen the swing. Councillor Booth said he would speak to the complainants for their views. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

The matting underneath the swing has been laid roughly. It was agreed to wait to see if the matting settles.

(b) To discuss the provision of a Christmas tree

- (i) For a number of years a tree has been given to the village and put up in the City Council-owned play area by villagers. Lights have been put on the tree with electricity supplied from an adjacent property without involvement from the City Council.
- (ii) Councillor Hildreth pointed out that whilst it was not a Parish Council matter, since the PC was aware that it may be intended to erect a Christmas tree again we should seek to advise both the CYC and villagers so that proper health and safety measures could be organised.
- (iii) It was suggested that in future a Christmas tree could be fenced and that the electricity for any lights should be provided by a battery. The City Council is to be asked to advise on the best course of action. **(Action Clerk)**
- (iv) Councillor Booth undertook to speak with residents who had previously been involved with the Christmas tree, to urge them to liaise with CYC. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

09.033 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) The Village pond

i. Sign

The Clerk reported having spoken to the insurance company about the safety measures that need to be in place for a village pond. He had sent them four photographs that he had taken of the pond area. The advice was that reasonable steps should be taken to warn the public of the potential danger. It was agreed that a sign should be bought which says “Danger – Deep Water”. Councillor Hildreth is to acquire a sign providing that it costs no more than £30.00. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

ii. Lifebelt

There was discussion on whether a lifebelt was necessary. It was agreed that it was not necessary to provide a lifebelt.

iii. Registration of ownership with the Land Registry

The question of the registration of the Parish Council’s ownership of the pond area was discussed at length. It was resolved that enquiries be made as to whether or not the area could be registered as a village green. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Allotments

It was reported that the Ward Committee is willing to provide funding for the purchase of top soil for the allotments out of the current year’s allocation. It was reported that top soil could be provided free of charge but that there would be a cost to transport it to the allotments. It was agreed that the Ward Committee be asked if it would fund the cost of transport instead of the purchase of the topsoil. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Parish Council trees overhanging pavements

It was agreed that Councillors Barratt and Hildreth look at the problem with the overhanging branches and take appropriate action. **(Action Councillors Barratt and Hildreth)**

(d) Other areas

None.

09.034 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following Planning Application

<p>Ref: 08/02578/FUL – Erection of fuel storage depot including 3no storage tanks, office and associated vehicle parking and fencing at Hessay Industrial Estate, New Road by F Pearl & Co Ltd.</p>	<p>The Parish Council does not object but wishes to make the following comments or seek safeguards;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We have concerns over the increase in the number of HGVs visiting the proposed new site in the Industrial Estate.2. The road and footpath in New Lane and the footpath on the far side of the A59 at the junction with New Lane have been severely damaged by heavy vehicles.3. We look to improvement of the road and prevention of further damage.4. We believe that Section 106 money was provided for improvements to the road but this has not been used.5. We recommend that a traffic consultant visits the junction of New Lane with the A59 to observe large lorries turning in and out of New Lane and the difficulties that drivers experience.
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(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 08/02629/FULM – Construction of 30m x 50m manege with associated fencing (resubmission) at Tancred House, Main Street by Mr Chris Digby.

09.035- TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION

(a) One of the residents said that he thought that using the notice board as a means of communication was archaic. It was agreed to endeavour to send future communications from the Parish Council to the residents by email. The notice board would continue to be used as this was a way of reaching new residents.

(b) Councillor Booth said that the Council tried to reach as many people as possible by using all available communication channels i.e. newsletter, email, notice board and website.

(c) The fact that information can be sent to mobile phones was mentioned, especially in relation to the dates of Parish Council meetings. It was agreed to research this subject. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

(d) It was agreed that the next quarterly Newsletter would contain items on the Annual Parish Meeting, daffodils, the swing, pond signage, bird nesting boxes and the dates of the next two Parish Council meetings.

09.036 - TO AGREE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting would be held immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting to be held on 13 May 2009. The format of the meeting is to be the same as last year.

09.037 - TO DISCUSS THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE NEDL WAYLEAVE

Councillor Hildreth reported that NEDL sets the level of wayleaves. He was asked to negotiate for a higher Wayleave on the Parish Council's behalf. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

09.038 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING

The Clerk reported that he had been told by the City Council that road sweeping is done on a 5-6 week cycle. There is no written schedule and the cycle may be changed if priorities are revised. No road sweeping is scheduled to take place between October and December. The Councillors reported that the roads in the village were last swept on 17 December 2008.

09.039 - TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENCE OF POTHOLES

The deep grooves at the side of New Lane were mentioned. The City Council is to be asked when the grooves will be filled in and the road made good. **(Action Clerk)**

09.040 - TO DISCUSS THE TELEGRAPH POLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PAVEMENT OUTSIDE NO. 3 MAIN STREET

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that the telegraph pole was the responsibility of BT, not the City Council. It was agreed that BT be approached and asked to move the post away from its present location. **(Action Clerk)**

09.041 - 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 11 March 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 11 March were:

Current Account	£300.00
Business Money Manager Account	£6,145.33

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

HSBC	Bank charges	£16.41
Upper Poppleton Parish	Stationery contribution 2008	
42 Council		£20.00
43 James Mackman	Expenses	£9.35
44 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – January – March	£384.92
45 Post Office Ltd	Income tax	£96.40

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.72
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(d) To consider paying the Clerk's SLCC contribution

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £16.66 towards the total of this year's subscription of £149.00.

(e) To reappoint the Internal Auditor

It was agreed to reappoint Linda Cariss as the Internal Auditor for the forthcoming year.

09.042 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on the construction of the island in the pond (Min. 09.014a) - (Jul 07)

It was reported that work on the pond had been done but that it needed to be raised another six inches so that the water hens could nest on it. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

09.043 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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 2009, Issue 62
- (b) CYC - PlayBuilder 2009 details
- (c) NYCC - Minerals & Waste Dev. Framework update
- (d) Rural Action Yorkshire - Country Air Winter 2009, Issue 110 etc
- (e) Standards Board - Town & Parish Standard, Issue 4 - February 2009
- (f) YCVS - York Voluntary Voice - March 2009

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

None.

09.045 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2009 AT 7.30PM

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 13 May 2009. It would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which would commence at 7.00pm.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.42 pm.

Chairman.....

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