

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2010

Present: Councillors Nick Booth, Mark Barratt, Roger Hildreth, Penny Taylor and Phil Wood. Also present were five members of the public, City Councillor Ben Hudson and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

10.001 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Booth declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for The Grange.

10.002 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillor Ian Gillies.

10.003 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Ben Hudson reported that

- The City Council has put on an extra team to deal with the potholes that have appeared during the long spell of icy weather. He said that if the Parish Council could give him a list of where the potholes in the village are located he would submit these to the City Council. (See agenda item 10.010)
- There will be a Ward Committee meeting on 3 February at Rufforth.

10.005 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) *The village pond*

i. *Registration of the pond area as a Village Green update*

No progress on registering the pond area as a Village Green. It was agreed that the City Council be asked if it would register the pond. **(Action Clerk)**

The Clerk reported a conversation with the Land Registry about registering all Parish Council-owned land. It was agreed to pursue the subject and find out the likely cost involved. **(Action Clerk)**

ii. *General maintenance*

No report.

(b) *Allotments*

No report.

(c) *Other areas*

It was reported that Les Walker is giving up the tenancy of Thief Lane at the end of the current year.

10.006 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) *To consider the following planning applications*

Prior to consideration of the planning application for The Grange Councillor Booth retired from the room having declared a prejudicial interest in the application. Councillor Hildreth chaired the meeting in Councillor Booth's absence.

Ref: 09/02094/FUL – Two-storey side extension, garage to rear at The Grange, Main Street by Mr Stephen Carlyle.	The Parish Council has no objections but seeks the following two safeguards 1. The existing entrance is bricked up and the roadside kerb lifted. 2. Assurance that the turning circle is of sufficient size for cars to turn round in the drive.
Ref: 09/02151/FUL – Agricultural livestock roundhouse building at Glebe Farm, Hessay to Monk Bridge by Mr Stuart Gledhill.	No objections

Councillor Booth was called back to the meeting and took the chair.

(b) *To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

Ref: 09/01904/FUL – First floor extension over garage (amendment of 06/00871/FUL) at Doon Court House, Main Street by Mr & Mrs R S Cariss.

10.007 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION

No report.

10.008 - TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CLOSURE OF THE LOCAL CHANNEL WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that he no longer has access to the Local Channel website and that it appears that the company is no longer trading. It was agreed that the City Council be asked if it would host a website for the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries of other Clerks to find out how they managed their Parish Council website. **(Action Clerk)**

10.009 - TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

It was reported that the City Council had sunk a concrete block with a hole in it in the play area in which Christmas tree had been erected and in which Christmas trees in future years could also be erected.

The Christmas tree did not have lights but it is hoped that suitable lights will be used for Christmas 2010.

10.010 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING AND POTHoles

Following City Councillor Hudson's offer it was agreed that he should be informed about the potholes in Shirbutt Lane, the corner of New Road and Main Street, Mill Lane by Glebe Farm and the large hole opposite the entrance to the industrial estate in New Lane. **(Action Clerk)**

10.011 - TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENCES OF DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE

Although it had been agreed at the November meeting that this subject be dropped from the agenda the incidence of pavement fouling by one resident's dog had prompted the inclusion of the agenda item for this meeting. The chairman agreed that he would speak to the resident who owns the dog. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

10.012 - 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 January 2010. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 13 January were:

Current Account	£435.07
Business Money Manager Account	£9,006.36

(b) *To agree accounts for payment*

62 Zurich Insurance	Insurance premium	£205.00
63 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – January & February	£270.97
64 Post Office Ltd	Income tax - January & February	£67.00
65 James Mackman	Expenses including SLCC subscription	£21.96

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£1.02
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(d) *To agree to pay a proportion of the Clerk's SLCC subscription*

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £16.66 towards the total of this year's subscription of £151.00.

(e) *To consider the Budget for 2010-2011 and set the precept*

The Councillors considered the proposed budget that the Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion it was resolved to set the precept at £2,700 for the financial year 2010-11. The Chairman and Clerk signed the appropriate City Council request form. The agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

10.013 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) *Progress on moving the telegraph pole outside No. 3 Main Street (Min. 09.130b) – (Mar 09)*

The pole has not been moved and no further correspondence has been received from BT. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) *Progress on the refurbishment of the seat by the notice board in Main Street (Min. 09.119c) – (Nov 09)*

The seat has not been refurbished. Given the freezing weather that we have been experiencing for a number of weeks this project and a number of others have been delayed.

(c) *Progress on buying saplings to plant in the gap by the repaired fence (Min. 09.119d) – (Nov 09)*

The bad weather has seen the postponement of this resolution.

(d) *Update on BT's response to the refusal of the Parish Council to buy the phone box for £1 (Min. 09.124) – (Nov 09)*

The Clerk reported having received a letter from BT which said "If the kiosk is not adopted, it will simply remain in service as at present. As a little used kiosk, it may be subject to a future removal proposal/consultation. What we are doing is giving councils the opportunity to adopt kiosks now if they are wanted for heritage reasons, thus ensuring their retention regardless of any future rationalisation activity". The response was noted.

(e) *Progress on the repairs to the pavement outside No. 6 Main Street (Min. 09.133) – (Nov 09)*

This is another project delayed by the weather. It was agreed to add it to the list of potholes that is being sent to City Councillor Ben Hudson.

10.014 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

10.014.1 - The Clerk referred to the following correspondence:-

- (a) CYC - Council Tax Base 2010/11 letter
- (b) CYC - Double taxation claim details
- (c) CYC - Register of Electors in force from 1 December 2009

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2010, Issue 67
- (b) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue - Summary of Accounts 2008-09 and Corporate Plan
- (c) YCVS - Voluntary Voice, December 2009 - January 2010
- (d) YLCA - White Rose Update - December 2009
- (e) YOPF - Newsletter December 2009
- (f) York Local Involvement Network - LINKed In, Nov/Dec 2009

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

Minor Matters

None.

Items for the next agenda

Bird & bat boxes.

10.016 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS 10 MARCH 2010 AT 7.30PM

Agreed.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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