

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2010

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents made several comments including the non-repair of the sunken manhole cover near Wheatsheaf House, the hedge in the children's play area that hasn't been replaced and grass cutting in the pond area.

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

None.

10.018 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

10.019 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2010, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Ben Hudson reported that

- Potholes throughout the City are still a problem. The continuing cold spell is not helping matters. The City Council has hired a new machine which is dedicated to mending potholes. It has been working in Wheldrake.
- With impending cuts in expenditure it is likely that the City Council's Planning Enforcement Team will be reduced in size.

10.021 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) *The village pond*

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

The Clerk reported having spoken to the City Council's Commons Registration Officer who would be happy to help register the pond area as a Green. The question was asked as to what the cost would be for the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to find out what the cost would be.

(Action Clerk)

The Clerk reported a further conversation with the Land Registry about registering all Parish Council-owned land. It costs £40 to register land up to a value of £40,000 regardless of the number of pieces of land. Therefore, for the sum of £40, all the Parish Council-owned land could be registered. It was agreed to discuss the subject of registering the Parish Council-owned land at the next meeting.

ii. *General maintenance*

It was agreed that the first cut of the grass in the pond area should take place in the third week in April. The Clerk is to give the contractor Councillor Hildreth's mobile number so that he is aware of the area of grass that should be cut. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Allotments

No report.

(c) Bird and bat boxes

Since the January meeting the City Council had advised that, owing to an underspend in the current year's Ward Committee Funds, the grant of £200 for bird and bat boxes could be spent before 31 March 2010. Councillor Barratt reported that he had ordered and paid for two tawny owl nest boxes, two barn owl nest boxes and a bat nest box for the sum of £199. It was agreed that this sum be paid immediately to recompense Councillor Barratt and the claim form be sent to the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

It was agreed that a working party meet to install the boxes at suitable sites. **(Action Councillors)**

(d) Thief Lane tenant

Les Walker is giving up the tenancy of Thief Lane having held it since 1976. The name of a possible new tenant was mentioned and the Chairman agreed to contact him. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

(e) Other areas

None.

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

Councillor Booth reported that he had sent an email to residents to ask that they clear up after their dogs. Councillor Booth confirmed that he had spoken to the resident who was the subject reported in the January minutes.

10.023 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 09/02094/FUL – Two-storey side extension, garage to rear at The Grange, Main Street by Mr Stephen Carlyle.

Ref: 09/02151/FUL – Agricultural livestock roundhouse building at Glebe Farm, Hessay to Monk Bridge by Mr Stuart Gledhill.

10.024 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION

Councillor Booth reported that the email list appears to work and that he often receives positive feedback from residents.

10.025 - TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Councillors agreed that this subject should be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May when the opinions of residents could be sought.

10.026 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING AND POTHOLE

It was noted that the City Council has not correct the sunken manhole cover in the road outside Wheatsheaf House. **(Action Clerk)**

10.027 - TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE POSSIBLE APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION FOR REFUSAL OF THE BCB HAZARDOUS WASTE INCINERATOR, TOCKWITH

A letter had been received from the Tockwith Residents Association asking for the Parish Council's support in the above appeal. It was agreed that a letter of support be sent. **(Action Clerk)**

10.028 - TO CONSIDER CLERK AND COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Councillors considered a list of training courses being run by the YLCA during 2010 and a Development Control Seminar being held by the City Council in March. It was agreed to defer making a decision on the YLCA training events until later in the year.

10.029 - 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 March 2010. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below. The bank balances at 10 March were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,605.95

(b) To agree accounts for payment

66 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – February & March	£260.04
67 Post Office Ltd	Income tax - February & March	£65.00
68 Nether Poppleton Parish Council	Stationery contribution	£20.00
70 James Mackman	Expenses	£5.90

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Bank interest	£1.02
City of York Council	Fee for delivering "Your Ward" leaflets	£14.44

(d) To re-appoint the Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that Linda Cariss had said that she would be willing to continue as the internal auditor if asked. It was agreed that Mrs Cariss be asked to continue in her role as internal auditor. **(Action Clerk)**

(e) To review the Internal audit procedures

Discussion on this subject was deferred until this year's Annual Return has been received from the external auditor

(f) To agree the amount of the annual hire charge for the use of the Chapel schoolroom

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

10.030 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on moving the telegraph pole outside No. 3 Main Street (Min. 10.030a) – (Mar 09)

The Clerk reported having had further correspondence with BT but the pole has not been moved. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) *Progress on the refurbishment of the seat by the notice board in Main Street (Min. 10.030b) – (Nov 09)*

Owing to the continued freezing and inclement weather the seat has not been refurbished.

(c) *Progress on buying saplings to plant in the gap by the repaired fence (Min. 10.030c) – (Nov 09)*

Councillor Hildreth reported that he had bought and planted the saplings.

(d) *Progress on the repairs to the pavement outside No. 6 Main Street (Min. 10.0130d) – (Nov 09)*

No progress to report.

10.031 - 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) A leaflet from BTCV giving details of their services
- (b) Clerk & Councils Direct - March 2010, Issue 68
- (c) City York Council - Precept information
- (d) Marshalls - Advert
- (e) NSPCC - NSPCC Helpline awareness letter
- (f) Rural Action Yorkshire - Country Air - Winter 2010
- (g) YCVS - Voluntary Voice, February 2010
- (h) York Local Involvement Network - LINKed In, February 2010
- (i) Yorkshire Forward - Yorkshire in Bloom Roadshow invitation

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

Minor Matters

It was noted that the hedge that is supposed to have replaced the hawthorn hedge in the children's play area has not yet been planted. The Clerk will ask the City Council to expedite the matter. **(Action Clerk).**

Items for the next agenda

Registering all Parish Council-owned land with the Land Registry

10.033 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting would be held on Wednesday 12 May 2010 starting at 7.00pm.

10.034 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2010 AT 7.30PM

It was agreed that the start time for the Parish Council meeting be 8.00pm to allow an hour for the Annual Parish Meeting immediately preceding it.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.15pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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