

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2011

Present: Councillors Nick Booth, Mark Barratt, Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor. Also present were four members of the public and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

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

None.

11.021 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phil Wood and City Councillor Ben Hudson.

11.022 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2011, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

11.023 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2011, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

In the absence of a City Councillor there was no report.

11.025 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) The village pond

(i) Registration of the pond area as a Village Green update

This depends on the registration of Parish Land. See item (c) below.

(ii) General maintenance

It was agreed that for 2011 Mr Cariss would trim the area round the pond on a regular basis and be paid the same per cut as the contractor was paid in 2010.

(b) Allotments

It was noted that one of the allotment tenants has given notice. Notice of the vacant allotment is to be pinned on the notice board and emailed to residents. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

(c) Registration of Parish Land

The Clerk reported that he had been looking through three boxes of old Parish Council documents recently given to him by Mr Cariss. He had found a letter indicating that the Parish Council had been created in 1975, a fact that he had not been aware of previously. This meant that the declaration that the Parish Council had owned the land in question since 1894 was not correct. At the moment the ownership of the Parish Council land prior to 1975 is unclear. It was

agreed that further research should be made to ascertain how the Parish Council came to have title to the land that it wants to have registered. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) The use of BTCV in clearing Parish Council-owned land.

The Clerk reported that he had arranged for two of the BTCV representatives to meet Councillors in Shirbutt Lane at 2.00pm on Monday 14 March.

(e) Fencing the Parish Council land in Shirbutt Lane

The Clerk confirmed that the grant application had been processed by the City Council and that the sum of £1,000 had been deposited in the Parish Council's bank account.

Two quotations for the erection of fencing and a gate were considered. It was agreed to award the contract to Richard Hartley. **(Action Clerk)**

(f) A request from Mr & Mrs Readman to rent a section of the Parish Council land in Shirbutt Lane

Mr & Mrs Readman said that the section of land in question is next to his property. It is not maintained and they have a constant battle with weeds. They would like to rent the area and would make sure that the area was maintained.

Currently that area of land is rented by Mr Lumley. It was agreed that Councillor Booth would see Mr Lumley and ask his opinion on giving up the land in question. It was agreed to defer further discussion on the subject until the May Parish Council meeting. **(Action Councillor Booth)**

(g) Other areas

No reports.

11.026 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following planning applications

Ref: 11/00192/FUL – Single-storey side extension to existing garage and erection of detached garage to side at Shirbutts, York Road by Mr Richard Dixon.	The Parish Council has no objections but wishes to point out that the proposed development is directly on top of the Roman road and we request that an archaeological survey is carried out prior to the commencement of any work. We also recommend that the proposed garage is to be used for domestic purposes only, not for commercial purposes.
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(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved no planning applications since the January meeting.

11.027 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION

The Clerk reported on his attendance at the Broadband Conference in Ripon on 19 February. The Government has selected four areas in the UK to have superfast broadband available by 2015. North Yorkshire is one of the areas chosen. All the local MPs attended the Conference and there was an address on film by the Foreign Secretary and local MP, William Hague. The Conference was addressed by a number of eminent speakers included a member of the Cabinet Office, representatives of major telecommunications companies and local businessmen.

11.028 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING, POTHOLES, BROKEN SIGNS AND THE STATE OF THE FOOTPATH IN NEW ROAD

A number of potholes were reported. The worst appear to be between the Industrial Estate in New Road and the junction with the A59. These are to be reported to the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

It was agreed that the City Council be asked to provide its policy for road sweeping in villages in 2011. **(Action Clerk)**

11.029 – TO DISCUSS HOLDING A “POPPY PARTY” IN JUNE

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not hold a “Poppy Party”.

11.030 – TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF THE A59/NEW ROAD JUNCTION

The Clerk read on excerpt from a letter dated 14 February 1985 that he had found in the files received from Mr Cariss. The letter was from the then Clerk, A C S Newling, to the North Yorkshire Highways Department asking them to consider, once again, a slip road on the A59 approach from York and outlined the same reasons that are currently being discussed by the Parish Councillors. It was noted that no progress has been made in the intervening 26 years.

11.031 - FINANCE

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 9 March 2011. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 9 March were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£9,572.75

(a) To agree accounts for payment

89	James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – February & March	£260.04
90	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – February & March	£65.00
91	James Mackman	Clerk’s expenses	£11.00
93	Upper Poppleton Parish Council	Stationery contribution	£20.00

(b) To receive a report on income received

CYC	Grant for fencing in Shirbutt Lane	£1,000.00
HSBC	Bank Interest	£0.79
CYC	Your Ward distribution fee	£7.22

(c) To review the Internal Audit Procedure

The Councillors considered the Parish Council’s internal audit procedures and agreed that no alteration to the procedures were necessary.

(d) To appoint an Internal Auditor

It was agree to re-appoint Mrs Cariss as the Parish Council’s internal auditor. **(Action Clerk)**

(e) 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.

11.032 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on the repairs to the pavement outside No. 6 Main Street (Min. 11.012a) – (Nov 09)

No photograph of the puddle has been taken so there was no progress to report on this subject.

(b) *Progress on the raising of the sunken manhole covering the road outside Wheatsheaf House (Min. 11.012c) – (Mar 10)*

No progress on this matter. The Clerk is to contact City Councillor Ben Hudson to ask for a report. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) *Report on the Broadband Conference at Ripon Racecourse on 19 February*

See agenda item 11.027 above.

11.033 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

11.033/1 - The Clerk read or referred to the following items of correspondence:-

- (a) Nominations forms for the Local Elections in May which the Clerk gave to each Councillor.
- (b) A copy of the latest Electoral Roll for Hessay.
- (c) An invitation from Julian Sturdy MP to a meeting on the Localism Bill to be held at Strensall on 26 March. It was agreed that one Councillor should attend the meeting.
- (d) A notice of laying rate from Marston Moor Internal Drainage Board. This has been put on the notice board.

11.033/2 – It was agreed that the correspondence received since the January meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) A copy of the revised Charter between the City Council and Parish Councillors for Councillors to comment on
- (b) Clerk & Councils Direct - March 2011 - Issue 74
- (c) CYC - York New Beautiful City
- (d) CYC - Street Sport York letter from Allen Marsh
- (e) Rural Action Yorkshire - Country Air - Winter 2011, Issue 118
- (f) YLCA - White Rose Update, February 2011 etc
- (g) York Local Involvement Network - LINKed In - January 2011, Issue 13
- (h) York Local Involvement Network - AGM notice and voting papers

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

Minor Matters

It was agreed that the next Newsletter should mention that dogs need to be kept on leads along the footpath to Rufforth so as not have them disturb ground nesting birds in the area. The Newsletter should also mention the increased incidence of dog waste in the village.

Items for the next agenda

None

11.035 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on Wednesday 11 May at 7.00pm.

11.036 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2011 AT 8.00PM

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 11 May at 8.00pm, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 8.58pm.

Chairman..... Date.....

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