

## HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Councillors Mark Barratt, Helen Candy, Andrew Hardcastle, Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor. Also present were City Councillor Chris Steward, three members of the public and the Clerk, James Mackman.

#### **TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE METHODIST CHAPEL**

Katherine Wright, the Treasurer of the Hessay Methodist Chapel, addressed the Parish Council. She said:

- The Quinquennial inspection of the Chapel last year highlighted work that needed to be done on the fabric of the building
- Condensation is a problem
- The heating system needs to be improved
- It would be good if the building could be used more
- Any alterations and improvements would need the Methodist Church's approval

Katherine asked the Parish Council if it wanted the Chapel to continue to be available to residents.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **11.099 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

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

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

#### **11.101 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2011, having been circulated and read were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward

- Reported on the Ward Committee meeting held at Askham Bryan on 19 October
- Mentioned the City Council's Fairness Commission and said that responses could be sent by email
- Mentioned the City Council's Tremendous campaign

#### **11.103– TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND**

*(a) Registration of Parish Land - To receive an update and make appropriate decisions*

Councillor Hardcastle reported on the working party meeting of 26 October. The Parish Council currently holds five Statutory Declarations for the six parcels of land that it owns. These were signed by the late Chairman, Frank Hildreth, in 1993. It was agreed that more Statutory Declarations are needed prior to engaging a solicitor to take the land registration forward. Council Hildreth has provided a map showing the parcels of Parish Council land.

*(b) General maintenance of the pond area*

It was agreed that the pond area is looking well and that Stuart Cariss has made a good job of the grass cutting during the year.

*(c) Allotments*

There is still one allotment unlet. Councillor Hardcastle said that he would look at the allotment with the intention of renting it for the next year.

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

The report from BTCV on the land opposite the pond in Shirbutt Lane was discussed. The report covered the area known as Willow Garth and the area known as the Parish Garden. The cost of work on Willow Garth could be £1,250 over two years. Depending on the work on the Parish Garden which currently is scrub land the initial cost of clearance would be in the region of £1,000 and £500 a year thereafter. No decision on expenditure was taken. It was agreed that Yorventure be approached and asked if it would give a grant towards the work. **(Action Clerk)**

*(e) Progress on refurbishing the Main Street seat*

It was reported that Jack Holliday has finished refurbishing the seat and that he has made an excellent job of the work. The Councillors were effusive in their praise of Jack who was present at the meeting.

*(f) Other areas*

It was agreed that up to £200 could be spent on hawthorn plants, spiral protectors and canes for the along the Willow Garth boundary fence. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

**11.104 - TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A PLAYING FIELD IN THE VILLAGE**

The subject of a playing field had been discussed in 1999 when the City Council had found no land suitable. It was agreed that the Parish Council supported the idea of having a playing field in the village but that as it didn't own any suitable land it could do nothing about providing one unless suitable land was available. It was agreed that in the next Newsletter residents would be asked if they knew of any pieces of land that would be suitable, or whether anyone had land they would be prepared to allow to be used as a playing field.

**11.105 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

- Ref: 11/02005/FUL – First floor side extension at Mizpah Cottage, Shirbutt Lane by Mr & Mrs Craggs.

**11.106 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION INCLUDING REVIEWING PROGRESS ON THE PROPOSED WEBSITE**

(a) Councillor Candy presented her newly designed Hessay Parish Council website. The Councillors agreed the style and content. It was agreed that the website be set up for a two-year trial period at a cost of £5 per month with an initial cost of £7.00 for the domain name.

(b) The latest Newsletter was circulated on 28 September 2011.

**11.107 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING, POTHoles, BROKEN SIGNS AND THE STATE OF THE FOOTPATH IN NEW ROAD**

It was noted that the gutters had been swept again.

The potholes in the footpath along New Road have not been filled in.

### 11.108 – TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF THE A59/NEW ROAD JUNCTION

City Councillor Chris Steward reported that he had spoken to the City Council and that there are now plans to paint SLOW markings on the A59 and provide new signs ahead of the junction. The work should be completed by early December. Councillor Steward was thanked for his work.

### 11.109 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

The Clerk reported that he is now receiving reports on incidents in Hessay that have been reported to the police. In fact, no incidents were reported to the police during September and October. The Clerk had also enquired about accidents involving vehicles at the junction of New Road and the A59 and was told that there have been two.

### 11.110 - FINANCE

#### (a) *Financial Report*

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

The bank balances at 9 November were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£9,730.69

#### (b) *To agree accounts for payment*

95	J Parker Dutch Bulbs	Various bulbs	£105.25
96	Information Commissioner	Registering the Parish Council	£35.00
97	Holliday of York	Refurbishing the seat in Main Street	£43.00
98	YLCA	Councillor Barratt training course	£35.00
99	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – October & November	£259.84
100	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – October & November	£65.20
122	James Mackman	Expenses	£12.26

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£1.05
City of York Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> half year's precept	£1,375.00
NEDL	Wayleave	£13.96

#### (d) *To consider a grant to the Methodist Church Hall*

It was agreed that the Parish Council give support to the continued use of the Church Hall. No grant would be given for the time being. Councillor Candy is to help Katherine Wright compile a questionnaire to be emailed to residents. This should give an indication of the demography of the village and help determine future use of the Chapel. **(Action Councillor Candy)**

### 11.111 - CLERK'S REPORT:

#### (a) *Progress on the repairs to the pavement outside No. 6 Main Street (Min. 11.094a) – (Nov 09)*

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. 11.004b) – (Mar 10)*

It was reported that the work has been done.

(c) *Progress on the repairing of potholes in New Road (Min. 11.094c) – (Jul 11)*

It was reported that the pothole opposite the entrance to the Industrial Estate had been repaired. The two holes in the pavement near the A59 had not been repaired.

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

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

- (a) Boundary Commission for England - 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies
- (b) Clerk & Councils Direct - Nov 2011, Issue 78
- (c) CPRE/NALC - Planning applications guide
- (d) CYC - LDF - Core Strategy (September)
- (e) CYC - Streets Ahead, Autumn 2011 - Annual report
- (f) Julian Sturdy MP - Newsletter
- (g) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service - Summary of accounts, 2010-11
- (h) Pageantmaster - Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons
- (i) Rural Action Yorkshire - Country Air, Autumn 2011, Issue 121
- (j) YLCA - White Rose update
- (k) York Open Planning Forum – Newsletter, September 2011
- (l) York Open Planning Forum – Newsletter, October 2011

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

*Minor Matters*

- (a) It was noted that 15 to 20 families had participated in the bulb planting event on 9 October. The Councillors expressed their thanks to Amanda Carlyle for organising the event.
- (b) It was reported that a resident is complaining about a low-resonating noise coming from the Industrial Estate. It was agreed that this was a matter over which the Parish Council has no power and the resident is to be advised to contact the City Council.
- (c) Councillor Taylor said that it would be useful if, somewhere in the village, a map could be displayed that showed the names of the houses in Hessay.

*Items for the next agenda*

- (a) Payment for cutting the grass in the pond area
- (b) Consideration of the Local Development Framework

**11.114 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30PM**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 11 January 2012 at 7.30pm,

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.50pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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