

## HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 4 JULY 2012

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

None.

#### 12.061 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

#### 12.062 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2012, having been circulated and read were accepted and signed as a true record

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

City Councillor Chris Steward reported on the Rural West Ward Committee meeting held at Askham Richard on 20 June.

#### 12.064 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

Councillor Hardcastle reported that he and Councillor Hildreth are progressing on drawing up the wording for the Statutory Declarations that are needed.

*(b) General maintenance of the pond area*

- i. It was reported that the area is still looking good. Thanks were given to Stuart Cariss for keeping the grassed area trimmed.
- ii. Branches of the willow tree are hanging low and these are to be cut back. Stuart Cariss offered to make the branches safe

*(c) Refurbishing the seat by the pond*

It was agreed that the seat should be refurbished at a cost of not more than £50. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

*(d) Willow Garth*

- i. *Provision of a replacement tree for the removed tree.*

It was reaffirmed that a replacement tree would be planted towards the end of the year.

- ii. *To discuss grant funding & Yorventure's response to the use of the Conservation Volunteers improving the area for wildlife*

The Clerk reported that Yorventure have said that as the Conservation Volunteers' quotation for the work is mainly for administration and supervision they would not give a grant for the project. The Councillors agreed to arrange for a working party to do the work. **(Action Councillor Hildreth)**

*(e) Allotments*

No report.

*(f) Marking Jubilee trees*

There was no progress to report on this subject. Councillor Barratt said he would speak to some of the older village residents. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

*(g) Other areas*

No report.

**12.065 - TO NOTE LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANNING DECISIONS**

It was noted that there had been no plans for the Local Planning Authority to approve.

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

Councillor Candy reported that she has received some photographs. She is going to incorporate some of the photographs on to the front page of the website. **(Action Councillor Candy)**

**12.067 - TO ADOPT A NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Code of Conduct that Councillors had signed up to previously had come to an end with the demise of the Standards Board on 30 June 2012. It is a condition under the 2012 Localism Act that Parish Councils adopt a new Code of Conduct as soon as possible after 1 July 2012. There are three Codes of Conduct to choose from; the local authority's, one specific to the Parish Council and the one produced by NALC. It was resolved that the NALC Code of Conduct be adopted by the Parish Council.

**12.068 - TO DISCUSS BROADBAND NORTH YORKSHIRE & BROADBAND PROVISION WITHIN THE VILLAGE**

The Clerk reported that he had been making enquiries about the provision of broadband in Hessay. The most relevant response had come from a City Council Officer who had stated that "Hessay is not attractive to private sector initiatives. I am awaiting the results of the procurement process and will look at the impact on rural York including Hessay. I am reasonably hopeful that the programme will deliver enhanced broadband services for many of our rural communities, and hopefully this will include Hessay. If you want to contact me, in say two months, then we hopefully I might have some details on the procurement process and what it might mean for Hessay."

The Councillors agreed to wait for the City Council's response.

**12.069 - TO DISCUSS A COMPLAINT ABOUT SAFETY AT THE JUNCTION OF SHIRBUTT LANE AND THE A59**

The Councillors discussed a letter of complaint about the vegetation growing on the corner of Shirbutt Lane and the A59 which makes it impossible for a driver to see what traffic is approaching from the right without having to make the dangerous manoeuvre of driving his car into the main road. The problem is particularly acute for the HGV learner drivers using the driving school in Shirbutt Lane. The Clerk said that he had reported the vegetation to the City Council. The parish councillors were supportive in seeing safety restored at the junction. It was agreed that the solution would be for the vegetation and hedge to be cut back. The councillors felt it was a matter for City of York Council as the parish council has no power to carry out this work **(Action City Councillor Steward)**

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

(a) Councillor Hildreth reported that he and the Clerk had met a Community Payback representative who had agreed to have two teams clear the pavement and the gutter of weeds along the length of Shirbutt Lane from The Old School House as far as they could go towards Main Street in the time available on 10 July.

(b) The Shirbutt Lane sign on the A59 is obscured by vegetation. This is to be reported to the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

**12.071 – TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN NEW ROAD**

It was reported that the road surface in front of the Industrial Estate entrance is constantly breaking up often within a few days of being repaired. It was the Councillors' opinion that there would be less stress on the road surface if the entrance was made wider, set back and angled in the direction of the A59. It was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged with the agent and the City of York Council asked to take part. **(Action Clerk)**

**12.072 - TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF VEHICLES SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE**

It was reported that PCSO Colley is going to assess the problem with speeding traffic. It was noted that there is a form on the Parish Council's website which residents can complete with details of offending vehicles and send to the police. The form called a 95 Alive Speed Concern Report form and it can be downloaded from the Internet by following this link:

[http://hessay.org/Documents/speeding\\_vehicles.pdf](http://hessay.org/Documents/speeding_vehicles.pdf)

**12.073 - TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF HEAVY VEHICLES TRAVELLING THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

PCSO Colley has stated that it is very difficult to judge the weight of a vehicle so identifying a vehicle that weighs more than the 7.5 tonne limit is a bit hit and miss. It was agreed that residents be encouraged to report offending vehicles to the company concerned.

**12.074 - TO DISCUSS THE ALTERATIONS TO THE BUS SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE**

It was noted that the buses on routes 142/143 that run through the village do not allow for someone catching a bus to Ripon to travel back on the same day. It was agreed that, given that this bus service is no longer subsidised, there is little that can be done.

**12.075 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE**

It was reported that the only known event held in the village to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was an afternoon tea held in the Methodist Chapel on Sunday 3 June which was attended by approximately twenty residents.

**12.076 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING**

No incidents were reported to the police during April, May and June.

**12.077 - FINANCE**

*(a) Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 4 July 2012. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 4 July were:

Current Account	£289.64
Business Money Manager Account	£8,776.57

*(b) To agree accounts for payment*

205 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – June & July	£260.04
206 Post Office Ltd	Income tax – June & July	£65.00
207 James Mackman	Expenses	£15.32

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.98
Various tenants	Rents	£130.00

**12.078 - CLERK'S REPORT:**

*(a) Progress on the repairs to the pavement outside No. 6 Main Street (Min. 12.056a) – (Nov 09)*

No progress to report.

*(b) Progress on the repairing of potholes in New Road (Min. 12.056b) – (Jul 11)*

A new pothole has appeared and has been reported to the City Council.

*(c) Progress on replacing Cat Lane finger post (Min. 12.056d) – (Mar 12) - No progress to report.*

*(d) Progress on the clearing of vegetation off the pavement and gutter in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 12.052) – (May 12) - Community Payback is due to clear the vegetation on 10 July.*

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

*The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence*

- (a) Notice of audit from the Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board which the Clerk had put on the notice board
- (b) A letter from the City Council advising the Parish Council that it is not eligible to receive Ward Committee Grants in 2012/13
- (c) Audit Commission - Consultation on appointment of external auditor
- (d) YLCA - Annual Review 2011/12 - AGM papers

**12.080 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None.

**12.081 - TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None.

**12.082 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30PM**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 12 September at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 14 November and 9 January 2013.

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

Chairman.....

Date.....

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