

## HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013

**Present:** Councillors Mark Barratt (Chairman), Helen Candy, Roger Hildreth and Penny Taylor  
Also present were four residents, City Councillor Chris Steward and the Clerk, James Mackman.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

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

None.

#### **13.018 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andrew Hardcastle.

#### **13.019 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2013, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward reported that

- The City Council is increasing Council Tax for 2013-14 by 1.9%
- The City Council is conducting an on-line survey regarding the possible introduction of an annual charge for the emptying of green waste bins

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

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

This subject is still proceeding.

*(b) General maintenance of the pond area*

It was noted that the surface of the pond is 8” higher than normal due to the fact that the Drainage Board hasn't sludged the Northfield drain.

*(c) Willow Garth*

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

It was reported that an oak tree had been planted on 15 January.

*ii. Report of working party*

Owing to the continued wetness of the land no working party has been held. It was agreed that a working party would be organised for Saturday 16 March, weather permitting.

*(d) Allotments*

There was a long discussion on the problem with rabbits on the allotments. Two allotment holders had written to ask for rabbit-proof fencing to be installed as soon as possible as it was no longer possible to grow anything except potatoes without the rabbits eating it. A meeting is to be arranged

between Councillors and allotment holders as to how to resolve the problem. (**Action Councillor Candy**)

It was agreed that the sum of up to £250 should be provided for the purchase of rabbit-proof fencing.

*(e) Marking Jubilee trees*

No trees have been identified as having been planted to commemorate previous Jubilees.

It was agreed that, at a future date, a plaque should be bought to commemorate the planting of the oak tree in Willow Garth in honour of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.

*(f) Other areas*

No report.

**13.022 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*(a) To consider the following planning application*

Ref: 13/00353/FUL - Single-storey rear extension 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.
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*(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

- Ref: 12/03722/FUL – Two-storey side extension at Manor Farm House, Main Street by Mr & Mrs R W Watson.
- Ref: 13/00080/FUL – Erection of 2.4 metre high fence to boundary at Silverwood Exhibitions, 4 Hessay Industrial Estate, New Road by Leda Properties Ltd.

**13.023 - TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A PERMANENT CHRISTMAS TREE**

The City Council has given permission to plant a fir tree in the children's play area. It has also suggested the species and possible suppliers. It was agreed that a tree be purchased and planted in late autumn, it being too late in the year to plant a tree now.

**13.024 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION INCLUDING THE PROPOSED WEBSITE**

It was agreed that Councillors Barratt and Candy would produce a Newsletter to be email to residents. (**Action Councillors Barratt and Candy**)

It was noted that approximately half the households in the village receive Parish notice by email.

**13.025 - TO DISCUSS ROAD AND PATH SWEEPING, POTHOLE, BROKEN SIGNS AND THE STATE OF THE FOOTPATH IN NEW ROAD AND SHIRBUTT LANE**

No report.

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

It was agreed that the City Council be asked to arrange for a Highways Officer to meet with Councillors at the entrance of the Industrial Estate in an endeavour for the Councillors to establish

what the City Council could do to improve the entrance. It is hoped that improvements would lead to fewer vehicles using the route through the village to gain access to the Industrial Estate and lessen the impact of heavy vehicles on the area of road in New Lane in front of the Industrial Estate. **(Action Clerk)**

**13.027 - TO DISCUSS VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF THE WEIGHT LIMIT GOING THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

There have been complaints about heavy vehicles being driven through the village, especially at night-time. What action to take to eradicate these incidents has been occupying the minds of residents. There was a lengthy discussion on this subject with valuable contributions made by the residents attending the meeting. The issue has been raised with both North Yorkshire Police and VOSA.

It was resolved that an Action Group should be set up. A Facebook page is to be created which will show photographs of heavy goods vehicles in the village. The Group will record vehicle registration numbers and pass them on to the police.

It was agreed that the City Council be asked if it could provide signage to make it clear to drivers of heavy good vehicles that their vehicles should not be driven through the village. **(Action Clerk)**

**13.028 - TO DISCUSS HOW TO CELEBRATE THE TOUR DE FRANCE PASSING THROUGH THE PARISH ALONG THE A59 IN 2014**

The 2014 Tour de France will be leaving York on the morning of Sunday 6 July and will be travelling through the parish along the A59. It was agreed that the subject should be on the agenda for the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 8 May 2013

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

The following incidents were reported to the police during January and February 2013:

6 Jan	Auto crime	Catalytic convertors taken from vehicles.	Industrial Park
8 Jan	Theft	Phone taken.	Industrial Park
19 Jan	Criminal damage	Fence damaged.	Industrial Park

**13.030 - FINANCE**

*(a) Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 13 March 2013. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 13 March were:

Current Account	£285.39
Business Money Manager Account	£8,344.81

*(b) To agree accounts for payment*

149	Thorpe Trees	Oak tree for Willow Croft	£5.82
212	Nether Poppleton Parish Council	Annual stationery contribution	£20.00
213	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – February & March	£260.04
214	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – February & March	£65.00
215	James Mackman	Expenses	£5.88

<i>(c) To receive a report on income received</i>		
HSBC	Bank interest	£0.88
City of York Council	Annual double taxation relief	£143.29

*(d) To agree the School Room rent for the year*

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

*(e) To reappoint the internal auditor*

It was agreed to re-appoint Mrs Cariss as the internal auditor. **(Action Clerk)**

**13.031- CLERK'S REPORT:**

*(a) Progress on the repairs to the pavement outside No. 6 Main Street (Min. 13.013a) – (Nov 09)*

There was no progress to report on this subject. It was agreed to remove this item from future agendas.

*(b) Progress on the clearing of vegetation off the pavement and gutter in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 13.013b) – (May 12)*

The Clerk reported that Community Payback have agreed to continue clearing the vegetation off the footpath. **(Action Clerk)**

*(c) Progress on refurbishing the seat by the pond (Min. 13.013c) – (Jul 12)*

This will be done as soon as the weather is dry enough.

*(d) Progress on the removal of vegetation at the junction of Shirbutt Lane and the A59 (Min. 13.013d) – (Jul 12)*

With no leaves on the trees at this time of the year it is difficult to tell if this is still a problem.

*(e) Progress on straightening of the bollards on the A59 (Min. 13.015) – (Jan 13)*

It was reported that the bollards have been straightened and some have been replaced.

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

*13.032.1 - The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence all of which have been pinned to the notice board:-*

- (a) Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board - Notice of laying rate
- (b) CYC - Compost Giveaway poster
- (c) North Yorkshire & York Forum - Sleeping Rough poster
- (d) Julian Sturdy MP - Surgery poster renewal notice

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - January 2013, Issue 85
- (b) Clerk & Councils Direct - March 2013 - Issue 86
- (c) CYC - Boundary Commission - Parliamentary Boundary Review
- (d) Julian Sturdy MP – notice of meeting on 11 April to which Councillors are invited
- (e) NYCC - North Yorkshire Mineral and Waste Development Framework - Feb 2013
- (f) Police & Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire - Your Voice - February 2013

**13.033 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None.

**13.034 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- (a) Superfast broadband
- (b) Consideration of the renewal of the Parish Council’s website

**13.035 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2013 AT 8.00PM**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 8 May 2013 at 8.00pm following the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7.00pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 10 July and 11 September.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.40pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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