

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2013

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

13.057 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

13.058 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Roger Hildreth.

13.059 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2013, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward gave details of the York Local Plan. He referred to a large map of York and talked through various aspect of the Plan and the timing of the public consultation which ends on 31 July 2013 to the final acceptance of the Plan in 2014.

13.061 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

Councillor Hardcastle has spoken to the local solicitor who will witness the Statutory Declarations. It was agree that her firm, Fitzgerald-Harts of Boroughbridge, will deal with the Land Registry in registering the land.

(b) General maintenance of the pond area

It was reported that Stuart Cariss has been cutting the grass.

(c) Willow Garth

Stuart Cariss has also cut the grass along the front of Willow Garth. It was noted that the area has never looked so neat. It was agreed that thanks should be extended to Stuart Cariss for the work he has done.

(d) Allotments including rabbit-proof fencing

The rabbit-proof fencing has been bought and installed.

It was agreed that two more posts and fence rails should be bought in order to fence off the well for safety reasons. **(Action Cllr. Hardcastle & Cllr. Barratt)**

13.062 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) *To consider the following planning application*

Ref: 13/01665/FUL – Single-storey rear extension at Hedgerows, Shirbutt Lane by Mr & Mrs Sorby.	The Parish Council has no objections but wishes to make the following comments. We wish to make sure that the culvert that passes beneath the property is not obstructed but remains in full working order.
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(b) *To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

There have been no decisions since the May Parish Council meeting.

13.063 - TO DISCUSS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION INCLUDING SUPERFAST BROADBAND AND CONTINUING THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

John Mylchreest gave details of various aspects of broadband.

- Hessay phones are connected to the Rufforth exchange
- The Rufforth exchange has been upgraded
- The government is giving grants to install cabinets
- NYCC have a grant which enables NYNET to upgrade cabinets
- The Parish Council should submit an interest to NYNET
- There is an existing cabinet in Main Street. A new cabinet could be installed next to it and be connected to the Rufforth exchange

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact NYNET and ask about the availability of high-speed broadband in Hessay. **(Action Clerk)**

It was agreed that householders should be canvassed as to their need for broadband in the next Newsletter

Councillor Candy reported that eight households have been added to the email distribution list in the last two months

It was agreed that Councillor Candy should host the Parish Council's website for the next two years at a cost of £36 per annum.

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

It was reported that the road near the sharp bend in Atterwith Lane is subsiding. The City Council is to be asked to remedy the situation. **(Action Clerk)**

The chevron on the sharp bend in Atterwith Lane has not been repaired. The Clerk will again ask the City Council to expedite the repair. **(Action Clerk)**

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

There was no news to report on this subject.

13.066 - TO DISCUSS SIGNAGE TO DETER DRIVERS OF VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF THE WEIGHT LIMIT GOING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

A reply on this subject from the City Council received on 8 May 2013 and recorded in the minutes of the May meeting said "It may be possible to install an information sign at the B1224 / Mill Lane junction to encourage goods vehicles to continue along the B1224. This will be added to our work programme and investigated in the next 8 weeks, I instruct that the technician dealing with the work up date you on their findings and proposed action."

The Parish Council has not been notified if any action is to be taken. The Clerk is to follow this up and report to the September meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

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

It was agreed that this event will be well publicised nearer the date and should attract a large number of visitors to York. The idea of holding a Big Breakfast and cycle races in the village were put forward. It was agreed to continue advertising the event on the Parish Council's website and in Newsletters and ask for more ideas to celebrate the event.

13.068 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

It was noted that no incidents had been reported to the police during the months of May and June.

13.069 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 3 July 2013. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 3 July were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,508.63

(b) To agree accounts for payment

151 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – June & July	£260.04
152 Post Office Ltd	Income tax – June & July	£65.00
153 James Mackman	Expenses	£8.07

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.98
Various tenants	Rent	£150.00

(d) To receive the internal auditor's report

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had no adverse comments on the recently completed audit.

13.070 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on refurbishing the seat by the pond (Min. 13.052b) – (Jul 12)

The resident who was going to refurbish the seat has now moved from the village. Councillor Barratt is to contact another resident who will be asked if he would be willing to refurbish the seat. **(Action Cllr. Barratt)**

(b) Progress on the removal of vegetation at the junction of Shirbutt Lane and the A59 (Min. 13.052c) – (Jul 12)

The vegetation has grown recently so that it is now obscuring the view of the A59 from the entrance of Shirbutt Lane. The City Council are to be asked to arrange for the vegetation to be trimmed back. **(Action Clerk)**

13.071 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - July 2013 - Issue 88
- (b) CYC - Boundary Commission - Further details
- (c) Environment Agency - More details on consultation process
- (d) Local Government Boundary Commission - Draft recommendations
- (e) NYCC - Minerals & Waste Joint Plan
- (f) Rural Action Yorkshire - Winter Weather Agents Toolkit
- (g) YLCA - Annual Review 2012/13 - AGM papers

13.073 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

It was reported that an electric fence has been erected alongside a length of the footpath between Hessay and Rufforth. Combined with the growing vegetation it has become difficult to walk along the path. It was agreed that the City Council's Public Rights of Way Department be contacted, for advice. **(Action Cllr. Barratt)**

13.074 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

13.075 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that a planning application had been received since the agenda for this meeting was published. It was agreed to hold a Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm on 16 July to discuss the new planning application.

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on Wednesday, 11 September 2013 at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on and 13 November and 8 January 2014.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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