

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2014

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

14.046 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Barratt was proposed and seconded and unanimously elected as chairman.

14.047 - TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNED DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Barratt signed the Declaration.

14.048 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Hildreth was proposed and seconded and unanimously elected as vice-chairman.

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

None.

14.050 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillor Hardcastle.

14.051 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2014

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

14.052 – TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 April, having been circulated and read were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward:-

- Reported that Julian Sturdy MP is holding two public meetings.
- Gave details of the time scale on the City Council's Local Plan.
- Reminded Councillors that Rural West York Ward is holding a "Community Conversations" meeting at Copmanthorpe Methodist Church from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on 29 May when the Leader of the City Council, James Alexander, will be present to answer questions from the floor.

14.054 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

(a) *Registration of Parish Land - To receive an update and make appropriate decisions*
Work to complete the statutory declarations is ongoing.

(b) *Hessay Pond - including agreement to pay for grounds maintenance during 2013-14*
It was agreed to spend up to £40 on materials to maintain the pond area.

(c) *Willow Garth including the provision of additional hedging*
It was agreed to plant more hedging in late autumn.

(d) *Allotments*
It was reported that:-

- i. One plot is vacant
- ii. The surplus soil on the vacant plot is to be spread equally over the other plots.

(e) *Thief Lane*
No report.

(f) *Sandpit Field*
No report.

14.055 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) No planning applications had been received for consideration.

(b) *To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

Ref: 14/00382/FUL – Variation of condition 2 of permitted application 12/03722/FUL to alter windows at Manor Farm, Main Street by Mr and Mrs R W Watson.

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

The lack of superfast broadband in the village is still a major concern. Councillor Candy reported the following. "Steve Dann confirmed that the City of York Council would be combining with the West Yorkshire authorities to implement phase 2 of the government funded rural programme. Whilst there might not be sufficient resource to cover the whole of rural York as part of phase 2, the Council was cautiously optimistic that as part of phase 2 the major villages not receiving superfast under phase 1 NYNET programme would benefit under phase 2. The new approach of working with West Yorkshire authorities would not focus on a single "one size fits all" approach which was what happened under phase 1, but for the solution to be honed to specific communities. So it is anticipated that there will be different solutions in different locations depending on which provides the best answer and provides value for money. So one village might have a Wi-Fi/ wireless solution, another a Cabinet approach and another possibly fibre to the home. The joint West Yorkshire/ York plan for phase 2 should emerge around August.

The City Council is briefing the local MP next week, Julian Sturdy, and shortly a regular email will be prepared to keep villages that lost out under phase 1 up to date with progress."

It was agreed to defer discussion on the subject until the September meeting.

14.057 - TO DISCUSS ROADS, FOOTPATHS, SWEEPING, SIGNAGE, POTHOLE, AND MAKE DECISIONS FOR VERGE CUTTING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

It was reported that the fence over the beck in Shirbutt Lane has collapsed. It needs to be replaced. It was agreed to wait for the City Council to clear the culvert and see if they replace the fence before taking any action.

The Councillors discussed the fact that Roger Hildreth cuts many of the grass verges in the village. The Parish Council should make provision for paying for this work. Councillor Hildreth declared a prejudicial interest in this subject and took no part in the discussion. It was agreed that a specification be drawn up showing the verges that need to be cut, the frequency and standard of cutting. This done, two quotations would be sought for the work.

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

It was reported that the work at the entrance to the Industrial Estate had been completed.

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to arrange a meeting with a City Council Officer to discuss the problem with the access to New Road from the A59 and the narrow width of New Road. Councillor Chris Steward said that he would have a word with the appropriate City Council Department and try to arrange a meeting.

14.059 - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE ARRANGEMENTS TO CELEBRATE THE TOUR DE FRANCE PASSING THROUGH THE PARISH ALONG THE A59 IN 2014

Councillor Candy gave an extensive update on the events in the village that had been planned for the Tour de France weekend. She emphasised that it will be a community event and that she wants people to be involved.

14.060 - TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A FOOTPATH ALONG THE WETHERBY ROAD AT RUFFORTH.

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that Alistair Briggs, the City Council's Traffic Network Manager, has been involved in another project and that he been unable to contact Mr Briggs. **(Action Clerk)**

14.061 – TO DISCUSS A WEIGHT LIMIT IN MILL LANE AND THE RECENT REPAIRS TO THE ROAD

The idea of introducing a weight limit in Mill Lane had been suggested by a resident. It was agreed not to support the idea of such a limit.

It was agreed that the City Council be asked why it had taken two weeks to carry out minor repairs in Mill Lane and why the road was closed during the two weeks. **(Action Clerk)**

14.062 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

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

14.063 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 14 May 2014. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 14 May were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,576.63

(b) To agree accounts for payment

221 T D F Events	Tour de France event advance	£388.50
177 YLCA	Annual subscription	£110.00
178 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – April & May	£262.70
179 Post Office Ltd	Income tax – April & May	£65.60
180 James Mackman	Expenses	£6.91

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.77
City of York Council	1 st half year's precept	£1,375.00

(d) To agree to subscribe to the YLCA for 2013-14 - £107.00

It was agreed to subscribe to the YLCA for the current year.

(e) To revise the Parish Council's Standing Orders

The Clerk apologised for not sending draft revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to the Councillors. These will be sent in time to discuss them at the July meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

(f) To agree the Statement of Accounts on the Annual Return

The Clerk had given the Chairman an explanation of the figures in the Statement of Accounts on the Annual Return prior to the meeting. The Chairman told the Councillors that he had confirmed the figures and it was agreed that he and the Clerk should sign the Return.

(g) To agree the Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return

The Councillors considered the questions in the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return. It was agreed that the Parish Council response to all the questions is "Yes" and the Chairman and Clerk signed the form.

(h) To agree the process for dealing with future requests for grants and donations

It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject.

14.064 - CLERK'S REPORT:

Progress on the subsidence of the road in Atterwith Lane 14.036b) – (Nov 13)

The road surface has not been improved.

14.065 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

14.065.1 - The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence:-

- Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board - Notice of appointment which had been put on the notice board
- A response from the City Council about the cables that had been laid across New Road
- A request from a resident requesting that equipment for older children be installed in the play area
- A request from a resident for a weight limit to be introduced in Mill Lane

14.065.2 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the March meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors

- (a) CYC - Community Conversations
- (b) North Yorkshire Fire Brigade Union - Fire Cover Review letter

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - May 2014 - Issue 93
- (b) Wharfedale Property Management - The Archway - Spring 2014

14.066 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None

14.067 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To discuss the Mill Lane road repairs.

14.068 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on Wednesday, 2 July at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 10 September and 12 November.

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

Chairman.....

Date.....

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