

## HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2015

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

None.

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

Apologies of absence were received and approved from Councillor Roger Hildreth.

##### **15.003 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2014, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

##### **15.004 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2014, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

City Councillor Chris Steward said that:-

- The City Council is looking at the possibility of the grey bin refuse collection every three weeks
- The decision to consider whether or not to continue subsidising some bus routes in the City has been deferred – probably until after the City Council elections in May.
- Officers are trying to finalise the Local Plan before the May election

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

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

It was noted that the statutory declarations are still with the solicitor.

*(b) Hessay Pond*

No report on this subject.

*(c) Willow Garth*

No report on this subject.

*(d) Allotments*

It was noted that three of the allotments will be vacant by the beginning of April. The vacancies are to be notified by email to residents. The yearly rental for each plot is just £20.

*(e) Thief Lane*

No report on this subject.

(f) *Sandpit Field*

No report on this subject.

### **15.007 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

Ref: 14/01354/FUL – Erection of an agricultural livestock building at Longfield Grange, York Road by Mr Tim Bradshaw.

### **15.008 - TO PROPOSE CREATING A WORKING GROUP TO PURSUE THE INSTALLATION OF IMPROVED BROADBAND IN THE VILLAGE**

Councillor Candy reported that the City Council has consulted with broadband providers to see if any plans already exist to install broadband to Hessay.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should endeavour to exert its influence to get the right broadband solution for the village. To achieve this it was agreed to set up a working party consisting of Councillors Barratt and Candy, Paul Crane and John Mylchreest and potentially two more volunteers. A meeting of the working party is to be held at the first convenience.

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

- (a) It was reported that the footpath for a length of 100 metres from the Chapel towards New Road is much restricted by vegetation growing out of the bottom of the hedge. It was agreed that the City Council be asked to remedy the situation. **(Action Clerk)**
- (b) It was noted that the damaged chevron on the bend in Atterwith Lane had been fixed this afternoon.
- (c) The City Council is to be asked if it will send a road sweeper round the village roads. **(Action Clerk)**
- (d) It was reported that both the 30mph sign and the STOP sign in New Road are loose. Councillor Barratt has reported this to the City Council who are to attend to the signs.

### **15.010 – TO DISCUSS THE JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD WITH THE A59 & THE ENTRANCE TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN NEW ROAD**

There was no report on this subject.

### **15.011 - TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A FOOTPATH ALONG THE WETHERBY ROAD AT RUFFORTH.**

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the City Council about the footpath and was waiting for a costing of the project from the City Engineers. It was noted that the surface was useable only a few years ago though drainage work and traffic calming measures now mean pedestrians have to walk along the road and are at risk of injury from motor vehicles.

### **15.012 – TO DISCUSS ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE VILLAGE**

The council has been asked to repaint the red traffic calming strips at the entrance points to Hessay from New Road and Main Street. The Parish Council have also requested crocodile teeth markings to be added at these points.

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

Note of the following incidents in Hessay had been received from Nigel Colley PCSO 5642, Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

2 Dec	Autocrime	Tools taken from vehicle	Main Street
5 Dec	SMV(Stolen motor vehicle	Tractor taken with keys – used to retrieve a stuck vehicle from a field – left at location - recovered	Main Street

No incidents in November had been reported.

PCSO Colley reported that figures for Rural West York show a reduction of 17% against last year.

### 15.014 – TO DISCUSS THE BUS SERVICE THROUGH THE VILLAGE

It was reported that Transdev had taken over the No 142 bus route through the village. Currently there are only two buses a day into York. These depart from Hessay at 9.14am and 1.14pm. Buses from York arrive in Hessay at 11.02am, 3.02pm and 6.02pm.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the City Council to mention that the service is poor and ask if it has any suggestions as to how the service could be improved. The question as to whether it would be possible to include Hessay on another bus route giving better connection to York is to be asked. **(Action Clerk)**

### 15.015 - FINANCE

#### (a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 14 January 2015. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 14 January were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,644.59

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

199	Stuart Cariss	Maintenance of the pond area in 2014	£250.00
225	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – December & January	£68.40
226	James Mackman	Expenses and SLCC subscription (£17.11)	£23.02
227	Upper Poppleton PC	Stationery contribution	£20.00
228	James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – December & January	£274.32
229	Lights4Fun	Christmas tree lights	£74.15

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

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.96
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#### (d) To note the internal auditor's comments on the Annual Return

The Clerk reported that he had misplaced the internal auditor's comments but would make sure they were available for the March meeting.

#### (e) To agree to pay a proportion of the Clerk's SLCC subscription

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £17.11 towards the total of this year's subscription of £167.00.

#### (f) To agree to pay the statutory increase in the Clerk's salary

The Clerk explained that there was a statutory duty to pay a 2.2% increase in his salary from 1 January 2015. There was also an award for 2014 which, for Hessay Parish Council, amounted to £10.81. The Councillors agreed to pay the increase and the back-dated pay.

(g) *To consider the Budget for 2015-2016 and set the precept*

The Councillors considered the proposed budget that the Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting. After a review of all the discretionary and non-discretionary items it was resolved to set the precept at £2,850 for the financial year 2015-16. The Chairman and Clerk signed the appropriate City Council request form. The agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

**15.016 - CLERK'S REPORT:**

*Progress on the subsidence of the road in Atterwith Lane (Min. 14.101) – (Nov 13)*

No progress on this subject.

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

*15.017.01 - The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence*

- (a) Andrew Flecknor, CYC - Community Governance Review for York response
- (b) A letter from the City Council regarding Community Emergency Planning. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not wish for the City Council's Emergency Planning Officer to address the Parish Council on the subject. It was suggested that the Office should be directed to attend a Rural West York Ward Team meeting where she would be able to meet representatives from the Parish Councils in the Ward.
- (c) Information Commissioner's Office - Confirmation of renewal
- (d) Jacquie Wilson – CYC - Meeting dates 2015-16 request
- (e) Sarah Tester – CYC - Gateway to Archives

*15.017.02 - It was noted that the correspondence listed below had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting*

- (a) Julian Sturdy – two E-Bulletins
- (b) CYC - Festive season waste collection

*15.017.03 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the November Parish Council meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors*

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**15.018 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

None.

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

- (a) Chapel schoolroom rent
- (b) Contract for pond grass cutting/maintenance
- (c) Contract for verge cutting in 2015

**15.020 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on Wednesday, 11 March at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 13 May and 8 July 2015.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.22pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....2015

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