

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2016

Present: Councillors Mark Barratt (Chairman), Helen Candy, Roger Hildreth, Mike Lord and Ann Watson. Also present were one resident and the Clerk, James Mackman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

None.

16.022 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

16.023 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2016, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

In a City Councillor's absence there was no report.

16.025 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

It was noted that work on this project is still ongoing.

(b) Hessay Pond

It was reported that the area looks in good order. The water level is high.

(c) Willow Garth

The water level in Willow Garth is also high

(d) Allotments

Two plots are still vacant. This is to be mentioned in the Newsletter.

(e) Thief Lane

It was reported that the ground is wet!

(f) Sandpit Field

This area is also wet.

16.026 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that there had been no plans for the Local Planning Authority to approve since the January 2016 Parish Council meeting.

16.027 - TO DISCUSS THE WEBSITE AND BROADBAND PROVISION IN THE VILLAGE.

(a) Website.

The Clerk had met with Councillor Candy. The website is now up to date. The Clerk is to supply Councillor Candy with the items required by the Transparency Code and she is going to add these to the website. **(Action Clerk and Councillor Candy)**

A Newsletter is to be compiled which covers all the points mentioned in these minutes. It will be emailed to all residents on email and put on the website. **(Councillors Barratt & Watson)**

(b) Broadband

There was no further news to report on this subject.

16.028 – TO DISCUSS SUPPORTING THE CYCLING TOUR ON 5TH JUNE 2016

The Parish Council had been notified through the website that a cycle tour from Leeds to the geographical centre of Yorkshire (i.e. Hessay) is to take place on Sunday 5th June 2016. The organiser says that over 1,000 cyclists have signed up for the tour.

The organiser has been encouraged to use Shirbutt Lane between the last house and the railway as a turnaround point.

In the next Newsletter residents are to be asked if they will volunteer to provide services for the event.

Councillor Hildreth said the event coincided with Open Farm Sunday so the cyclists should be encouraged to visit the local farms that are participating in that event.

16.029 - TO DISCUSS, THE CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE ROADS, POTHOLES, FOOTPATHS AND SIGNAGE IN THE VILLAGE

A response from the City Council on six of the outstanding points was considered by the Councillors. These are listed below with the City Council's response in italics

1. The extension of the 30mph limit in New Road

Network Management would not support the extension of the current 30mph as it is correctly positioned at the commencement of the village environment. New Road does not fit national guidelines for a 30mph speed limit as such a 30mph speed limit on the rest of New Road would not be adhered to and create an enforcement problem for North Yorkshire Police. It is important that a driver recognises the need for a speed limit. There is a danger that a driver will not recognise the reason for an extended limit and ignore that limit. That then has the potential to create a less safe environment with the result of a mismatch of expectations of what is being expected and what is actually being delivered. This has, in the past, led to higher speeds within an area where it is important that low speeds should be experienced.

2. The installation of a CATTLE CROSSING sign in New Road

Please provide details on a map or plan of the point where cattle cross the road.

Councillor Hildreth agreed to provide a map with the two locations for CATTLE CROSSING signs marked. This will be forwarded to the City Council. **(Action Councillor Hildreth and Clerk)**

3. Looking at the "Industrial Estate" sign on the A59 which blocks the view of drivers exiting the nearby driveway. For safety reasons the sign needs to be re-sited.

This will be assessed and relocated.

4. Repainting the red traffic calming strips at the entrance points to Hessay from New Road and Main Street and the painting of crocodile teeth markings to be added at these points.

The remarking of the red areas will be passed to the highway maintenance section for action. Network Management will make an investigation into the possibility of providing the additional markings requested.

5. The installation of a "No Access to the Industrial Estate" sign and another saying "Unsuitable for Goods Vehicles" by the weight limit sign in Mill Lane.

Existing regulatory signing is provided along with alternative route signing to the industrial estate. These additional signs would not be provided.

6. Repainting the white road markings at the junction of New Road and Shirbutt Lane.

This will be passed to the maintenance section for action.

The Councillors accepted the report.

16.030 - TO DISCUSS THE JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD WITH THE A59 & THE ENTRANCE TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN NEW ROAD

As the City Council had sent a detailed reply to 16.029 no Officer had visited the village so no-one had visited the junction. The councillors agreed that there was less traffic at the moment as a number of units on the industrial estate are vacant. It was agreed that we should still pursue again enquire with the city of York.

* Councillor Candy retired from the meeting at this point in the agenda.

16.031 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

It was note that no incidents had been reported to the police during January and February

16.032 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Clerk reported that he had not been notified of any forthcoming YLCA training courses. As soon as he hears from the YLCA he will book Councillor Watson on a course. **(Action Clerk)**

16.033 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 10 March 2016. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 10 March were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,369.23

(b) To agree accounts for payment

258 RF & J Hildreth	Verge cutting around the village	£150.00
259 James Mackman	Clerk's salary net – February & March	£268.52
260 Post Office Ltd	Income tax – February & March	£67.00
261 James Mackman	Expenses	£5.92

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Bank interest	£0.97
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(c) To discuss the requirements of The Pensions Regulator

It was agreed that discussion on this subject be deferred until the May Parish Council meeting

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

It was noted that the Parish Council had paid £100 a year for hiring the School room since 2007. It was agreed that the sum be increased to £120. A cheque for this amount was raised and signed.

(e) To re-appoint the internal auditor

It was agreed that Linda Cariss be reappointed as the internal auditor.

16.034 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on clearing the footpath from the Chapel to the village (Min. 16.016a) – (Jan 15)

It was noted that record rains over the last two months had meant a delay in carrying out this work.

(b) Progress on the replacement of the grit bin outside 4 Main Street (Min. 16.016b) – (Mar 15)

Still no sign of the grit bin. The Clerk is to send another reminder to the City Council.

(c) Progress on the purchase of Christmas tree light (Min. 16.016c) - (Nov 15)

The Chairman reported that to buy two sets of lights would give a significant saving per set. It was agreed to include this subject on the agenda for the May meeting so a decision can be made.

(d) Progress on the clearance of the gutter and pipe in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 16.012) - (Jan 16)

The Clerk showed some photos he had taken of the ditch in Shirbutt Lane as he needed specific details of just what was required. Having received the details he will ask the City Council to expedite the work. **(Action Clerk)**

16.035 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

16.035.01 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the January Parish Council

(a) Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board - Notice of laying rate

(b) CYC - Website consultation

(c) Jack Woodhams, CYC - Introductory email

(d) Emails from a resident regarding hedge cutting

16.035.02 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the January Parish Council meeting listed below had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

(a) CYC - Taxi licensing policy

(b) Exploreyork - Yortime News - February 2016 and March 2016

(c) Julian Sturdy - E-Bulletin

(d) Police & Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire - Police numbers update

(e) YLCA - Understanding the Roll of Combined Authorities

(f) YLCA - Joint Standards Board request

(g) YLCA - White Rose update - January 2016 and March 2016

(h) YLCA - Further information on audit

(i) YLCA - Petition for planning objections

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

Clerk & Councils Direct – March 2016, Issue 104

16.036 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

16.037 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- (a) To discuss the requirements of The Pensions Regulator.
- (b) To discuss the merits of buying two sets of Christmas tree lights

16.038 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on 11 May 2016 at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 13 July and 14 September 2016.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman *Mark Barratt*

Date: 11 May 2016

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