

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

16.039 - TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR

Councillor Barratt was elected as Chairman unanimously.

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

Councillor Barratt signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

16.041 – TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Hildreth was elected as Vice-Chairman.

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

None.

16.043 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apoloies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Hildreth.

16.044 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2016, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

It was noted that City Councillor Chris Steward is not well. It was agreed that he be sent an email to convey the Parish Council's sympathy. **(Action Clerk)**

16.046 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

Councillor Barratt reported that the papers are now with the Parish Council's solicitor.

(b) Hessay Pond

It noted that there are no issues with the pond. A kingfisher was seen at the pond recently.

(c) Willow Garth

It was suggested that the Askham Bryan Agricultural College may be interested in Willow Garth as a project for their students. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

(d) Allotments

It was noted that the shed on the allotment has had its roof removed twice by high winds. The mower is kept in the shed. It was suggested that an appeal for a shed be made on the website "Freecycle".

It was also suggested that a Community Group be created to look after parts of the allotment site. It was agreed that this should be in the next Newsletter and also on put on Hessay's Facebook page.

(e) Thief Lane

It was reported that an owl box has fallen out of a tree. It was agreed that it should be put back.

(f) Sandpit Field

No report.

16.047 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following Planning Applications:-

Details of Planning Application	Comments
Ref: 16/00598/FUL – Erection of agricultural building to accommodate livestock at Eastings 452482, Northings 453723 by Messrs R F and J Hildreth.	No objections
Ref: 16/00750/FUL – Erection of agricultural building at Oakview Farm, Low Moor Lane by Mr Michael Lord.	No objections
Ref: 16/00887/FUL – Single-storey rear extension at Mapplefields, 5 Laburnum Farm Close by Mr & Mrs A Tullie.	No objections

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

None.

16.048 – TO CONSIDER REPAIRING OR REPLACING THE BROKEN NOTICE BOARD

The Clerk explained that the right-hand door of the notice board had dropped off when he tried to open it. A complaint had been received that the left-hand door was not safe. The Councillors considered whether to buy a new notice board or have the existing one repaired. It was agreed that the existing notice board should be repaired and a quotation from Ken Falkingham for the work was accepted. **(Action Clerk)**

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

(a) Website.

The Clerk is to supply Councillor Candy with documents to add to the Parish Council's website. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Broadband

Although a date sometime in 2017 has been mentioned for the installation of superfast broadband it was felt that a letter to Julian Sturdy MP may help bring the date forward. **(Action Clerk)**

Councillor Candy is to write to her contact at the City Council to see if the installation date can be brought forward. (Action Councillor Candy)

16.050 - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE VILLAGE

Although the City Council had written to give details of what it proposed to do to rectify the problems that the Parish Council had advised them of it was noted that none of the work has been done. It was agreed that the City Council be asked for a timeframe in which it will carry out the work. (Action Clerk)

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

It was noted that some of the potholes in New Road have been filled and some work done in Mill Lane.

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

No report on this subject.

16.053 - TO DISCUSS THE BUS SERVICE THROUGH THE VILLAGE

The York/Ripon 142 and 143 bus service is being withdrawn. It will be replaced by “The Little Explorer”. The timetable of the new bus appears to be the same as the old timetable. It was agreed that the Clerk ask City Councillor Ian Gillies if he could use his influence to see if Hessay could have more than the current three buses a day. (Action Clerk)

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

No further news was forthcoming on this subject. It was noted that 5th June is Open Farm Sunday.

16.055 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

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

16.056 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Clerk reported that he had not been notified of any forthcoming YLCA training courses.

16.057 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 11 May 2016. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 11 May were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£9,670.16

(b) To agree accounts for payment

262	Hessay Methodist Church	Hire of the schoolroom for 2015-16	£120.00
263	YLCA	Annual subscription	£116.00
264	James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – April & May	£268.52
265	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – April & May	£67.00
266	James Mackman	Expenses	£7.00

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

City of York Council	Double taxation grant 2015-16	£309.50
HMRC	VAT refund	£144.03
City of York Council	First half year's precept	£1,425.00
HSBC	Bank interest	£0.92

(d) *To agree to subscribe to the YLCA for 2016-17 - £116.00*

It was agreed to subscribe to the YLCA for 2015-16.

(e) *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.

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

The Clerk showed the Chairman supporting evidence as where the entries in the Annual Return had come from. The Chairman, being satisfied with the answers put the Annual Return to the vote which was carried. The Chairman and the Clerk then signed the Annual Return

(g) *To discuss the requirements of The Pensions Regulator*

Councillor Candy reported that on behalf of the Parish Council she had been investigating the Parish Council's responsibilities, with regard to a pension for the Clerk, with the Pensions Regulator. The statutory letter will be sent to the Clerk shortly.

(h) *To discuss buying two sets of Christmas tree lights*

It was agreed that two sets of lights be bought for the sum of £65. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

16.058 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) *Progress on clearing the footpath from the Chapel to the village (Min. 16.034a) – (Jan 15)*

No work had been possible during the wet weather. It was agreed that the path would be strimmed soon.

(b) *Progress on the replacement of the grit bin outside 4 Main Street (Min. 16.034b) – (Mar 15)*

No news on this subject. It was agreed that City Councillor Ian Gillies be asked to see if he could use his influence to solicit a reply from the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) *Progress on the clearance of the gutter and pipe in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 16.034d) - (Jan 16)*

No news on this subject.

16.059 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

16.059.01 - The Clerk referred to the following item of correspondence

YLCA – Councillor access to NALC website. It was agreed that should Councillors require access they would ask the Clerk

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

(a) Julian Sturdy MP - two E-Bulletins

(b) ExploreYork - Yortime News, April 2016

(c) YLCA - White Rose Update, April 2016

(d) NYCC - Passenger Transport - update on 142/143 service

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

Clerk & Councils Direct – May 2016, Issue 105

16.060 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

16.061 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- (a) To discuss the possibility of reopening Hessay Railway Station.
- (b) To discuss the possibility of a cycle route from Hessay into York.

16.062 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on 13 July 2016 at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 14 September and 9 November 2016.

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

Chairman.....

Date.....2016

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