

HESSAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HESSAY, ON WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2016

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

None.

16.091 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies. However, Councillor Hildreth had been delayed and arrived after agenda item 16.097.

16.092 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2016

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

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

City Councillor Chris Steward reported:-

- The Local Plan consultation ended on 12 September
- On the introduction of the City Council's street cleaning schedule where streets and roads are earmarked for daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly cleaning. It was noted that the schedule of cleaning of roads in Hessay could be improved.
- The City Council is introducing the concept of "My Account" which will enable residents to have a personal

16.094 – TO MAKE DECISIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

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

The Chairman reported that the solicitor had written to say that the Land Registry was requiring Statements of Truth from the four residents who had previously completed Statutory Declarations and other information which could be obtained from Parish Council minutes. Councillors Barratt, Hildreth and the Clerk are to progress this. **(Action Councillors Barratt and Hildreth and Clerk)**

(b) Hessay Pond

Councillor Barratt reported that he had taken rubbish out of the pond along with some of the reeds. He had also cut back some of the branches.

(c) Willow Garth

Councillor Barratt had also carried out some housekeeping work in Willow Garth.

(d) Allotments

No further news on the allotments. There are still two plots vacant.

(e) *Thief Lane*

Councillor Lord reported that he is in the process of repairing and rehangng an owl box.

(f) *Sandpit Field*

No report.

16.095 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) *To consider the following Planning Application*

Discussion on this item was delayed until Councillor Hildreth arrived. For clarity, the minute has been recorded in numerical order.

The Councillors considered planning application Ref: 16/01819/FUL – Erection of 4no. dwellings at Tancred House, Main Street by Mr Christopher P J Digby and agreed the following response.

The Parish Council objects to the planning application on the following planning grounds:-

Inappropriate development within the greenbelt

The property known as Tancred house was previously known as Prospect Farm. Prospect Farm was developed and the permitted development infill rights were utilised in the building of Doon Court House, The Dovecote, Fawcett House and Barkers House. As such the proposal cannot be justified as infill and are in fact backland development. The proposed scale and location of the development would have a harmful impact on the appearance of the village, expanding the village envelope, and would constitute an extension of the established building line of neighbouring properties and or settlement limit, and, as such would be at odds with the built form of the village. We believe this proposal would set a precedent within the village.

The planning application 08/01343/OUT in the neighbouring village of Rufforth bears similarities and should be taken as a precedent. The application was refused by CYC being deemed contrary to Development Control of the Local Plan under polices GB2, GP10, GP1. When appealed (APP/C2741/A/08/2086439) planning consent was refused. A point of the refusal was the definition of ‘infilling’ defined in policy GB2 as “the filling of a small gap in an otherwise built up frontage” reiterating that this application cannot be considered infill.

The regional spatial strategy to 2026 defines the general extent of the Green Belt around York with an outer boundary about 6 miles from the city centre. The site is identified within the Green Belt in the City of York Development Control Local Plan. We believe the proposed development would constitute inappropriate development within the Green Belt as set out in Section 9 of the National Planning Policy Framework. By definition this is harmful to the Green Belt.

Access

the proposed entrance to the development is in close proximity to the junction of Main Street and New Road, Hessay. The junction is by its nature tight with limited visibility. On street parking is already established in the proximity of the proposed entrance, and access / road safety issues have previously been raised. We do not feel the removal of the existing wall will significantly improve visibility at the junction. The proposed access does not allow sufficient space for two vehicles to pass each other. This will lead to vehicles waiting on New Road whilst the access clears increasing the likelihood of collisions on the highway. The arising increased congestion around the junction and proposed entrance adversely impacts upon road safety.

Drainage.

There are pre-existing problems with drainage for both dirty and clean water. Neighbours report a dirty water drainage infrastructure which is unable to cope with current level. As a result, water does not drain and backs up into their properties necessitating frequent attention. The drains are at capacity and cannot accommodate more dirty or clean water without implications.

As a result of the topography, during and after periods of high rainfall, water accumulates in the gardens of neighbouring properties immediately to the east of the proposed development. Once accumulated there is no natural drainage and the water can take weeks to disperse. Any development which exacerbates this is unreasonable. Neither of the proposed options for drainage, be that soakaways or attenuation tank, can be considered as suitable: nor are the pre-existing problems addressed.

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that there had been no decisions made by the Local Planning Authority since the July Parish Council meeting.

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

(a) Website.

It was agreed that the current website is fit for purpose.

(b) Broadband

The village is still looking towards July 2017 as being the date by which superfast broadband becomes available in Hessay.

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

A number of items from previous contact with the City Council remain to be done. These are:-

- The cattle crossing signs in New Road
- The crocodile teeth marking on the road by the 30mph signs
- A sign in New Road making drivers aware of Roelcliffe Court being situated on a blind bend.

The Clerk is to follow up these action points with the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

It was noted that there had been a traffic accident at the junction of New Road with the A59 on 13 September.

*Councillor Hildreth arrived at this point in the meeting.

16.098 - TO DISCUSS, THE CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE ROADS, VERGES, POTHoles, FOOTPATHS AND SIGNAGE IN THE VILLAGE

Councillor Barratt said that he would request the City Council to sweep the roads in the village. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

16.099 - TO DISCUSS THE CITY COUNCIL'S NEW ROAD CLEANING REGIME

A map showing the City Council's new road cleaning regime indicates that the village roads will be swept mechanically on a quarterly basis.

A second map shows that most of the roads will be manually swept on a quarterly basis. It was agreed that New Road and Shirbutt Lane should be swept on a monthly basis on account of the rubbish generated at the industrial estate. **(Action Clerk)**

16.100 - TO DISCUSS THE BUS SERVICE THROUGH THE VILLAGE

It was agreed that the residents should continue to be encouraged to contact City Councillor Ian Gillies if they wished to see a more regular service.

16.101 - TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF REOPENING HESSAY RAILWAY STATION.

Since the July meeting the Clerk had circulated detailed information about plans for the railway line and the likely cost of re-opening Hessay Station. It was agreed that the sums quoted would make the cost prohibitive. It was then agreed not to proceed with this subject.

16.102 - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A CYCLE ROUTE FROM HESSAY INTO YORK.

Councillor Watson reported that she is engaged in on ongoing discussions with Sustrans on the possibility of a dedicated cycle path along the A59 between Shirbutt Lane in Hessay and Newlands Lane in Upper Poppleton. (Action Councillor Watson)

16.103 - TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE

The local advocate of the installation of defibrillators is to be invited to address the Councillors at the November meeting. (Action Clerk)

16.104 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

It was note that no incidents had been reported to the police during July and August.

16.105 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Councillor Watson is booked on a YLCA training course for new Councillors on 7 November.

16.106 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 14 September 2016. The report reflected the receipts and payments (net of VAT) below.

The bank balances at 14 September were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£8,859.11

(b) To agree accounts for payment

272 YLCA	Councillor Watson training course	£33.75
273 James Mackman	Clerk’s salary net – August & September	£271.06
274 Post Office Ltd	Income tax – August & September	£67.80
275 James Mackman	Expenses	£5.38

(c) To receive a report on income received

Allotment holder	Annual rent	£20.00
HSBC	Bank interest	£1.03

16.107 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on clearing the footpath from the Chapel to the village (Min. 16.085a) – (Jan 15)

It was reported that the hedge had been cut.

There is to be a working party this winter to clear the vegetation off the path.

(b) Progress on the replacement of the grit bin outside 4 Main Street (Min. 16.085b) – (Mar 15)

No news on this subject.

(c) *Progress on the clearance of the gutter and pipe in Shirbutt Lane (Min. 16.085c) - (Jan 16)*
No news to report on this subject. Councillor Barratt is to email details of the problem to City Councillor Chris Steward. **(Action Councillor Barratt)**

16.108 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

- (a) Business Maps Ltd - Village map offer
- (b) CPRE - CYC Preferred Sites Consultation
- (c) CPRE - AGM agenda
- (d) CYC - City of York Local Plan Preferred Sites Consultation
- (e) CYC - Schedule of Rural West York Ward street cleaning
- (f) Debbie Manson, CYC - Floods update
- (g) Exploreyork - Yortime News - August 2016
- (h) Exploreyork - Yortime News - September 2016
- (i) Julian Sturdy - E-Bulletin
- (j) Neil Gibson, CYC - Working in Partnership Group meeting
- (k) YLCA - White Rose update - July 2016
- (l) YLCA - Training events September to December
- (m) YLCA - Notice of Scarborough Conference

16.108.02 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the July Parish Council meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors
Clerk & Councils Direct, September 2016 - Issue 107

16.109 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

16.110 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Transport sharing for residents.

16.111 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the following meeting would be held on 9 November at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 11 January and 8 March 2017.

There being no more business the meeting was formally closed at 9.45pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....2016

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