

ELVINGTON
ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7.30pm
Elvington Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman welcomed** 25 residents to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** had been received from Terry and Irene Wilson, Jane Moorhouse, Terry Nundy.
3. **Minutes** of last year's meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Andrea Headlam; seconded by Judy Bailey.

4. Ian Bailey presented the **Chairman's Report for 2016-2017**.

Planning. The latest version of the Local Plan is still awaited. A period of consultation will follow when it is eventually published. A proposal for housing on the airfield has been made for inclusion but would be entirely inappropriate. The effect on required housing numbers of army base closures in York is the main reason for the current delay.

Home Lea – has permission for touring caravans and is being used by transiting Gypsies. The Parish Council has objected to a proposal to convert a utility building into residential use. A decision is awaited. The tall lights on the site should be removed.

The Stables – this site for Travelling Show People has been granted an extension for its use until 2020. The site is expected to be formally included in the next Local Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan – two Parish Councillors are preparing a Plan and would welcome all input from residents.

Roads. – are generally in good condition with CYC responding quickly if issues arise.

Buses. The 36/X36 services have been saved, with a different operator, despite receiving a large subsidy from CYC.

HGVs. There has been further damage to the bridge and the Parish Council is again proposing to CYC that a 7.5 tonne weight limit should be imposed on Main Street to avoid further damage and to protect residents, particularly children, whilst walking and cycling. There have been some comments about mud on the roads – but we do live in a rural community so it can be expected. Speeding continues in the village – this has been raised with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Environment. The lock is in disrepair and the Environment Agency has not removed a tree trapped at the bridge. The play area continues to be well-used and kept in good condition. A new base for the maypole has been installed on the village green. The problem of dog fouling on the green still persists.

Policing. Some burglaries and some anti-social behaviour but generally crime is at a low level. There are new arrangements for village policing across the York area. One lesson learnt is to always use 101 when reporting incidents as it builds a record.

Flooding. Gullies are not always kept clear – but the flood defence scheme continues to work well.

Organisations. The Village Hall, First Responders, Senior Citizens, Sports Club, and others, are all well supported and thriving. The pub has been listed as an Asset of

Community Value. A project to archive an old photographic collection of the village is progressing.

Thanks. Ian Bailey concluded by thanking fellow Parish Councillors and residents for making the village the pleasant place in which to live that it is.

5. The **Financial Statement** was presented by the Clerk. The accounts for the year showed the principal items of income and expenditure and the funds held in the two bank accounts. The major items of exceptional expenditure this year have been a bridge repair, bus shelter lighting (currently on hold) and a new maypole base on the village green. The Parish Council precept, in cash terms, is unchanged again for this year.

6. **General Forum.**

Emma Peel said that dog mess seemed everywhere and wanted another dog bin. Ian Bailey replied that CYC will not increase the total number of bins, but will relocate existing ones. The Parish Council will try to be creative!

Andy Henstock raised several issues, viz use of the telephone kiosk, the website, use of the village green, the fish and chip van and traffic calming. He is to attend the next Parish Council meeting to progress these.

John Gallery was concerned that earth was being moved from the riverbank, which is part of a SSSI. Ian Bailey said that CYC had been alerted.

Jonathan Shaw asked that cats-eyes should be retrospectively fitted on the straight stretch of the resurfaced B1228. This will be progressed with CYC Highways.

Christine Fewster asked why Main Street had been closed at the bridge. It was stated that this was due to tree pruning being required by the electricity supplier.

Colin Skelton updated the meeting on the condition of the defibrillators – and was thanked for his ongoing support for the equipment.

Ian Bailey thanked all those present for attending and the meeting ended at 8.30pm when light refreshments were served.