

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk to the Council: *David Headlam*

Bramland House, Dovecote Garth, Elvington, York YO41 4BH

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Atkin Room, Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Bailey; Laverack; Marsh; Moorhouse; Rees; Taylor; Wilson
2. **Apologies.** There were none.
3. **Declaration of Interests** by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21.11.2017 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.** Christmas Market. Permission had originally been granted for this evening event, held on Sunday 17th December (and the permission subsequently confirmed in the light of a fair weather forecast). However the resulting condition of the Green is disappointing and will take time to recover. Proposed events on the Green in 2018 will be discussed at the January meeting.
6. **Police Matters.** A 'nil' crime report had been received.

7. Correspondence (out):

- i) Request to MP for his Local Plan response. *Circulated to Cllrs.*
- ii) Reply to resident summarising points about events on Village Green
- iii) Approval to Keep Elvington Fun for Christmas Market, subject to weather
- iv) Response to CYC concerning questionnaire about weight restriction on Main Street
- v) Requests for highway/signage repairs at Flatford Ltd and on Dauby Lane. *Actioned.*

Correspondence (in):

Available from the Clerk:

- (i) Newsletters: School; Voluntary Voice; Northern Powergrid; N Y Police; Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- (ii) Rural Services Network: News digests; Rural Vulnerability Service
- (iii) NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletins; action in campaign for removal of business rates on public toilets
- (iv) SLCC – 2018 Practitioners Conference – 22/23 February
- (v) CYC survey on Sports Facility Strategy. *Forwarded to Sports Club.*
- (vi) Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Notification of Submission

For consideration:

- (vii) Request for funding from Wheldrake Youth Club. *Council decided not to make a donation.* **DH**

- (viii) Exchange of emails with St Chad's Scouts Band. *The Clerk will check on the available alternatives, should the need arise.* **DH**

- (ix) Salt Bin. *Ward Cllr Mercer will fund a further bin from Ward funds, if required.* **Minute 17044.** Council agreed that a salt bin should be sited at Elvington Park, adjacent to the dog/litter bin that will be installed in the New Year. Coming with a free fill at installation, the Parish Council will have to fund future fills at £55 per occasion. **SM/DH**

8. Financial.

Payments. **Minute 17045.** The following were agreed:

The Lawn Man - £160.00 – November grass cut

Elvington Village Hall - £15.00 – November meeting

D J Headlam (at Office Outlet) - £41.97 – printer ink and stationery

Other financial items:

The Operating Statement was approved.

The notification of the appointment of PKF Littlejohn as external auditor, and the revised arrangements for next year were all noted.

9. Budget 2018/2019. The proposed budget and precept for next year had been circulated to Cllrs. Council agreed (with one small change) the Sub Committee's proposals which will result in a small surplus and an unchanged precept. The Precept will be formally approved at next month's meeting before submission to CYC.

10. Planning Matters.

New Application: **Minute 17046.** Council had no objections to:

17/02662 – 8 Becksde – front extension

Applications received after publication of this Agenda. There were none.

Approval. The following was noted:

17/02352 – Rusdale, Main Street - extension

11. HGVs. The household questionnaire, proposed by CYC, is being drafted by Cllr Taylor. She will liaise with Ward Cllr Mercer and Cindy Benton (CYC) to finalise the layout and wording. CYC are to print and then analyse the results. Council agreed to help CYC with the distribution, which is targeted for early February. **AT/SM/CYC**

12. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs Laverack & Moorhouse reported on the ongoing preparation for the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. A dedicated response address will be created. **AT/JL/MM**

13. Play Area. The annual survey report has been received. Necessary repairs are being progressed, with two items still under warranty. The condition of the swing seat will be monitored for the present. Thanks had been expressed to Playscheme for their excellent service and the quality of the report. A request will be made to check on the availability of grants for future improvements. **DH**

14. Recent and forthcoming meetings. The Clerk reported on the CYC Parish Councils' 'Working Together' meeting – 29 November – in which the subject of Double Taxation had featured. No change is expected in 2018/19 and a review the following year is unlikely to have much impact on Elvington. Cllr Rees reported on the Village Hall AGM and the successful year it had had. The need for more volunteers was again apparent.

15. Highways, paths and verges. A number of issues were raised by Cllrs.: (i) Poor road surfaces at Church Lane –near the bend at the church; and Main Street opposite Dovecote Garth. (ii) Pile of leaves on Green – Ouse & Derwent DB will be asked to remove. (iii) Boundary Stones – Community Payback has been asked to re-paint. (iv) Fencing at White House Grove – repair and re-painting is expected imminently. (v) Community Speed Watch has started operation. Be warned! **DH**

16. Village Assets. When the repairs to the Play Area are completed, all assets will be in good condition.

17. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. CYC survey on HGVs.

18. Meeting Dates. Minute 17047. Cllrs agreed that meetings for 2018 would continue on third Tuesdays.

19. Items to be placed on next Agenda. Village Green events in 2018; Grass cutting contract.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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