

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Atkin Room, Village Hall.

MINUTES

1. Councillors Present. Cllrs Laverack, Taylor, Bailey, Gallery, Lloyd, Moorhouse + 1 resident.

2. Apologies. Cllr Rickard.

3. Declaration of Interests by Councillors of any items on this agenda. There were none.

4. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 17.12.2019 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda. There were none.

6. Police Matters. The crime report had been circulated. Two crimes had been reported in December. The one of arson was of concern and the Clerk was asked to enquire if there had been any progress with the investigation. **DH**

7. Correspondence (out):

i) Request for Surgery to contribute to fencing repairs. *Acknowledged.*

ii) Notification to resident at The Conifers of no prior interest in property for sale.

Correspondence (in):

Available from the Clerk:

(i) Newsletters: Clerks & Councils Direct; White Rose Update; Voluntary Voice; York Flood Alleviation; Northern Gas Networks

(ii) Rural Services Network: Rural Bulletins; Rural Funding Digest

(iii) NALC – Newsletters; Chief Executive’s Bulletins; Spring Conference – 17 March

(iv) YLCA – Webinar Training; RoSPA Outdoor Playground Inspection Course – 25 February; Spring Training Conference – 28 March

(v) EVO North 2020 Conference – 4/5 March

(vi) Cyber Helpline for victims of cyber crime. *Posted to website and Facebook.*

For consideration:

(vii) Environment Agency – pumping station use in 2019. *Figures have been publicised.*

(viii) Request for action by walker on footpath between Grange Farm and Church Lane. *CYC Footpath Officer is investigating.*

(ix) Police Fire & Crime Commissioner – consultation on budget. *Noted.*

8. Financial.

Receipt. The following was noted:

HMRC - £541.00 – VAT reclaim

Payments. **Minute 20001.** The following were approved:

Elvington Village Hall - £17.00 – December meeting

Toby H Johnson - £660.00 – grass cutting

Toby H Johnson - £1,674.00 – felling of tree

H Beevers & Sons - £240.00 – Christmas tree

Sandalwood Gates & Timber Products - £214.20 – new fence posts (deposit)

Other Matters:

The Operating Statement was approved. Cllr Moorhouse had checked the Bank Statement.

The (unchanged) precept for 2020/2021 was confirmed and will be submitted to CYC.

The submission of re-declaration of compliance with Pensions Regulator was noted.

9. Planning Matters.

New Applications:

19/02621 – 22 Riverside Gardens – extension. **Minute 20002.** Council did not object to the principle of the extension, but noted the concern of a neighbour of its proximity to the boundary.

19/02749 – Land to the north west of School – conversion of agricultural buildings to residential. **Minute 20003.** The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Approvals: The following were noted:

19/01908 + 19/01909 – Water Treatment Works – replacement kiosks and tanks

19/02333 – 3 Holly Bank - extension

19/02363 – 1 The Green – tree work

19/02404 – 16 Church Green – tree work

19/02568 – Blacksmiths Close/Grey Horse – tree work

10. Local Plan. No update on the Planning Inspector hearings has yet been received.

11. Grass Cutting. Minute 20004. Council agreed to pay for a regular cut to the verge area between Dauby Lane and White House Grove. Council further agreed to accept the quotation from Toby H Johnson for regular grass cutting of the Green, Play Area and French War Memorial as per last year. **DH**

12. Village Green. (a) Cllrs discussed the request from Keep Elvington Fun to use the Green for three events in 2020. Last year Cllrs had received adverse comments from residents about noise levels at some events and the number of events. However Cllrs were also well aware that use of the Green should be encouraged if it is for the benefit and enjoyment of residents. Therefore it was agreed to allow just two 'music' events, with a preference for the Proms event in August and the Fake It event in September. It was noted that there will also be a VE75 celebration in May and the Church Fete in June; (b) The Clerk will progress the purchase and planting of a replacement tree with Toby Johnson; (c) The maypole will be re-erected to allow it to dry ahead of re-painting in the spring; (d) Tree stumps. It was agreed to reduce the height of the 'chair' stump and leave it flat. Mark Gilett will be asked to remove the stump nearest the wall; (e) Cllr Taylor updated Council on the plans for the V75 celebration on the weekend of 9-10 May. The Air Museum has a programme of events in which it is hoped the village will participate. Cllr Lloyd will raise VE75 with the School Governors. **ALL/AT/SL/DH**

13. Village Recognition. To be deferred until next month.

14. Risk Assessment. Cllr Lloyd presented the proposed update. This will be confirmed next month. **SL/ALL**

15. Emergency Plan. A number of changes have to be made. The Clerk will draft a revised version ahead of next month's meeting. **DH**

16. Recent and forthcoming meetings. Cllr Laverack will be attending CYC Parish Liaison – 4 February. The Clerk will be attending YLCA York Branch – 7 February. **JL/DH**

17. Highways, paths and verges. (a) Council is aware of the closure of Hagg Bridge from 3 February for up to seven months. ERYC will be putting a warning sign at Grimston Bar. Council agreed to ask for further signs at Halifax Way and Dauby Lane junctions; (b) No further progress can be reported on the awaited weight limit on Main Street. Cllr Laverack agreed to write to the leader of CYC to express the frustration of residents; (c) A resident had written to express concern about traffic speed. The Clerk will try to get police enforcement; (d) Cllr Bailey complained about the road surface from Derwent Bridge to Riverside Gardens. The Clerk will report it. **JL/DH**

18. Village Assets. A check has revealed a couple of problems. The guttering of the bus shelter needs clearing. Des Sykes will be asked to do the work. Also, Cllr Lloyd has noticed issues at the Play Area and these have been passed to Playscheme to repair. **DH**

19. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Pumping Station usage figures.

20. Items to be placed on next Agenda. To be with the Clerk before Monday, 10 February.

21. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 18 February.

22. The Clerk. It was agreed to appoint Ms Colean Camp as the new Clerk. It was also agreed to pay her at Scale 13. Cllrs will be asked to consider a different day for future meetings.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

David Headlam, Clerk to the Council

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