

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, HESLINGTON ON TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

7 members of the public - Parish Councillors Mr D Blacketer, Mrs P Bramley, Mr R Bramley, Mr P Hall, Mrs R Hilton, Lady D Lawton and Mrs Z Richards

In attendance:

Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

APM2018/1 Apologies
None

APM2018/2 Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2017
These were approved and signed by Mrs Bramley, who was Chairperson for this meeting

APM2018/3 To receive the Annual Report of Heslington Parish Council
See Attachment One

APM2018/4 Representations/Reports by:

Meeting Room	–	Mrs Lawton gave a verbal report
Sportsfield	–	See Attachment Two
Village Trust	–	See Attachment Three
North Yorkshire Police	–	No report received
Heslington Church	–	No report received

APM2018/5 Parishioners question and answer session:
None.

Chairman's Signature

Date

HPC ANNUAL REPORT CHAIRPERSON'S REVIEW

May 17 – April 18

During the course of the past twelve months, two Parish Councillors have resigned from the Council, Cllr Clemments & Cllr Stern and we have been very pleased to welcome Cllr Hilton. Vacancies still remain on the Council and if you are interested and would like to be considered, please apply in writing to the Parish Clerk. - heslingtonpc@outlook.com. Residents are very welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Parish information can be found on both the Parish notice board and website: <https://www.heslington.org.uk>

The Parish Council comments on all planning applications within Heslington Parish. Residents may be able to offer particular insights or detailed information which is relevant to the consideration of an application and are welcome to attend the public session to give us their views or to make their views known in advance of meetings by contacting the Parish Clerk

The final public consultation on the City of York draft Local Plan has now been carried out and all the communications received will be forwarded to a Planning Inspector, for his/her decision. The Parish Council has resubmitted a number of points on behalf of residents for clarification.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. Thank you to the Working Group who is putting in a tremendous amount of work and time to produce the first draft document. The Plan covers the whole Parish and regular meetings are held with CYC, the University of York and others. The Plan once approved, will form part of the statutory guidance for CYC Planning decisions in the Parish. It aims to set policies that will influence future planning matters. There will shortly be an opportunity for residents to review the draft plan and comment. These arrangements will be well publicised in advance and we hope that you will respond. For more information visit the village website or contact the Parish Clerk. All Working Group meetings are open to the public and new Working Group members are welcome. Dates and venues of meetings can be found on the Village Notice Board.

The Parish Boundary review has been completed and the Parish Council is assured by City of York Council that this will be ratified for the May 2019 local elections. Heslington will remain two Wards, but the Parish will return to being a single unity.

The Parish Council are working with local residents who have taken up the initiative for a community broadband scheme for Long Lane and Langwith Stray. Discussions have taken place with City of York Council and Quickline to try to produce a minimum speed of 10mb. Whilst Main Street areas of the village have excellent fibre superfast broadband, a mile away the speed drops to less than 1mb. On a pleasing note, Virgin Media have started painting their utility units green.

The Meeting Room Committee continues to do an excellent job, having organised a substantial refurbishment. We give our thanks for their hard work and for their time that they give so willingly.

Our thanks go to residents for their support and their contribution to the well being of Heslington, our Lengthsman, Dave Murray, our City of York Councillor Keith Aspden, our Clerk Fiona Hill, and I thank my fellow Councillors for their dedication, help and support over the last year.

Councillor Pauline Bramley – Chair of Heslington Parish Council - May 18

Heslington Sportsfield Management Committee

Chairman's annual report 2017-18.

There were a number of changes to committee this year. Maurice Dodson retired as Chair and was thanked for his many years of dedication to this role. He was replaced by Bill McClean. We said goodbye to Darren Hanley and Jon Winfield who have been a driving force and a successful part of the committee organisation for many years. New volunteers from the Cricket club were Travis Crouch who became the new hon. Secretary and Phil Northing, the new hon. Treasurer. They have brought new and welcome ideas to the committee management and all records of actions and minutes are now subject to cloud storage and will be more easily accessible in the future. Local resident Ali Dodson was welcomed onto the committee.

A website for the committee has been developed by Ali Dodson. This will help to improve our public image and it is hoped that it will help to bring in additional income from casual lettings of the pavilion. The website will be further developed and will help to raise the public profile of the Sportsfield and its facilities. There is a need to show more community engagement when applying for grants and this will help.

The Sportsfield including the cricket area and football pitches has been maintained to a good standard with comprehensive grounds management from the University of York grounds staff including aerating and slit seeding as required as well as the regular mowing operation. A local gardening service is called in for tidying up the small inaccessible areas around the play equipment and the frontage.

The main parking area is a potential problem as there is a lot of unauthorised parking during the day by visitors and tradesmen working in the village. This area is meant to be used just by users of the Outgang public bridleway and the Sportsfield. Ongoing maintenance has to be paid for.

The play equipment and picnic benches are enjoyed by many local resident families. The equipment is inspected regularly and the necessary maintenance is usually expensive and this requires many hours applying for grant aid from outside sources. The safety surfacing around the play tower is in need of total replacement and a grant towards this has been obtained from the Ward committee and a further grant has been applied for from a charity source. This work should be done during 2018. The Kompan climbing unit needs repair but this has proved so expensive that the unit will simply be reduced in scope and made safe.

The accounts for the year show a small surplus which could soon be swallowed up by necessary repairs to the pavilion and the need to comply with more and more regulations. In summary this has been a good year leaving the Sportsfield in good condition for all to enjoy. My thanks go to all on the committee and for their ongoing support.

Bill McClean
Chair HSMC.
10/05/2018

Heslington Village Trust

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2 May 2018

Chairman's Report

The past year has been much as previous years, but there are several significant actions are currently underway that will affect the village: they include the Local Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan and the Article 4[2] Direction.

The Local Plan consultation has now ended, and following any amendments to it by CYC resulting from the consultation, it will be submitted to the Government appointed Inspector. His task is two-fold; to determine if the Plan is legal, and if the Plan is 'sound'.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing rapidly, in conjunction with the university with whom the working group have held a series of meetings to ensure that both the village and the university are in agreement with the aims and objectives of the Plan. This is essential if the Plan is to be adopted by CYC. A meeting will be held in May with the university to discuss the draft plan which, if acceptable to both parties, will form the basis of the Plan to be submitted to CYC.

The Article 4 [2] Direction is being progressed by me, following the award of a Ward Committee grant to cover the costs of around £3000.00 charged by CYC for administration, legal advice and advertising.

There have only been two planning applications, one of which could establish an unfortunate precedent and will therefore go to Planning Committee so that I can put the Village Trust's case in person to the members. This involves the extension to 29A Main Street. The proposal is to render both the existing brick building and the extension in white render, a material alien to the village [with the exception of the Charles XII], and which contravenes the policies of the Village Design Statement. It also proposes the widening of the access and loss of hedgerow, which the Trust considers unnecessary. The only other planning application was for the conversion of a single storey rear outshot to two stories at 8 Main Street for a young family who need a second bedroom for their two children. The Trust supported the application, following a minor amendment to the design since it helped keep a young family in the village.

I reported last year that the University had commissioned a new masterplan for Heslington East, and that a presentation would be made to the Trust and PC when appropriate. However, no more has been said on the subject by the University.

And then there is the question of the future of the Village Trust, and to this effect, I produced a document outlining its history and value, and encouraging residents to come to this meeting to discuss the matter, in particular the appointment of a new Secretary, Chair and several new members of the Executive Committee. However, following the melt down at Old Trafford when United lost both the manager and chief executive at the same time, I have decided to stay and serve out my time with the intention of stepping down next May, when hopefully there will be a new secretary in place and a new chair ready to take over. And once again, The Village Trust organised a leaf sweep in November.

Nick Allen, Chair.