

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM
ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM**

Councillors Present: Pauline Bramley (PB) Richard Bramley (RB)
Paula Clements (PC) Lady Dorothy Lawton (DL)
Bill McClean (BM) Jeffrey Stern (JS)

In Attendance: Dr David Duncan, Registrar & Secretary, University of York
Dr Oleg Lisager, Head, Halifax College, University of York
Millie Beach, President, Students Union, University of York
Dominic Smithies, Community & Wellbeing Officer, Students Union,
University of York
PCSO Tony Barge, North Yorkshire Police
CYC Ward Cllr Keith Aspden (KA)
Fiona Hill (FH) - Parish Clerk

Public Present: 18

Apologies Received: Parish Councillor David Blacketer (DB)
Parish Councillor Peter Hall (PH)
Parish Councillor Zena Richards (ZR)
Mr Keith Kinsella, Assistant Head, Derwent College
Shai Danmole-Ellis, Assistant Head, Halifax College
Sgt Helen Skelton, North Yorkshire Police

1. Public Session -

Two main issues were raised – Antisocial Behaviour and Parking

Parking:

- spaces are taken by students/staff, which should be available for residents/visitors
- cars are “dumped” for weeks
- don't want to see yellow line of excessive signage, but more traffic wardens would be useful
- parking charges at the university car parks are too high
- local taxi companies park, with engines running, awaiting fares
- Heslington Court is narrow and parking blocks access for emergency vehicles

Antisocial Behaviour:

- Students getting off the “club buses” from town throughout the night were waking sleeping residents by shouting, swearing, and throwing/kicking litter.
- residents who have called York University Security have not found them helpful, with messages not been correctly passed on and arriving too late to deal with the problems.
- Boss Lane is a specific hotspot – would it be possible to close it at night?
- The recent vandalism of a resident's car had cause distress to the owners, who brought photos to the meeting.

2. To receive responses from representatives of North Yorkshire Police and York University

Parking:

- students are actively discouraged from bringing cars to university
- students are encouraged to support buses, cycling, walking
- students are advised from admission that there is no parking on campus

Antisocial behaviour:

- students are actively encouraged to be responsible with their use of alcohol
- security has recently been dealing with trespass issues with local youths, which takes up resources
- CCTV was a consideration in area where antisocial behaviour was at its worst.
- Disciplinary action could be taken against individual students if known

3. To agree actions

- Police encourage residents to report all cases of antisocial behaviour inconsiderate parking. It is always helpful to include as much information as possible e.g. dates, times, registration numbers and company name.
- University of York would continue to correspond with students and discuss all options to do what they can to help.
- Cllr Aspden would speak to City of York Council about the possibilities of closing Boss Lane
- University of York would look at re-routing the buses, but would not stop the services, as they felt it was their duty to ensure students were able to get home safely.
- Residents would be invited to speak to students as part of the Respect Campaign
- The Parish Council would continue to monitor this and be a contact point for parishioners