

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014 AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs P Bramley (PB) Cllr R Bramley (RB) Cllr A Collingwood (AC)
Cllr P Hall (PH) Cllr Lady D Lawton (DL) Cllr B McClean (BM)
Cllr J Stern (JS)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Fiona Hill (FH) – Parish Clerk
Ward Cllr D Levene (WC)
James Irwin, Halifax Estates
Steve Johnstone, Halifax Estates

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT:

Fifteen

Public Session - Local Plan/Whinthorpe

Halifax Estates spoke at length and answered questions about the Local Plan and Whinthorpe. FH recorded some snippets, in no particular order, which give a general feel -

A resident asked James Irwin "Why are you doing this", he responded "Profit"

A Parish Councillor responded "I admire your honesty, but dislike your motive"

James Irwin - "This is a Local Plan Development Proposal not a Planning Application"

Parishioner - "Heslington is to be swamped by the University and Halifax estates"

James Irwin - "My job is to make Whinthorpe happen and my vision is that it will be a nice place to live"

Parishioners queries the difference between this site and the two rejected sites at Elvington and Upper Poppleton, to which Cllr Levene would research

Topics discussed were:

Transport Strategy - copies of the proposed site access were circulated. Option A was the Hull Road Access. Option B was the Common Lane Access. A point of access to the A64, with a possible split junction, has been agreed in principle, in writing by the Highways Agency. Currently there are traffic movement monitors in place. It suggested that part of Common Lane and Langwith Lane might become private roads with barriers. Cllrs and Members of the public were horrified at the idea of a bus route through the village and a Cllr raised his objection in the strongest terms. Halifax Estates appeared disappointed at such strength of feeling against this option.

Development Strategy - "CYC have asked Halifax Estates for more details, but not developers have been approached yet, as I want to keep as much control as possible for as long as possible.

Employment Strategy - "Halifax Estates have been advised that current government guidance is 3000 full time jobs are required on a site of this size.

Third Consultation - will be in Autumn 2014, using the submission draft, so no changes will be made, but responses will be submitted alongside

The SSSI proposed buffer zones and flooding were of concern to many and Halifax Estates confirmed that they were in discussions with English Heritage about these matters

Halifax Estates were conducting various studies including Great Crested Newts and Ground Nesting Birds.

Timing - Currently dictated by the Local Plan, as a planning application cannot be submitted until the Local Plan adopted, which is not expected before June 2016. Therefore, the current thinking is that the first houses will be built in 2017 and the plan is to build 250 per year.

James Irwin confirmed that Halifax Estates are the Promoter of Wnythorpe and are not qualified to be the Developer.

Public Session - Other Matters

A representative from the York University Students Union came to give thanks for everyone's patience and apologies for any disturbance whilst the current events had been on. The leaflets were delivered by students this year and these had been late and not reached all the areas, so a company would be paid to do this next year.

- 1: TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Parish Cllrs C Cadman (CC) and Mrs Z Richards (ZR)
- 2: TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**
PB, RB and AC – section 4.5 (BM was chairperson for this section and the public session)
DL – section 9.9
- 3: TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 MAY 2014:**
Due to the late circulation, the approval of these Minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

The Annual Parish Council Minutes 2014 were unanimously approved and signed.

- 4: TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
- 4.1 Village Signs - NTR
Holmefield Lane Signs - PB/BM reported that this was now smaller and much more acceptable. FH asked to write and say thank you.
- 4.2 Cycle track along University Road
The Parish Council discussed at length the two CYC consultations -
1. Proposed 20 mph speed limit, University Road, Heslington
Response - The Parish Council is opposed to this speed limit
Proposed: RB Seconded: PH Carried by majority
4 votes in favour 1 vote against 2 abstentions
 2. Proposed University Road Cycle Route, incorporating Pedestrian Safety Improvements near the Library.
Response 1/3 - The Parish Council does not wish to see speed humps
Proposed: JS Seconded: AC Unanimous
Response 2/3 - The Parish Council would like to see a speed table
Proposed: DL Seconded: PH Carried by majority
6 votes in favour 1 vote against
Response 3/3 - The Parish Council feels it is imperative that there is a dedicated full width bus lay by
Proposed: JS Seconded: PH Unanimous
- 4.3 City of York Local Plan/Neighbourhood Planning
Local Plan It was unanimously agreed that BM and DL would draft a responses, based on the original response, but adding points regarding the site changes, the University expansion and the need for residents to access the Tilmire. The draft would then be circulated around Cllrs by email, so they were in a position to approve the response at the July 2014 meeting.
Neighbourhood Plan AC/BM were still trying to form a working committee along with members from the Parish. The Village Trust would be invited to select members to join the committee. No one had responded to the appeal for help in the newsletter. A notice would be placed on the notice board.
- 4.4 Boundary Commission Review/CYC Community Governance Review
NTR

- 4.5 Dog Orders
Cllrs had read the response from Simon Christian and it was unanimously agreed that PB would ask CYC/Natural England for some new large bye law signs. asking owners to keep dogs under strict control at all times. This would be a good start, before deciding whether to proceed with a dog order.

5. TO DISCUSS, IF NECESSARY, LONG-STANDING MATTERS:

- 5.1 Appearance of village - The Parish Council expressed their disappointment at the latest grass cutting. PB would ask George Smith to cut back his hedge. WC would ask Community Payback to do some sweeping and tidying. Three responses had been received regarding the daffodills/dandelions and these were circulated via email to Cllrs to be discussed at a later date.

Severe Weather Issues - NTR

- 5.2 Highway Matters
NTR
- 5.3 University of York/HMO's
NTR
- 5.4 Elvington
NTR
- 5.5 Communication - Website/ Newsletter/Broadband
Thanks to BM for producing the newsletter.
- 5.6 Yorkshire Marathon
NTR

6: TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:

None

7: TO REPORT AND MAKE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS ON NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Letter A: We support the application
Letter B: We have no objections
Letter C: We do not object but wish to make comments or seek safeguards as set out overleaf
Letter D: We object on the planning grounds set out overleaf

7.1 14/01142/FUL Heslington Hall

Letter B Unanimous

7.2 14/01143/LBC Heslington Hall

Letter B Unanimous

8. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS BY CITY OF YORK COUNCIL:

- 8.1 14/00633/REMM University of York Permitted
8.2 14/00816/FUL Flat A, Edens Court Permitted

9: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:

- 9.1 Ward Cllr David Levene
NTR

- 9.2 North Yorkshire Police
PCSO 5557 Tony Barge had emailed the Incident Figures (May14) for Heslington, which FH had circulated to Cllrs. FH has agreed with PCSO Barge that these figures would be issued monthly.
- 9.3 Heslington East Community Forum
BM reported that traffic surveys had been done and although he had not had chance to study them, he felt that the University were coping well with traffic.
- 9.4 Good Neighbours Forum
NTR
- 9.5 Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board
RB reported that there was a meeting yesterday, but he was unable to attend
- 9.6 Sportsfield
BM reported that a quote had been received for new play equipment. A social event/potato weigh in was in the diary for Sun 20 Jul 14
- 9.7 York Environment Forum
DL reported that there had been a recent meeting, which Rebecca Harrison, CYC had attended and spoke about the Local Plan.
- 9.8 Alms Houses
NTR
- 9.9 The Meeting Room
PB had chased up the electrician regarding the emergency lighting. The committee had contacted FH as they had found in their archives a reference to a Parish Council meeting in June 2009, which indicates that there was a decision made regarding the division of responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the Meeting Room between the Parish Council and the committee. FH advised that the written Minute Books in the filing cabinet went from 12 May 1975 to 13 March 1989. Then it says that minutes from and including the meeting 10 April 1989 will be type written in a ring binder. However, when FH took over as the Parish Clerk the Minutes were not handed-over by the previous Parish Clerk, so these are missing. FH asked everyone to check their computers, to see if they had any copies from the missing period (Apr 89-May 12). The committee had emailed some photos, which would be placed on the website.

10: TO REPORT ANY NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL:

- 10.1 Heslington Church - Request for funding towards grass-cutting Grant £200.00 , Proposed: BM, Seconded: PB, 6 votes in favour. 1 vote against

11: TO REPORT MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS:

- PB reported that Common Lane, Long Lane & Langwith Stray grass had been cut

12: TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER:

- 12.1 Bookkeeping records for year ending 31Mar15 to date
The Parish Clerk circulated copies around Parish Councillors.
- 12.2 Internal Control Check(s)
The Parish Council agreed to defer these to the next meeting

12.3 Matters raised with/by Yorkshire Local councils Association (YLCA)

NTR

12.4 To approve for payment the invoices as follows:

12.4.1	Parish Clerk	Salary	£256.62	001549
12.4.2	Lengthsman	Work Done	£256.97	001550
12.4.3	York Print Company	Newsletter	£56.40	001551
12.4.4	Heslington Church	Flower Festival Grant	£100.00	001552
12.4.5	Heslington Church	Grass Cutting Grant	£200.00	001553

**13: TO CONFIRM THE DATES OF THE FUTURE MEETINGS ON
TUESDAYS AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM AS:**

15 July 2014	19 August 2014	16 September 2014
21 October 2014	18 November 2014	16 December 2014