

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, HESLINGTON ON
TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012 AT 7.00P.M.

Thirteen parishioners, including eight Parish Councillors were present:

Cllr Mrs P Bramley (Chairperson)	Cllr R Bramley
Cllr C Cadman	Cllr P Hall
Cllr Lady D Lawton	Cllr Mrs Z Richards
Cllr J Stern	Cllr Mrs J Visick

In attendance:

Fiona Hill	-	Locum Parish Clerk
Cllr David Levene	-	CYC Ward Councillor

- To accept apologies for absence and reasons given:*
P.C. Jon-Mark Buchanan – North Yorkshire Police
Maurice Dodson – Heslington Sportsfield Management Committee
Parish Councillor Bill McClean
Revd Johannes Nobel – Heslington Church
- Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 May 2011:*
Unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairperson – Parish Cllr Mrs Bramley
- To receive the Annual Report of the Heslington Parish Council:*
Attachment 1
- Representations/Reports by:*
 - North Yorkshire Police – P.C. Jon-Mark Buchanan
“Below I have attached some details of the crime figures for Heslington, which I’m pretty proud off!!
The figures represent both Heslington and the University.
Burglary other (sheds, cycle sheds etc) -50%
Theft -57%
Violence +100%*
*Violence is up from 1 to 2, which is why it would seem so shocking at first glance. This violence has been due to some late night drunken persons at the village pub. All in all they are brilliant figures. If any residents would like to raise any issues, please ask them to forward them on to myself and I will help where I can”.
 - Heslington Meeting Room Management Committee – Valerie Foote
“In 1989 the Parish Council bought the meeting Room from the Lord Deramore Estate at a cost of £65,000. This money was mostly raised by voluntary contributions but a loan of £25,000 was taken out from the Public Loans Board which does not expire until March 2014.
A Management Committee was formed to deal with the running of the Meeting Room and this committee still exists today. There are nine members on the committee, all local inhabitants. The chairman is Maurice Dodson, the Treasurer is Freda Tolhurst and I, Valerie Foote, am the Secretary. Other members are: HelenAfshar, Tony Tolhurst, Jacqui Chainery, Chris Cadman, John Jones and Rosabelle Lonsborough. We are always happy to have other people join us in the committee.
Over the years, the Meeting Room has been the focus of village life and a few local organizations still meet here, including the Parish Council, Townswomen Guild, Flower Club and Village Trust. It is also used for elections and public meetings and we feel it is a vital part of village life enabling for instance the MacMillan Coffee Morning to be held here which attracts many local people to come and meet with refreshments, whilst raising money for a very worthwhile cause.
Unfortunately, because of the current economic climate, people are not booking the room as often as they did for children and adults parties, or for activities such as yoga or pre-school activities like gymnastics.
Because of this we find ourselves this year for the first time having made a loss on our accounts and are having to ask the parish Council to help us with various maintenance work.
The committees feel very strongly that we want to preserve this building as a local meeting point and hope that things improve on the financial side”.

- 4.3 Heslington Sportsfield Management Committee – Maurice Dodson
Attachment 2
- 4.4 Heslington Church – Revd Johannes Nobel
Attachment 4

5. *Charity Accounts and Reports:*
None

6. *Parishioners question and answer session:*

The Parish Council were asked about:

- the planning application for the new Chemistry building.
- the Lengthsman and his duties.
- Field lane, university road

The Parish Council confirmed that the big tree that had been cut down was rotten.

Andrew Flecknor, CYC gave a presentation about the Electoral Review and a copy of the presentation was filed with these minutes

Chairman's Signature..... Date.....

Heslington Parish Council

Annual Report – 01 April 2011 – 31 March 2012

Chairpersons Review – Parish Councillor Mrs Pauline Bramley –

Thank you to all parishioners who attend our monthly meetings, you are always welcome. It is important that we are kept aware of issues that affect Heslington and I would encourage you to participate when you can.

Thank you to the Parish Councillors, and City of York Councillor David Levene, for your help and support in the last couple of months.

In January, due to ill health and a move from the Village, Cllr, Andrew Collingwood resigned after a number of years service, including some time as Chairman. We wish him well and thank him for his help. We are pleased to welcome Joan Visick to the Council.

Joanne Bradley, the Clerk, emigrated in March and we are very happy to welcome Fiona Hill who stepped in as our Locum. We thank her for all her work with the year end accounts. We will in the next few months be interviewing for a permanent Clerk.

Despite all the government cutbacks and pressure on public services I am pleased that we have been able to hold the 2012 Precept at the same level as the previous year.

Your Parish Council continues to work hard with the challenges that the continuing expansion of University of York brings to Heslington.

The introduction of parking restrictions in Low Moor Lane appears to be working well. We will to keep an eye on parking issues and the knock-on effect in other areas of the village

The Parish Council is keeping a watching brief over the proposed road changes to University Road/Field Lane.

Over the next year we hope to make changes towards becoming a Quality Council. The aim of the Scheme is to provide benchmark minimum standards for parish and town councils.

The Parish Council has a website and issues a quarterly newsletter to keep residents of Heslington fully informed.

The next few years ahead of us are going to be a challenging experience for all local authorities due to budget cuts. Rest assured that your Parish Council will continue to strive to do what it believes is in the best interest of your parish within the confines of it financial resources.

Thank you

Councillor Pauline Bramley – Chair of Heslington Parish Council

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The Parish Councillors for this year were:

Mrs Pauline Bramley, Mr Richard Bramley, Mr Chris Cadman, Mr Peter Hall,
Lady Dorothy Lawton, Mr Bill McClean, Mrs Zena Richards, Mr Jeffrey Stern
Mrs Joan Visick

The Parish Council currently has a Locum Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer - Fiona Hill.

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FINANCIAL REPORT - 01 APRIL 2011/31 MARCH 2012	
Receipts:	
CYC Precept	12300.00
S106 Funding	2506.05
CYC Double Taxation	258.16
VAT Refund (2010/2011)	70.87
Bank Interest	8.14
	<u>15143.22</u>
Payments:	
Salaries	6714.43
Capital Projects	2104.89
Insurance	1611.99
Loan Repayments	1334.25
Grass Cutting Verges	920.00
Membership Fees	827.00
Councillor/Clerk Expenses	495.67
Audit Fees	225.00
VAT (To Reclaim)	171.27
Bank Charges (Refunded Apr12)	70.00
Room Hire	54.00
	<u>14528.50</u>
Brought forward 01April 2011	11215.42
Excess income/expenditure	614.72
	<u>11830.14</u>
Cash in hand	0.00
Current account	3658.42
Investment account	8171.72
	<u>11830.14</u>

**REPORT ON THE SPORTSFIELD FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE
HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, 15 MAY 2012**

Background

The Heslington Sportsfield is a Registered Charity (no. 523247), given to Heslington for recreation under the terms of a charitable bequest by Lord Deramore in 1967. The field is about 4.5 acres and has play equipment for children of all ages, football and cricket pitches and a Pavilion with toilets, changing rooms and showers, as well as facilities for providing refreshments. The Management Committee, which looks after the Sportsfield, is made up of Trustees, 5 elected by the inhabitants of Heslington and 6 nominated Representatives of the cricket and football clubs and our neighbour Halifax College. The Sportsfield does not belong to the Heslington Parish Council and apart from rents for the pitches and Pavilion, it has no regular income, relying on grants for help with major outgoings. In this respect, the management Committee is very grateful to Heslington Parish Council and Halifax College which make regular contributions towards the running of the Sportsfield. These are very important in maintaining this village asset and the continued support of the Parish Council and the College is much appreciated. The Sportsfield and its Pavilion are popular amenities, used by many, from within the village as well as from Fulford, Tang Hall and the rest of York. The children's play equipment is very popular and the ground is visited by people, often elderly, to watch the matches or for a peaceful spell admiring the scenery. It is good to report that the activities on the Sportsfield involve many young people, including girls, something the Management Committee is happy to foster. There are two football clubs, one from Heslington with two teams and one from Fulford with 350 players and 20 teams of various ages and kinds, from under 6's to under 19's and 2 adult teams. This large and active club takes in players from other areas outside Fulford and includes children from Heslington. The Civil Service Association Cricket Club uses the Sportsfield over the cricket season and has 3 teams, which include some village residents. Last summer it started running some coaching sessions on Sundays for children from local schools, including Lord Deramores. On any weekend during the football season, up to 50 or more children use the Sportsfield, while during the cricket season, games are played on Saturdays, some Sundays and on week day evenings. The Sportsfield is also used from time to time for organised fun runs and children's play activities such as Playspace, etc.

The Year 2011/12

Both the weather and the financial climate have created problems. Nevertheless, the finance needed to renovate the Pavilion has at last been secured and the building work has started. At the recent AGM, 4 nominations were received. As there are 5 places on the Management Committee for elected Trustees, there was no election.

Finance. The accounts are on a separate sheet and do not include the grants for the Pavilion, which are listed below, as the sums involved would disguise the relatively modest trends in the day-to-day Sportsfield finances. The accounts presented show a small surplus of \$130. This is a result of steadily increasing costs, ranging from the persistent activity of moles to the considerably higher charges for insurance and utilities, combined with a reduced rent income resulting from the bad weather and the consequent cancellations. As well, owing to the cuts in public spending, the discretionary rate rebate for the Sportsfield has been withdrawn; we now pay \$71

a year. Our very tight margins make these increased costs and reduced revenue a cause for serious concern. A thorough review to consider ways of addressing these problems will be undertaken in the near future. The Potato Competition, organised by Bill McClean, the Parish Council Representative, raised \$169.10 for the Pavilion. It was a great success, the sum will be put to good use and awareness in the village was also raised. The potatoes will be judged and prizes awarded at the Pavilion on 14 July. It has been decided that this event should mark the official opening of the refurbished Pavilion. Details will be published soon – everyone is very welcome to come along.

The Pavilion. After approximately 40 years of service, it is now in urgent need of a thorough renovation. Plans were drawn up, a copy was sent to the Parish Council (a copy is also attached for convenience) and quotes obtained. These turned out to be around 50,000{65,000, much higher than we had anticipated. But the decision was taken to go ahead. For some years the HSMC has been working to raise the substantial funds needed. After repeated delays and disappointments, it is a pleasure to report that the prolonged struggle

has at last been successful and work is now under way. It is hoped that it will be completed by the end of June, although weather and other factors might mean some delay. The budget was \$57,771 but was calculated well over a year ago. Costs have all risen, the offer of a free kitchen (worth \$5000) is proving less certain and there were two unexpected and unbudgeted expenses totalling \$997 (a Construction Design Manager had to be appointed, at \$720, and a CYC inspection came in at \$274). This makes it almost inevitable that the extra \$1500 offered by the Parish Council for this sort of contingency will be needed. With this sum, the finance is sufficient to complete the structural work, so that the building will be finished and functional. Less essential items, such as signage, benches, etc can be installed as soon as they can be afforded. The external walls of the Pavilion are still sound but the interior was in a very poor state after continual heavy use. The building has been completely gutted, the corridor and most of the original dividing walls removed and the half the roof is to be replaced. The new changing rooms will be larger and a full range of facilities, up to the high standard demanded by Health & Safety and Protection of Children legislation, will be installed. Separate facilities for competing teams and for referees are being provided, the catering and social areas are being rebuilt and extended. Disabled access and facilities have been improved and comply with current legislation. Extra storage space will be available as the area in front of the original storage space has been enclosed. To make the Pavilion more secure and vandal-proof, the entrances and windows will be protected by strong external shutters. Scoring facilities for cricket will be provided; the score board will be kept inside when not being used. The cctv will be reinstalled once the bulk of the building work is complete. The Committee is very grateful to a number of organisations for financial help with the renovation of the Pavilion. The City of York Council and the Football Foundation have been very generous (details below) but this is an appropriate place to acknowledge the generosity of the Parish Council. Not only has the Parish Council supported the Sportsfield on a regular basis by paying the Public Liability insurance and by making contributions towards other costs, it has donated \$2,500, with the possibility of \$1,500 more if needed, to the renovation fund. The Management Committee is very grateful - support from the Parish Council is appreciated very much and moreover it has helped a great deal in securing other grants. The HPC also made substantial contributions towards the original building. Graham Souter, the Representative for the Fulford Juniors Football Club, deserves special mention for preparing and submitting drawings and applications, for negotiating with various sporting and council bodies and for organising contractors. Other members of the Committee were involved but Graham was the prime mover.

Pavilion grants.

- _ \$20,000 from CYC
- _ \$26,271 from Football Foundation
- _ \$9,000 from HSMC reserves
- _ \$2,500 from HPC (with possibility of a further \$1500)
- Total \$57771. (Total with the additional \$1500 = \$59271.)
- _ \$1363 from Ward Committee for cctv

Maintenance. The popularity of the Sportsfield with the local community and more widely is gratifying but the constant use, sometimes unlicensed, puts the ground under considerable pressure, aggravated by very poor weather. The Management Committee is working to maintain the high standard of the Sportsfield with a programme of intensive treatment. There is a possibility of CYC funding to help with this. The Estates Department of the University has been proved helpful in the past and we also hope that a mutually advantageous collaboration can be established.

The Play Equipment. The playing equipment, some in place for over 10 years and others even older, continues to be popular. The heavy use over the years has taken its toll and soon some will need to be overhauled or replaced. Preliminary consultations with suppliers have begun and quotes for a range of options sought. A decision on the best way forward is to be reached in the next few months. The CYC is sympathetic to our plans and we hope that the signi_cant funding required for a major overhaul of the equipment will be available.

Maurice Dodson, Chair, Heslington Sports_eld Management Committee



Heslington Church

All are welcome

Attachment 3a

Who Are We?

Heslington Church is a local ecumenical partnership between the Church of England and the Methodist Church together with the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of York. All services of worship are held jointly between Anglicans and Methodists. The church serves the local area, which includes the village of Heslington, the surrounding farms, local housing estates and the University of York. Our congregation is an eclectic mix of ages, backgrounds and nationalities. We seek to be an open, caring and inclusive church and everyone is welcome to worship with us.

Vicar of Heslington & Chaplain of Archbishop Holgate's School – Rev Johannes Nobel
Methodist Minister & Methodist University Chaplain – Rev Rory Dalgliesh
Anglican University Chaplain – Rev Rowan Williams

Church Services

Services are held at the following times:

Sunday at 9am – Holy Communion with Hymns

Sunday at 11am – Morning Service (with activities for children)

Thursday at 9.15am – Said Holy Communion in the Side Chapel

Refreshments are served between the 9am and 11am services. At 2pm on Sundays a Korean congregation holds a service in the Korean language. At most major Christian feast days the 9am and 11am congregations celebrate a joined service at 10.30am.

The church is available for baptisms, weddings and funerals, and the graveyard is open for burials and the interment of cremated remains.

Facilities, Groups & Activities

The church offers a flexible worship space with removable pews. On the east end of the church there is a small chapel which offers a more intimate setting for prayer. On the north side the church is extended to include a number of useful rooms: a meeting room, a children's room, a library/reading room, an office room, a vestry, and a fully equipped kitchen. The church is regularly used by external groups and organisations. The church itself also runs a number of groups and activities:

Music Group

Junior Church

Youth Club

Mothers Union

Flower Arrangement Group

Social Groups

Men's Group

Prayer Group

Walking Group

Study Groups

Charitable Fundraising

Finance

Contrary to what many people think, the church does *not* receive any government funding. A small proportion of our income is generated by fees and lettings, but by far the largest part of our income is through donations.

In 2011 our income was close to £65.000, which was just enough to meet our expenditure. However, we have observed a steady decline in income through donations, as well as an increase in expenditure, and are currently planning a mayor fund raising project to avoid a deficit in 2012.

For more information about our accounts and the way in which our money is spent, please contact one of the clergy or our treasurer Stephen Connor (01904 796803).

Your financial support would be greatly appreciated at this time. All donations can be Gift Aided.

Looking Back and Thinking Ahead

The year 2011 has been busy and exiting. Our vicar, The Rev Nancy Eckersley, retired in February, and it was not until February 2011 that a new vicar was collated, The Rev Johannes (Jan) Nobel. The time in between appointments was a very busy one for the churchwardens and the Methodist minister. However, many people volunteered their gifts and talents and the church community more than stood up to the challenge of the vacancy.

The arrival of the new vicar has given the church a surge of new energy, and we are exploring the way ahead for Heslington Church. We would like to hear your opinion on how we could best serve the local community and how we could make our services and activities more accessible. Please speak to the clergy or churchwardens at any time and share your thoughts.

One of the projects that we are exploring is an extension of the churchyard. If our plans go ahead, we may take the opportunity to include some maintenance work to the building. This project will require considerable fund-raising. Please let us know if you think you can help us.

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