

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present: David Blacketer Pauline Bramley
Richard Bramley Bev Heap
John Garner Rose Hilton
Caleb Pell Zena Richards

In Attendance: Fiona Hill – Parish Clerk

Public Present: 2

Public session matters raised: None

Craig Ralston, Natural England spoke to the meeting about Nature Recovery Areas

23/133 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

*Parish Councillor Tom Percy
City of York Councillor Kate Ravilious

b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:

* Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

23/134 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

23/135 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 19 December 2023:
Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

23/136 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

- Nature Recovery Area:

Resolved / The Parish Council write and thank Craig Ralston for attending the meeting, register the Parish Councils interest in the scheme and request printed information.
(Unanimous)

- Yorkshire Marathon:

Anna Baxter, CYC was yet to respond, so the chase up would be sent

- Trees along Main Street:

Harvey Lowson, CYC had responded “What makes you think the trees are in need of any work please? We inspect them for safety every 4 years and if we find work it would then be added to our work program. I think the next inspection will be the next financial year stating in April 24 to March 25”.

Resolved – The Parish Council would reply that the mature Sycamore trees appear to be stopping the development of the young, scented Limes. (Unanimous)

- Overgrown vegetation outside Little Hall :

Resolved – The Parish Council would report this issue to CYC (Unanimous)

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23/137 To receive updates on long-standing matters:

- Meeting Room Disabled Access:

Cllr Ravilious included in her written report – “I have asked CYC officers whether the scope of the project can be altered and the ward funding retained and used to engage an accessibility consultant. Cindy Benton thought this would be unlikely because the original funding came from the highways ward funding pot. We are still waiting a reply from Mora Scaife. I have contacted her repeatedly and asked for a reply today. I will update you if I hear anything from her before your meeting tonight”. Nothing further had been received.

- Meeting Room Roof:

The listed building consent application was in progress.

- Asbestos Management Plan:

This could now be removed from the agenda

- Fire Safety Assessment

The committee had completed their inspection, which would be checked by the fire service soon. Cllr Garner was asked to obtain an update.

- Safer Crossing Outgang - Works were still outstanding. Cllr Hilton to follow up

- University of York - Student Buses, Antisocial Behaviour

Cllr Hilton gave a summary of the meeting on 15th January 2024 -

“**Night Bus** - Evidence from residents and from UoY CCTV suggests Newton Way stop little used by alighting students. Since the Heslington Hall stop has continued in use for alighting students (unknown to us), we have no way of knowing whether the change of student behaviour is in any way related to the Newton Way stop, but it would appear not to be. Kris, with First Bus and CYC will consider returning to Heslington Hall as the only stop for Halifax College after due consultation.

During Freshers week volunteer students on Night buses supported students in behaving responsibly. That is another variable not accounted for.

An example of use of marshals to maintain order at another university was mentioned by a resident. Funds would not be available for this. Student volunteers were suggested but this was rejected by student representatives.

C1 shuttle - To review need for double decker on this route. Data likely to change if free travel service buses (66,67) restored. UoY most recent Annual Traffic Survey (March 2022) indicates very little use Hes Hall stops by shuttle bus passengers while other routes within campus were free.

Kris will ask First Bus to check Edens Court boarding data as residents' impression was that numbers are fewer.

Highways agree that Patch House stop is too close to chevrons.

C2 shuttle - No barriers to taking electric double decker round gyratory to avoid travel through southern end Field lane. Kris to talk to First Bus about this small change which is acceptable to everyone and will restore route to that agreed via Good Neighbours. If figures of use of shuttle revert to 2022 with reinstatement of free on-campus travel all services, then in fact shuttle need not stop at Heslington Hall at all. This would be of benefit in greatly reducing congestion at junction Field Lane, Main Street West.

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Noted that when bus travel was free all routes on Campus it was sometimes difficult for people to access service routes journeys beyond campus.

Future changes and consultation - The importance of consultation before changes were made was repeatedly stressed and also that a period of stability of the different services is needed. Once any changes are made from now the matter should remain settled for a reasonable time. The recent frequent changes due to lack of consultation and communication beforehand have been disruptive for all parties.

Kris response 16.01.24:

Your email does sum up the main points accurately, although I would like to add that I envisage it will take the collation of a good period of data in relation to the mention of the Hes Hall stop in the C2 section for any further alteration to bus stops to be considered in the future.

I am happy to review the data and services with First Bus as part of the review meetings that we have with them, but after decisions are made (hopefully soon) with regards to the night bus on Main St West and the C2 coming past the Church & School, I am keen to have a period of collating data over the new semester periods for the rest of this Academic year to identify any trends and a sensible time for me to consider any alterations would then be over the summer period when students are away from the University”.

23/138 To receive report from Ward Councillor:

Cllr Ravilious reported that –

• **Transport Strategy consultation.**

Public drop in event held in St Oswald’s Church Hall on Sat 13th Jan. Around 30 residents attended and lots of good feedback given to transport officers.

A second drop in event is happening this Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at Heslington village meeting room – all welcome.

We also encourage everyone to provide feedback via the online consultation and note that the consultation closes on 4th February.

<https://www.york.gov.uk/BigTransportConversation>

• **Heslington buses**

I attended a meeting organised by Kris Fieldhouse, Uni or York, yesterday. Rose and Bev will be able to update on the discussions. I’m meeting with Cllr Pete Kilbane and CYC sustainable travel officers today and will discuss the poor position of the bus stop by Patch House, plus CYC’s role and influence on bus services along this route.

• **Double taxation and Parish Council budget**

CYC is facing extreme financial challenge and we’ve been forced to introduce some unpalatable cuts. We are still finalising what impact the cuts will have on the public realm budget and so I’ve been unable to update parish council’s on how this might impact their budget, and the amount that they can claim via double taxation. At this stage all I can advise is to assume that public realm across the city will experience a reduction in service and the budget will be significantly reduced. Sorry not to have better news.

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23/139 To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan:

A working group meeting would take place on 23 January 2024.

23/140 To receive updates on the City of York Council Local Plan:

- Consultation

Resolved – The Parish Council agreed to report as follows: (Unanimous)

Heslington Parish Council **Objects** to the proposed changes in the schedule for the reasons in the attached document.

The Parish Council is commenting on:

Consultation Information Booklet section 1: the consultation process

CIL draft charging schedule map page 4

Revised draft CIL charging schedule: nil rate levy for strategic site

The Parish Council accepts the privacy policy as set out in your Privacy Notice in Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation Privacy Notice – City of York Council

I would be most grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email.

- The Parish Clerk had circulated news and updates as listed on the CYC website.

23/141 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications:

- 23/02215/LBC - External alterations including replacement roof @ Parish Room, 37A Main Street

Resolved / Support (Unanimous) - This is an application by the Parish Council

- 23/02356/TCA - Fell 1 no. Walnut and crown lift 1 no. Silver Birch - trees in a conservation area @ The Hayloft, 12 Holburns Croft

Resolved / Neutral (Unanimous) - The Parish Council has No Objections subject to approval of the City of York Council Tree Officer.

23/142 To note planning decisions received: None

23/143 To discuss financial matters:

- Bookkeeping for current year to date/Internal Control Checks:

Parish Councillors had received a bank reconciliation totalling £60191.02, along with linked Income & Expenditure reports.

- Budget 2024-2025

Resolved – A precept of £19170.00 would be requested from City of York Council against an expenditure budget of £20316.00 shown below. (Unanimous)

- Internet Banking

Resolved – the policy was adopted (Unanimous)

- YLCA Training - Biodiversity

Resolved – Cllr Bramley would attend the training (Unanimous)

- Payment Approval:

Invoice	Date	Notes	Supplier name	Amount
52110	08/01/2024	Meeting Room Fire Extinguisher Service	TG Cutt & Son	£124.32
1384	11/01/2024	Biodiversity Webinar	Yorkshire Local Councils Association	£33.40

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

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23/144 To discuss correspondence received by the council:
- North Yorkshire Police Monthly Report – Circulated to Cllrs

23/145 To receive matters raised by members: None

23/146 To confirm the details of the future meetings:
2024 - 20 February, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 August, 17 September,
15 October, 19 November, 17 December

Important Dates:

Asset of Community Value, The Deramore Arms Public House, Renewed 12 October 2023, Expires 11 October 2028

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