

**HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM  
TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

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

**In Attendance:** City of York Councillor Kate Ravilious  
Fiona Hill – Parish Clerk

**Public Present:** 2 including Chairman, Meeting Room Committee

**Public session matters raised:**

Details about the development work at Bank House, were shared with the Parish Council.

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

Ellen Vipond, CYC

**b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence: N/A**

**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 16 January 2024:**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**23/136 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:**

- Nature Recovery Area:

The Parish Council had written to thank Craig Ralston for attending the meeting, registered an interest in the scheme and request printed information. Cllr Hilton had drafted an article for the website, which would be circulated.

- Yorkshire Marathon:

Anna Baxter, CYC had responded as follows ; “Here is my latest update on the marathon:

- The marathon organisers will get in touch with the care service providers in York to ensure that all of them (especially those that cover a larger area) are aware of when the marathon will be and what the impact will be.
- Similarly, there will an added item to the briefing for all volunteers that they must let any carers through so that they can provide their service on time.
- All volunteers have been made aware of the importance of letting vets/ vet staff attending to animals through without resistance.

I have a meeting sometime soon with the marathon organisers to feedback any concerns that I/ residents have and for them to give me an update on their progress regarding what I have asked them to commit to.

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As ever, I hope I have covered all of the concerns raised to me so far, but if anyone in the parish has specific concerns that they would like me to feedback to the marathon organisers please do share my email with them”.

The Parish Council would point out that it is not just “vets/ vet staff”, but owners and those responsible for the animal welfare that need access “without resistance”.

- Trees along Main Street:

Harvey Lawson, CYC had responded – “Shade from other trees will reduce growth rates but not stop development. Have a look around the bases of the new trees at ground level and see if their stems have been bit by mowers and strimmer’s as they cause the most harm to young trees.

My records show:

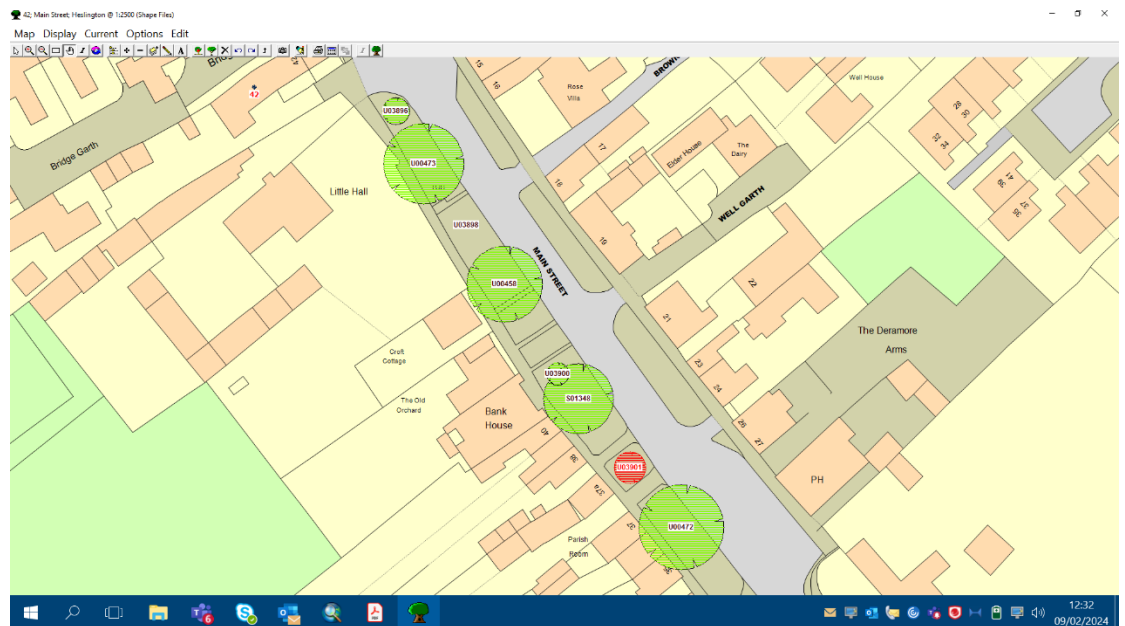
The tree outside 13 needs work formative pruning we can’t do e.g. 4x stems from 1.75m - congested unions (included bark). Further formative pruning would be desirable.

Maple over the road from 18 seems ok.

Lime outside the bank seems ok.

Lime outside 21 has this recorded. Work to West side to reduce the vigour of the co dominant forks. Remove the crossing branches and encourage the Eastern stem to take over in the longer term. PC work.

So only the tree O/S 13 is poor and needs some stems pruning out selecting the best one to keep (possibly vandalised). Another option may be to replace this poor tree with a better shaped specimen. Sadly we don’t have any capacity to do such works for the PC”.



Cllr Ravilious would ask if de-bearding would be OK.

- Overgrown vegetation outside Little Hall :

The Parish Council had reported this to City of York Council (Ref: 240122-000413)

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

- Meeting Room Disabled Access:

Regarding the Ward Grant, Mora Scaife, Communities, CYC responded as follows – “This was a Capital Highways Grant which didn’t leave the authority as Heslington Parish Council advised that they would prefer that we held the money. Since the award there is no longer any Highways Capital funding available to the ward committees and the scope of the scheme has changed significantly and wouldn’t fit the original criteria. Therefore I would advise that the ward committee is not in a position to make an award for this project”.

Cllr Ravilious would try and find details of accessibility consultants and if ward funding could be used for this project.

- Meeting Room Roof:

The listed building consent had been given by City of York Council. Cllr Blacketer, along with the Meeting Room Chairman, would draft a grant request letter.

- Fire Safety Assessment:

The fire service had checked the assessment and all actions were to be done.

Councillors ratified the decision to install external emergency lighting.

- Safer Crossing Outgang – NTR

- University of York - Student Buses, Antisocial Behaviour

Cllr Hilton gave a summary of the meeting

**23/138 To receive report from Ward Councillor:**

Cllr Ravilious reported that following the budget review, there would be changes to the Public Realm Dept, which would mean less grass cutting and more use of volunteers and Community Payback. A Rural Verge Management Consultation would be launched soon and everyone was urged to respond.

**23/139 To receive updates on the City of York Council Local Plan:**

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

**23/140 To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan:**

The Working Group had met on 06 February 2024 and the notes were on the website.

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

- 23/02335/REM - Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3, 15 and 16 of permitted application 23/01909/REM for the extension of red line boundary to allow for an additional landscaped area to the west of the nursery building @ York Campus Nursery, Kimberlow Lane  
Resolved / Neutral (Proposed Cllr Pell, Seconded Cllr Blacketer, Six votes in favour of resolution, three votes against the resolution, carried)

**23/142 To note planning decisions received:**

- 23/01565/TCA - Crown raise 1 no. Beech to 8m and 2m clearance from building; 2m crown reduction to 1 no. Ash - trees in Conservation Area @ 2 Granary Court, Main Street - Consented

- 23/01909/REM - Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17 of permitted application 22/01576/REM to alter plans and elevations @ York Campus Nursery, Kimberlow Lane @ Approved

- 23/02098/FUL - Erection of 2 no. timber cabins to provide changing facilities (retrospective) @ Pool Bridge Farm, Wheldrake Lane, Crockey Hill - Approved

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**23/143 To discuss financial matters:**

- Bookkeeping for current year to date/Internal Control Checks:  
Parish Councillors had received a bank reconciliation totalling £57369.16, along with linked Income & Expenditure reports. There was an error, so the Parish Clerk would correct and recirculate.
- Payment Approval:

Invoice	Date	Notes	Supplier name	Amount
Receipt	04/02/2024	Supply/install slate on meeting room	CP Building Services	£50.00
24020HES	09/02/2024	Neighbourhood Planning	Directions Planning Consultancy Ltd	£2,538.32
Letter Feb24	February 2024	Move funds from Saving a/c to current a/c	Virgin Money	£27,244.58

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

The Parish Clerk would attempt to add Cllr Hilton as an additional user on the internet banking.

**23/144 To discuss correspondence received by the council:**

- North Yorkshire Police Monthly Report – Not received
- Parish Council Domain Helper Service – No action agreed
- Invitation from Quickline to discuss our plans to rollout fibre to the premises (FTTP) technology to your local area. – Cllr P Bramley attended. Following the on line meeting specific details for Heslington Parish were requested -
  1. *There won't be many properties in Heslington itself receiving our FTTP (full fibre to the premise – up to 900mbs) technology, as our build mainly consists of pulling new fibre cabling through existing ducting along Heslington Lane and Main Street.*
  2. *We will be providing some farms along Common Lane and Long Lane with FTTP service. Although we aren't scheduled to provide FTTP directly into the properties we're passing within south Heslington itself, if we can drum up enough support, we can make a business case to see if this would be possible, as the infrastructure would then be in place to make it easy to install.*

**23/145 To receive matters raised by members:**

BT Cabinets – Cllr Garner would obtain a quote for painting these cabinets and applying teak oil to two benches.

Litter on Common Lane- Cllr Hilton reported that a resident had collected a total of four full bin bags.

Cllr Ravilious would see if a community litter pick could be arranged for the Langwith Lane area.

**23/146 To confirm the details of the future meetings:**

2024 - 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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