

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present: David Blacketer Pauline Bramley
Richard Bramley Peter Hall
Bev Heap Rose Hilton
Zena Richards

In Attendance: Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

Public Present: 0

20/71 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

Parish Councillors John Garner and Tom Percy
City of York Councillor Keith Aspden

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

Resolved – The Parish Council approved the reasons given for absence by both Parish Councillors Garner and Percy. (Unanimous)

The Parish Council noted that Cllr Aspden was attending City of York Council Executive Meeting

20/72 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

20/73 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 November 2020: Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

20/74 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

- Cycle Route –Zoom information meeting, 2nd Dec. CYC, before conducting a feasibility study, have yet to contact all landowners. The Parish Council would thank Cllr Aspden (CC, Tony Clarke/Andy Vose) for the meeting and ask that they are kept up to date with progress at each stage.

- Christmas Tree – this was now in situ and had received some positive comments from members of the public.

20/75 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications: None

20/76 To note planning decisions by City of York Council:

- 20/01513/CPD - Certificate of lawfulness for proposed development of outbuilding, detached garage, enlargement of rear dormer, single storey side extension and 2no. porches to front @ The Willows, Long Lane – Certified
- 20/01988/TCA - Crown reduce Gleditsia tree by 25% - tree works in a Conservation Area @ Evenwood 5 Hall Park – Consented

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- 20/00532/REMM - Reserved matters application for the erection of a children's nursery with associated vehicle drop off and landscaping following outline permission
- 20/01270/OUT for a new university campus @ Land Lying To The North Of Kimberlow Lane - Approved

20/77 To note matters raised with/by Yorkshire Local Council Association:

Information received, circulated to Cllrs

20/78 To discuss financial matters with Responsible Financial Officer:

- To note bookkeeping report to date for year ending 31 March 2021
The Parish Clerk had circulated the bookkeeping spreadsheet ahead of the meeting.
- To discuss budget 2021/2022
Resolved – A precept of £17374 would be requested, Proposed: Cllr Hilton, Seconded: Cllr Heap, Unanimous
An expenditure budget totalling £17790 was confirmed.
- To adopt/re-adopt policies – Standing Orders, Financial Regulations
Resolved – Approved, Proposed: Cllr P Bramley, Seconded: Cllr R Bramley, Unanimous
- Financial Management - Internal Controls, Property/Asset Checks, Internal/External Audits
The Parish Clerk had circulated the bank statement ahead of the meeting, so Cllr were able to confirm the bank balances as an Internal Control Check.
- To note payments

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| - Parish Clerk | Salary | £ | Bacs |
| - Lengthsman | Salary | £ | 1874 |
| - Information Commissioners Office | Subscription | £35.00 | DDR |
| - Peter Heard | Painting Utility Cabinets | £360.00 | 1867 |
| - JPL | Meeting Room Boiler Service | £117.50 | 1868 |
| - York Environment Forum | Subscription | £10.00 | 1871 |
| - York Print Company | Newsletter | £97.00 | 1876 |
| - Glasdon | Bench Plaque | £102.68 | 1875 |

20/79 To receive reports from representative of outside bodies as follows:

- Ward Councillors - Report from Cllr Aspden shown at the end of these minutes
- North Yorkshire Police - Allotment crime and catalytic converter thefts were currently an issue
- Heslington East Community Forum - NTR
- Good Neighbourhood Forum – Next meeting Thu21Jan21
- Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board - NTR
- Sports Field – Parking on match days at the Outgang was currently an issue. The committee had been in touch with the Sports Organisers.
- York Environment Forum – Cllr Hilton attended the meeting last week. Ideas for a Christmas Wish List were requested. Cllr Hilton suggested better listening for groups with conflicting interests and asked for it to go on the agenda for discussion.
- Alms Houses - NTR
- The Meeting Room – had recently received Ward Funding towards hand driers.
- Fulford & Heslington Ward Meetings – the next meeting will be on 18Jan21

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20/80 To discuss/agree actions with long-standing matters:

- Appearance of village
 - o Painting of utility boxes
Cllr Garner is obtaining quotes. Work will be done in Spring, when the weather is better
 - o Future Ward Grant
Possible schemes for discussion:
 - Grass verge reinstatement on Main Street
 - Noticeboard refurbishment
 - Verge repairs at The Outgang
 - Quiet Nature area at Boss Lane
 - Blue bin at the Norwegian Centre
 - Resurfacing of Boss Lane
- Highway Matters
 - o Cycle Racks – Cllr P Bramley had received an acknowledgement email from Andy Vose to her request for an update
- City of York Council
 - o Article 4 (2) Direction
The Parish Council noted the content of an email from Edward Freedman, which is shown at the ends of the meeting.
Resolved – The Parish Council would ask for properties to be reinstated as follows:
The Stables – The North elevation is directly visible from Main Street West, however, this property may be listed, if so it can remain off the list
41/42 Main Street – These properties are historically Butchers Row
In addition, it would be pointed out that there isn't a No 3 The Outgang.
These amendments would be confirmed before the Parish Council approved the document going to consultation.
 - o Neighbourhood Planning
The Parish Council noted the content of the consultant's, Dave Chetwyn, Urban Vision, report which was discussed at length
Resolved – The Parish Council would accept the advice for policies H14 and H16/17, but not policy H12, Proposed: Cllr Hilton, Seconded: Cllr Blacketer, Unanimous
Cllr Blacker would prepare a draft report for Cllrs, amalgamating areas of concern and the comments from the consultant., This would help in the drafting of an agenda for the meeting with City of York Council, It was agreed that the consultant should attend to support the Parish Council.
- o Local Plan - NTR
- University of York
 - o Antisocial Behaviour – the Parish Council noted the respond from Stephen Talboys to Cllr Aspden. No reports of any recent issues.
- Communication
 - o Website – this is up to date
 - o Broadband – the Parish Council noted the content of the recent letter from Julian Sturdy MP
 - o Newsletter – thank you to Cllr Hall for his work on the recent edition

20/81 To discuss correspondence received by the council:

The Parish Council noted the proposed planting of circa 50 Trees at Lord Deramore's School

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20/82 To receive matters raised by members:

Litter on The Lanes – Cllr Hilton reported that this had increased during the pandemic, as more people were in the area. Cllr Bramley would seek guidance from CYC.

20/83 To note matters raised by members of public: None

20/84 To confirm the details of the next meeting: 19 January 2021

Future meeting dates – 16Feb21, 16Mar21, 20Apr21, 18May21, 15Jun21, 20Jul21, 17Aug21, 21Sep21, 19Oct21, 16Nov21, 21Dec21

Cllr Aspden - Report to Heslington Parish Council 15 December 2020

Covid 19 Update

Symptom free Coronavirus testing will be introduced hopefully this week for residents who work in the retail, hospitality or transport sector. These groups were chosen based on their exposure through interactions with large numbers of people on a daily basis, making them more likely to be susceptible to the virus.

The rapid tests will provide results within 30 minutes helping to identify those who have the virus without exhibiting any symptoms. Those who test positive and their contacts will be asked to self-isolate.

I would like to stress that York has the lowest rate of infection in the region, although you will know that we cannot be complacent with continuing to follow public health guidance.

<https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/440/booking-open-for-york-s-targeted-symptom-free-covid-testing>

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

Last week CYC submitted the final letter, with supplementary information to the Government. Over 1,000 residents and businesses have signed the petition so far, and I would encourage everyone to get involved in the campaign and show their support by visiting <http://www.change.org/WebackYork>. If you haven't already done so and feel able to, I would urge you to sign the petition and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same!

I believe the approach to merge York into a large rural and coastal council is fundamentally flawed and should we be merged it will unfortunately inevitably lead to less targeted, more costly services for all of us. I and the council will continue to argue for what we believe is best for York and its residents.

<https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/431/over-1-000-residents-sign-the-back-york-petition>

<https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/379/york-rejects-local-government-restructure-in-york>

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Cycle Improvements

Thank you to all parish councillors who were able to attend the initial briefing meeting with Tony Clarke and Andy Vose about potential cycle improvements, using Department for Transport funding. We heard that the plans were in a very early stage, with a plan for consultation being drawn up for next year. A number of concerns were shared, and the council officers committed to come back early in 2021, when further progress was being made and when any formal consultation started.

Ward Walkabout

Following the Ward Team meeting, I'll be having a Ward walkabout tomorrow with Pauline, Cindy and a Council Highways officer specifically but not solely to look at

1. The pathway next to Heslington Village Meeting Room
2. The raised pathway opposite Heslington Hall

At the ward team meeting it was agreed to fund the following

- Heslington Village Meeting room £500 for hand dryers

Parish Councils have been sent information on how to apply for funding, including for new play area equipment which I have suggested for the Sportsfield Trust.

Next Ward Meeting will be on the 18 January at 5.00 pm

Cllr Keith Aspden

Text of email from Edward Freedman, CYC Conservation Officer dated 19 November 2020:

Thank you for your email. I met with our solicitor Heidi Lehane this morning, so I now have some legal clarification on the scope of the article 4 direction in relation to the properties identified below. I will address each of them as well as responding to your queries.

It is important to explain that article 4 directions can **either** apply to all elevations of buildings within the designated area (whether publically visible or not) **or** to elevations facing a highway (which includes public rights of way) which are generally the most public elevations. A direction cannot apply to different elevations on different buildings. Government guidance is that article 4 directions should be used sparingly on the basis of compelling justification. Para. 53 of the NPPF states that "*The use of Article 4 directions to remove national permitted development rights should be limited to situations where this is necessary to protect local amenity or the well-being of the area*". In this case, the objective is to seek to preserve historic buildings facing the Main Streets in order to preserve the streetscape quality, it was not considered reasonable to seek to withdraw residents' rights to make alterations to secondary or private elevations (i.e. every elevation of their homes). I attach the draft direction approved at Executive, which refers to "front or side elevations adjacent to a highway", i.e. facing a highway. As a result, there are inevitably going to be some building elevations which are *visible* from public vantage points but which do not *face* a road or public footpath, and hence would not lie within the scope of the direction. Some of these omissions are regrettable,

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but without serving a blanket direction over every building it is not possible to restrict development on that small number of important elevations that do not face the highway, and we consider it would be disproportionate to seek to restrict all residents' permitted development rights over secondary elevations in order to capture this small minority. I needed to clarify with the solicitor precisely which elevations would be protected by the direction before finalising the boundary for consultation. Including buildings within the article 4 boundary where the important elevations would not be covered by the restriction would not meet the Government requirement that permitted development rights are only withdrawn where this is necessary to protect local amenity, and it would cause unnecessary uncertainty and bureaucracy for those residents affected and the Council.

Considering the possible omissions and your queries:

- **Outgang Farm:** Yes, this does refer to 1,2 & 3 The Outgang (I used the form of identification on the map for ease of reference). Following discussion it is established that only the west elevations of the inner courtyard would be covered by the direction because they face the public footpath. As these are not seen in conjunction with the village streetscape I would recommend omitting this site.
- **Maple Cottage:** the direction would have no effect on this property because no elevations face a highway, therefore it should be omitted.
- **2 The Orchard:** the direction would only affect the front elevation of this property facing The Orchard cul-de-sac. As this is a modern context and the direction would not affect the more prominent rear elevation I would recommend omitting this site.
- **Walnut Farm:** this is an error. I intended to refer to **The Stables**. The direction would have no effect on The Stables because no elevations face a highway, therefore it should be omitted. For the avoidance of doubt, Walnut Farm is protected by the direction and would remain within the boundary.
- **42 Main Street:** this is a property I was particularly concerned about because its frontage, along with that of no.41, is highly visible and the pair of houses are very characterful vernacular buildings. However, the reason I questioned its inclusion is because the 'front' elevations would not benefit from protection under the article 4 because they do not face a highway (in spite of being visible). Whilst this also applies to no.41, that cottage does have its gable elevation facing Main Street so at least that would be protected. However, I now think that no.42 is also worth including because *I think* that Class G of the draft direction (attached) protecting chimneys would still apply as this provision does not refer to chimneys needing to face a highway, and nos.41 and 42 Main Street do have several significant chimney stacks. I also need to query protection of the 'front' elevation roof slopes in relation to Class A of Part 14 (i.e. solar panels). Certainly if chimneys would be protected I think no.42 *is* worth retaining within the boundary.

I hope that I have explained the rationale for looking at these small reductions. If the Parish Council is opposed to any of these omissions (now retaining 42 Main Street) we will consider this further and I would be happy to attend a virtual meeting of Parish Councillors to discuss the matters raised.

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