

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Laverack, Moorhouse, Gallery, Lloyd, Rickard, Young, and Clerk
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Taylor
3. **Declaration of Interests** Cllr Moorehouse declared an interest in respect of item 10a(iii)
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 18.08.20 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.**
 - a. **Dog fouling:** Bag dispenser and signs being purchased. These would be erected shortly.
 - b. **Church Green:** CYC had visited and agreed to erecting a barrier to prevent unauthorised driving on to the grass. This would be progressed dependant on the Ward highways budget
 - c. **HGVs:** No news. Still no response from CYC to Julian Sturdy's letter in January.
 - d. **Cycle path:** Cllr Vassie still applying pressure to secure funds from CYC's allocation
 - e. **Road Safety fund application:** Bid submitted for pedestrian crossing at top of Beckside.
 - f. **Wildflower verges:** Still awaiting quote for work. Cllr Rickard to forward contact from University of York. **ACTION: CC**
6. **Police Matters** None notified
7. **Correspondence (out):**
8. **Correspondence (in):**
 - a. *Available from the Clerk:*
 - i. White Rose Update 14/08/20, 28/08/20
 - ii. Rural Bulletin 11/08, 18/08, 25/08, 02/09, 08/09
 - iii. Rural Funding Digest September edition
 - iv. York CVS Voluntary Voice August edition
 - v. NALC Chief Executive's Bulletins 07/08, 14/08, 21/08, 28/08, 04/09
 - vi. NALC Rebuilding Communities newsletter 11/08, 18/08, 25/08, 07/09, 10/09
 - vii. CYC Covid-19 Update 10/08, 12/08, 17/08, 19/08, 24/08, 26/08, 02/09, 07/09
9. **Financial.**
 - a. Receipts. To note: None
 - b. Payments. To approve:
 - i. Councillors decided to hold the two quotes from Playscheme in abeyance pending alternate quotes, and to go back to Playscheme to ask for some further explanation of these prices, which seem high. **ACTION: CC**
 - c. Other Matters:
 - i. The operating statement was approved and Cllr Moorhouse confirmed he had checked the bank. It was noted that as no grants had been applied for this year so far there had been no income ahead of the second tranche of the precept.

10. Planning Applications.

a. New Applications:

- i. 20/01430/FUL Belvoir House The Green Elvington York YO41 4AF. Retention of 8 no. windows to front and rear elevations (retrospective). **Minute 20025.** The council recorded no objections.
- ii. 20/01636/TPO Brook House Main Street Elvington York YO41 4AA. Reduce crown of Silver Birch tree by 50% protected by Tree Preservation Order no. CYC110. **Minute 20026.** The council recorded no objections.
- iii. 20/01567/TPO Brinkworth Hall Elvington Lane Elvington York YO41 4AT. Various tree works including the felling of 3no. trees protected by Tree Preservation Order no. 11/1991. **Minute 20027.** The council recorded no objections.

b. Approvals:

- i. 20/00980/TCA Elvington Cottage Church Lane Elvington York YO41 4AD. Fell Lawson Cypress
- ii. 20/01374/TCA Annandale Main Street Elvington York YO41 4AA. Reduce Plum tree by 50% in a Conservation Area

c. Refusals:

- i. 18/01687/FUL Home Lea Elvington Lane Elvington York YO41 4AX. It was noted that further enforcement action had been undertaken and CYC Head of Planning Enforcement had taken legal advice and agreed there was a case to proceed.

d. Applications Withdrawn:

11. Highways, paths and verges.

- a. **Review of picnic tables on village green.** There has been some mixed feedback, but most residents that have expressed a view have been positive. However moving towards winter the ground is becoming softer and there is a risk of damage to the grass. Usage has dropped as the nights draw in and schools and workplaces have reopened. It was agreed to contact the landlords to require the benches to be removed by 31st October at the latest (or sooner if conditions deteriorate and they felt it was appropriate). If they would like this again next year a request can be submitted to the Parish Council in early Spring dependant on any social restrictions at the time. **ACTION: JL/CC**
- b. **Matters arising from village walk.** On September 2nd Councillors undertook an inspection of the village to identify areas for improvement. A number of issues arose:
 - i. The danger of crossing Wheldrake Lane as a pedestrian. Agreed to speak to CYC Highways about whether it is possible to narrow the entrance to Wheldrake lane to slow cars that are turning. **ACTION: CC**
 - ii. Degraded road markings. To be reported to CYC Highways. **ACTION: CC**
 - iii. Mirror/blindspot at end of Lorraine Avenue. To be requested from CYC Highways. **ACTION: CC**
 - iv. Low fence outside school is rotting and in need of repair. To investigate who owns this and is responsible for repairs. **ACTION: CC**
 - v. Verge urgently needs cutting as it is affecting parents' and children's ability to social distance. In addition the road is difficult to cross due to speeding in the 20mph zone which is making it difficult to maintain the one-way system outside school. To be reported to CYC Highways. **ACTION: CC**

- vi. Horse chestnut at end of Dauby Lane and communal area. Discussed ideas to improve the look and increase the usage of this space, including lifting some of the branches of the tree.
- vii. Tree encroaching on war memorial and requires lifting. **ACTION: JL** to investigate ownership and take action.
- viii. Maintenance of gravel path around green. **ACTION: JL** to investigate ownership and take action.

12. Budget 2021.

- a. Legacy project. The ideas that had been agreed to progress were an Elvington Wood and a village trail. The next step for the wood was to identify landowners who might be willing to discuss the possibility of land acquisition.

For the trail need to approach local groups to identify places of interest, as well as consulting with individual residents who have in-depth knowledge of the history of the village and its natural environment. **ACTION: SL**

13. Adopting phone box. Cllrs Young and Taylor still working on this.

14. Village events.

- a. Remembrance day. Councillors agreed to proceed with the planning of a parade, pending checking with the Air Museum and Scouts to find out their plans. **ACTION: JL/JY**

15. Recent and forthcoming meetings.

- a. Possible return to EPC physical meetings. Agreed to plan to hold October's meeting remotely and then continue to review the situation.
- b. YLCA 8th October. Cllr Laverack to attend.

16. Village Assets. Brick bus shelter requires some maintenance in terms of cleaning, tidying and clearing the gutters. To agree volunteers at next meeting and to do in early November.

17. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook. Put call out for suggestions for the trail and volunteers to compile information on Facebook. **ACTION: SL**

To explain and apologise for technical difficulties at tonight's meeting and make people aware that Councillors are available to discuss any issues that have been discussed on the agenda. **ACTION: CC**

Put something up about links to CYC highlighting that individual reports to CYC add considerable weight to and support Parish Council actions. **ACTION: CC**

18. Items to be placed on next Agenda. To be with the Clerk before Friday 9th October.

19. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 20th October

Meeting closed at 21:05

Draft Minutes of this meeting should be available on the village website - www.elvington.net within seven days.

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