

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Young, Lloyd, Moorhouse, Laverack, Rickard and Clerk
2. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Gallery and Cllr Taylor
3. **Declaration of Interests** Cllr Lloyd reported a conflict in respect of item 10a(i)
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20.10.20 were approved subject to amendment to clarify that it was not Cllr Laverack who had cleared the salt bin of litter.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.**
 - a. Cycle track: Cllr Vassie reported that the government has approved funding for York's cycle paths of c.£700k. Wheldrake/Elvington to Heslington is one of the five bids. They are currently working on reducing costs by changing the design from a tarmac surfaced to a semi-bound path.
 - b. Church Green: Cllr Young had contacted CYC noting that signage would now be sufficient. Residents have replanted the damaged verge.
 - c. Grass cutting costs: This was an error in the last operating statement which has now been rectified and costs are in line with the previous year.
 - d. Playscheme: Works approved but still awaiting replacement of seesaw and basket swing due to lead time on order of basket swing
 - e. Dog waste bag dispenser: Now erected on the green along with signage.
 - f. Maypole: Cllr Moorhouse liaising with Playscheme to get quote for repair.
 - g. HGVs: Julian Sturdy MP has still not had a response from CYC and is escalating this.
 - h. Home Lea: CYC refused to issue an injunction and is not taking further action until January as enforcement already issued.
6. **Police Matters:** Remembrance Sunday breach of Covid regulations: Cllr Laverack emailed NY PCC and Julian Sturdy MP. The latter expressed support for the pub, but no response received as yet from NY PCC. It is still not clear if the police have revoked the license or the nature of CYC Licensing Committee involvement.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
 - a. Clare at Casey's Coffees regarding permission to site a coffee van at the village hall once a month. This had been refused by the village hall.
 - b. Letter from Cllr Laverack to NYPCC in respect of item 6 above.
8. **Correspondence (in):**
 - a. *Available from the Clerk:*
 - i. White Rose Update 26/10/20, 06/11/20
 - ii. Rural Bulletin 20/10, 28/10, 03/11, 10/11
 - iii. Rural Funding Digest November editions
 - iv. NALC Chief Executive's Bulletins 16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 06/11
 - v. NALC Rebuilding Communities newsletter 19/10, 20/10, 21/10, 22/10, 02/11, 09/11
 - vi. NALC Covid update 02/11, 03/11, 05/11, 10/11
 - vii. CYC Covid-19 Update 15/10, 16/10, 19/10, 21/10, 26/10, 29/10, 02/11, 05/11, 09/11
 - viii. Update from CYC planning enforcement in respect of Home Lea above.
9. **Financial.**

- a. Receipts.
 - i. HMRC VAT reclaimed £422.05
- b. Payments. Approved as follows:
 - i. PWLB payment £1892.04
 - ii. British Legion Poppy Shop £39.97 (reimbursement to Clerk)
 - iii. Welmedical new AED battery £160+VAT
- c. Other Matters:
 - i. The operating statement was approved and Cllr Moorhouse confirmed he had checked the bank.

10. Planning Applications.

- a. New Applications:
 - i. 20/02179/TPO 16 Becksde Elvington York YO41 4BE Crown reduce Oak tree back to previous cut points - protected by Tree Preservation Order no. 9/1990. **Minute 20032.** No objections
 - ii. 20/02073/TPO 41 Becksde Elvington York YO41 4BE Pollard Ash tree protected by Tree Preservation Order no. 9/1990. **Minute 20033.** No objections
- b. Revisions:
 - i. Riverside Gardens revised plans received after the agenda deadline with comments due by 25th November. Clerk to re-circulate the papers and Councillors delegated response to Clerk. **ACTION: CC**
- c. Approvals:
 - i. 20/01718/TPO 11 Belvoir Avenue Elvington York YO41 4DS. Remove epicormic growth from 4 no. trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 4-1992
 - 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.
 - iii. 20/01361/FUL New Naylor Ltd Unit Y6 Industrial Estate Road Elvington York. Single storey extension to south elevation.
- d. Refusals:
 - i. 20/01052/OUT Disused Mod Camp Site, Wheldrake Lane, Elvington York Outline application for the erection of a bungalow following demolition of existing buildings (resubmission)
- e. Applications Withdrawn:
- f. Other
 - i. Rural implications of changes to planning system consultation. This would be revisited during the next round of consultation.

11. Highways, paths and verges.

- a. Wildflower verges: Cllr Vassie reported that CYC is developing a pollinator strategy. As part of this the Council is encouraging schemes to increase biodiversity and tree planting. There was also the opportunity to borrow a suction flailing machine from Lincoln CC to change the management of around five verges in Wheldrake ward. £400 of funding was available across the ward for seeds. Also noted that Scouts, Beavers and Cubs would potentially be willing to help with planting, but obviously insurance and safety of volunteers is key. Cllr Vassie agreed to assess including the verge from the doctors to school in Elvington as part of the project. **ACTION: CV**
- b. Wheldrake lane speed limit: Cllr Moorhouse suggested a cool-down 40mph from Cannon House Cottages to the current 30mph limit at The Conifers to reduce dangerous speeding. Cllr Vassie highlighted that police will preference options

that are “self-policing” eg chicanes, rather than signage which can be ignored. He is supportive and identified that this is of particular concern given the plans for the cycle lane and as part of this project will lobby for some speed control on Wheldrake Lane to ensure the safety of cyclists. **ACTION: CV**

- c. Becksides crossing: Granted £5,600 from AJ1 Road Safety Fund. Ward may be able to contribute £8k. Estimates from CYC put the costs at £40-£50k. Dependent on other ward projects there might be more funding available. If we could achieve c.£22k it is likely the Council would match this and the project might be able to proceed. Further ward funding might be available once costs of other priority projects were resolved and Cllr Vassie agreed to keep this under consideration.
- d. Church Lane: Cllr Lloyd reported that there was significant damage to the verge on Church Lane and that this should be reported to CYC. **ACTION: CC**

12. Legacy project.

- a. Wood: Cllr Lloyd to work with Cllr Laverack to identify landowners. **ACTION: JL/SL**
- b. Trail: Cllr Lloyd in process of getting quotes from Spectrum Signs and See Green to create some technology-enabled signs. This will inform a draft project budget. **ACTION: SL**

13. Community funding applications

- a. Process: The Parish Council confirmed that any community groups in Elvington can write with proposals to the Clerk and these will be added to the meeting agenda and considered on a case by case basis.
- b. Elvington Scouts: Proposal received to support funding for maintenance of roof. Elvington PC wishes to support this in any way possible, but noted that its current budget position is very tight. It agreed to contribute £1k to support this on condition that this is spent only on building maintenance. **ACTION: CC**

14. Village events.

- a. Christmas. Carols on the green have been cancelled for this year. Cllrs Laverack and Moorhouse will liaise to select the tree and coordinate hanging of the lights. Agreed to ask for further Covid-safe Christmas ideas on the Parish Council Facebook page. **ACTION: CC**
- b. Theatre Royal planning to do travelling pantomime on 12th December in village hall and/or school. Cllrs expressed some significant concerns about how this could be done safely under the current circumstances.

15. Recent and forthcoming meetings. None

16. Village Assets. With the exceptions below other assets confirmed in good order.

- a. Consider upgrading AED box – Defer to next year as currently not a problem and budget does not permit any items which are not urgent.
- b. One of the planters on the green has rotted through and either needs removal or replacement. Cllr Laverack to source a replacement from Vertigrow. **ACTION: JL**
- c. Playpark – Deferred development of working group until next year.

17. Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.

- a. Advertise for new Clerk on Facebook and website.

18. Items to be placed on next Agenda. To be with the Clerk before Friday 4th December.

19. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 15th December.

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

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