

ELVINGTON
ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 18th April 2018 at 7.30pm
Elvington Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **The Chairman welcomed** 36 residents to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** had been received from Jane Moorhouse and Anne Taylor.
3. **Minutes** of last year's meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Phil Rees; seconded by Jonathan Shaw.
4. **Chairman's Report for 2017-2018** was presented by Ian Bailey.

The year had been relatively quiet, but planning issues had dominated.

City of York Council. Our relationship with CYC is very good and particularly with our Ward Councillor. Issues such as blocked gullies are usually resolved quickly, apart from the particularly poor condition of the surface of the main road. Damaged verges are now also of concern.

Bus services are secure for the present.

HGVs. The campaign for the long sought after weight limit continues. It is hoped that a favourable decision will be made later in the year.

Policing. Apart from domestic disputes there is consistently very little reported crime. There is occasional anti-social behaviour including evidence of drug use. The police are monitoring certain areas.

A Community Speed Watch team are checking traffic speeds in the village; and the police periodically monitor speeds on the B1228 at the Maze.

Police patrols visit the village monthly but at irregular times.

Environment. Dog fouling, particularly of the Village Green, was previously a big problem, but the situation has improved. The Green is now being used for Farmers Markets and other events between April and October, if conditions permit.

Clearance of snow from pavements was undertaken for the first time in many years,

The Flood Defence Scheme continues to protect the village from flooding caused by the backing up of the beck at the times of the River Derwent being at a high level.

The Play Area is in good condition and is well used. At some point in the future the equipment will have to be renewed or replaced. CYC should be considering now future funding needs, not just in Elvington but across the city.

Planning. The CYC Local Plan dominated the year. A response has been sent to CYC and they have to vote on whether to submit the Plan to the Government. The Parish Council does not believe the Plan is 'local' as there has been no desire by CYC to establish what the village wants. The main contention is the building of a New Town. The original site, adjacent to the A64 is much better than the current proposal bisecting the airfield runway.

Home Lea is a Gypsy transit site opposite the airfield. CYC will be checking that planning conditions are not being breached.

A Neighbourhood Plan is in the process of being compiled. If anyone wishes to be involved they should contact the Parish Council Chairman or Clerk.

Local organisations are varied and continue to thrive.

Thanks. Ian Bailey concluded by thanking fellow Parish Councillors for their work in contributing to village life.

5. **Financial Statement** was presented by the Clerk. The accounts for the year showed the principal items of income and expenditure and the funds held in the two bank accounts. The major items of exceptional expenditure this year have been on the bus shelter gates and repairing the post and rail fencing near White House Grove. The Parish Council precept, in cash terms, is unchanged again for this year.

6. **Ward Councillor.** Suzie Mercer informed the meeting that she was now an Independent. On the HGV campaign, 222 responses had been received which were overwhelmingly in favour of a weight limit. The next stage is a traffic survey.

Suzie agreed that residents were not being listened to in the Local Plan proposals. The vote in May could be very close, but the Government response unknown if the Publication Draft is rejected.

Ward funding has been used variously in the village and further road surface and signing improvements are due near the School.

7. **General Forum.**

Wendy Bundy wanted to emphasise the need for a weight limit and asked where it would be imposed. She was told it would be a CYC limit.

Martin Moorhouse asked Suzie Mercer to vote against the Local Plan in full council – as the Government could not do worse!

Ken Guest highlighted the problems with the latest consultation process.

Terry Nundy questioned police response to incidents as it contrasted with his experiences. It was suggested he follow up with the police before involving the Parish Council.

Gill Wright raised the problem of noise generated by a bird scarer. It appears to come from Yorkshire Water land, so it is to them that complaints should go. Judith Hodgson added that the noise was totally unacceptable.

Wendy Bundy also asked about the traffic light phasing at Derwent Bridge. This is in the control of East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Ian Bailey thanked all those present for attending and the meeting ended at 8.30pm when light refreshments were served.