

ELVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 7.30pm via GoToMeeting

MINUTES

1. **Councillors Present.** Cllrs Laverack, Moorhouse, Lloyd, Taylor, Gallery, Young, and Clerk. The Chair welcomed Cllr Young to her first meeting.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr Rickard
3. **Declaration of Interests** Cllr Laverack declared an interest in respect of item 10a(ii)
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 19.05.2020 were approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in this agenda.**
 - a. **Flags:** Noted that these were still to be purchased.
 - b. **Audit:** Noted that the Annual governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) had been submitted.
6. **Police Matters.**
 - a. Toby Gorwood had introduced himself as Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant single point of contact. The Council agreed he should be invited to a future meeting and that the emergency plan should be updated. **ACTION: CC**
 - b. No crime report had been received.
7. **Correspondence (out):**
 - a. Chair to Ward Councillor – Weight limit through village
 - b. Clerk to CYC – Notification of new councillor
 - c. Clerk to Sutton PC – to arrange a joint meeting regarding HGVs
 - d. Clerk had responded to unsuccessful applicants to PC vacancy with thanks
8. **Correspondence (in):**
 - a. *Available from the Clerk:*
 - i. Scottish Widows confirmation of change of signatories 20/05/20
 - ii. White Rose Update 15/05/20, 29/05/20
 - iii. Rural Services Network e-bulletin 12/05/20, 19/05/20, 27/05/20, 01/06/20
 - iv. Rural Funding Digest June edition
 - v. NALC Chief Executive's Bulletins 15/05/20, 22/05/20, 29/05/20
 - vi. NALC Open letter to Councillors 29/05/20
 - vii. Calor Rural Community Fund 04/06/20
9. **Financial.**
 - a. Receipts. To note: None
 - b. Payments. **Minute 20018** The following were approved:
 - i. Elvington Garden Services £260 (interim maintenance of village green).
 - c. Other Matters:
 - i. The operating statement was approved and Cllr Moorhouse confirmed he had checked the bank. The Clerk was asked to amend the operating statement to include a year to date comparison with the previous year. **ACTION: CC**
10. **Planning Applications.**
 - a. New Applications:

- i. Street trading license application for pizza van at village hall. **Minute 20019.** The Council felt this would be a popular addition to the village however were mindful of the effect on residents of noise, lights and the potential to encourage malingering. It agreed it would prefer to see the timings in line with the fish and chip van ie 16:30 – 19:30 rather than the proposed 17:00 – 21:00.
- ii. 20/00980/TCA, Elvington Cottage, to fell cypress tree. **Minute 20020.** The Parish Council reiterated its position that it would prefer not to remove any trees in the conservation area. It also had concerns about the wildlife habitat provided by the tree, and that crowning, which it was believed would prevent further growth, did not seem to have been considered. The Council however agreed to defer to the CYC arborist's view, and if he deemed it was dangerous the Council would raise no objection. If the tree had to be removed the Council would like to see another tree planted in its place to preserve the look and feel of the conservation area.
- iii. An additional application was received after the agenda had been circulated. Councillors were advised that comments were required before the next meeting and they should send any responses to the clerk, who was delegated to respond to CYC.

ACTION: CC

- b. Approvals: None
- c. Refusals: None
- d. Applications Withdrawn: None

11. Highways, paths and verges.

- a. **Closure of footpath by river on Sutton side.** Noted that the Council was concerned to maintain a right of way used by many residents and was in contact with Sutton PC about this.
- b. **HGV weight limit.** No update had been received from the Ward Councillor and CYC have still not responded to Julian Sturdy MP.
- c. **Potholes.** Noted that the road on the Elvington side of the bridge is very dangerous for cyclists. Clerk to report to CYC. **ACTION: CC**
- d. **Wheldrake/Elvington -> Heslington cycle path.** Clerk to contact Ward Councillor for update. **ACTION: CC**
- e. **Wildflower verges.** The Council thanked Cllr Moorhouse for the paper he had prepared. It asked for a quote from Toby Johnson for the work, and agreed to send it to Cllr Vassie to enquire if CYC or ward funding would be available for both the initial and recurrent costs. **ACTION: CC**
- f. **Village Green dog fouling.** The Council agreed that it could no longer tolerate the amount of dog fouling on the green; however it did not wish to ban all dogs from the green unless absolutely necessary. Balancing the needs of sensible dog owners alongside the rights of residents with children and others to be able to use the space safely, was central to its considerations. It agreed that Cllr Lloyd would take forward the previously agreed poster competition with the school, and Cllrs Laverack, Lloyd and Young would form a small working group to investigate what neighbouring councils do and what sanctions the Parish Council had powers to impose. **ACTION: JL, JY, SL**

12. **Coronavirus.** Noted that the village hall committee was making plans to re-open when permitted.

13. **Legacy Project.** Deferred to next meeting.

14. **Size of Parish Council.** YLCA advice was that we are literally on the cusp of 7/8 in terms of the recommended number of councillors for the number of residents, but also advised that should not have an even number of councillors. The Council agreed to remain at the current number of councillors (7) for now, but that this should be reviewed annually in the light of any developments in the village.

15. **Adopting phone box.** Noted that the phone box is a listed building, currently maintained by BT. It was used once in the last year. It is a rare building and therefore unlikely to be removed by BT, but this is still a risk. The Parish Council can adopt it for £1, but would then take on the liability for maintenance. Residents had suggested a variety of uses for it, such as a community library or a cycle repair stop. It

was agreed that a more defined proposal was required that would address security issues, such as fire risk. Cllrs Taylor and Young agreed to bring a proposal to a future meeting. **ACTION: AT, JY**

16. **Parish email management options.** Options were still being explored for this.
17. **Village events.** None.
18. **Recent and forthcoming meetings.** YLCA York Branch meeting 18th June. Cllr Taylor and Clerk to attend.
19. **Village Assets.** Playpark still needs work but inspection booked for Friday 19th June. Cllr Laverack agreed to organise repainting of the flagpole. All other assets were reported as in satisfactory condition.
20. **Items for Newsletter, Website and Facebook.** Dog fouling notice to put on Facebook. Clerk to enquire as to cost of insert in Parish newsletter.
21. **Items to be placed on next Agenda.** To be with the Clerk before Friday 10th July.
22. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 21st July.

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

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