

# POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council  
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington  
Wednesday 09 July 2008 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Sheperd (Chairman), Sykes, Bryon, Scaife, Blake-James, Perry, Elliott, Petrie, Wilkinson, Cooper, Dexter and Held.

In attendance: Mrs Knill for the Clerk, one member of the press and two members of the public

### Allotment Awards

Cllr Bryon handed out certificates for 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places for the best kept allotment, together with a cup for first place. The recipients were:

4<sup>th</sup> place Pip Jackson

3<sup>rd</sup> place Fred Lowery

1<sup>st</sup> place Walter Stockdale – the cup was accepted by Mrs Stockdale.

2<sup>nd</sup> place was won by John Barber who was unable to attend to receive his certificate.

Before the start of the meeting Father Gallagher, the Council Chaplain, lead the Council in prayers.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Cocker

2. There were no declarations of interest in relation to any agenda item, either personal or prejudicial.

3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report

In addition to her written report, Janet Farmer informed the Council that the Arts Centre had won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a marketing competition for Wall E. Janet also produced 2 quotes for electronic door wedges for the Council's consideration. She said she would prefer to go with the quote from Allan Fire as they had used him previously.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 Cllr Cooper said that it was him and not Cllr Dexter that had asked if a visit to the Arts Centre could be arranged. Following this amendment Cllr Perry proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Wilkinson and agreed.

5. To report matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda – for information only

Cllr Petrie expressed his ongoing concern regarding the proposed cycle track down Hodsow Lane especially in view of a recent news item about a young girl being killed by a cyclist on a similar track. Cllr Bryon said that there was a telegraph pole and some low tree branches that would need to be brought to the attention of ERYC. The Council agreed that all they could do was to express their concerns to ERYC as the decision to go ahead had been made and tenders were out.

Cllr Scaife referred to Broadmanor and said that he had been informed that ERYC were about to adopt the land but he was not sure if this had actually happened. It was agreed to keep pressing Paul Palmer as it was to ERYC's advantage for the Town Council to take responsibility for the land.

*Action: Contact Paul Palmer for update*

6. Discuss suggestions of a name for the 'new' Pocklington Library

Cllr Cooper reported that whilst researching the Fallen Heroes he had come across two family names that had strong connections with Pocklington. They were Kirby and Robson. Cllr Blake-James suggested William Wilberforce and Paul Lynas who was baptised in Pocklington beck. Cllr Shepherd said that he felt that the library should be named after Dr Wilson who was the founder of the first library in Pocklington. After a discussion there was a vote between Wilberforce and Wilson: Wilberforce – 3 votes Wilson – 8 votes

Cllr Perry proposed that the library be named 'Dr Wilson Memorial Library'.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Blake-James and agreed.

It was agreed that the other names should be commemorated in some way to be decided when the library was built.

Cllr Petrie said that ERYC should be given an explanation of the choice of name. Cllr Cooper agreed to draft a short piece about Dr Wilson.

*Action: Inform ERYC of choice of name when Cllr Cooper has drafted above*

7. Discuss street cleanliness in general

After some discussion it was agreed to take the following action:

- Contact all schools with a view to educating the children. This education should incorporate the effect the rubbish has on the environment and wildlife and they should also be made aware that much of the rubbish could be recycled. It was hoped that by educating the children the message might also reach the parents. Cllr Perry agreed to raise the issue with the schools.
- Through the Chamber of Trade businesses should be asked and encouraged to take responsibility for keeping the frontage of their shops and offices clean.
- Cllr Sykes suggested a Litter Awareness Day when the Councillors could collect the litter and pile it up to draw attention to it. Cllr Scaife suggested that this could be linked to a similar national awareness day such as Make a Difference day in October or Spring Clean Day in April. It was agreed that Cllrs Perry, Elliott, Dexter and Sykes meet together to address all issues and discuss the details of an awareness day and bring their considerations back to the next full Council meeting.
- As there are areas of the town that could not be reached by the ride on road sweeper Cllr Held suggested employing someone to sweep these areas. Cllr Petrie said that this had been discussed some time ago but it turned out to be too expensive. It was agreed to revisit this if the situation did not improve. Cllr Held also suggested that the Young Offenders be asked to sweep the streets on a Sunday,

8. To receive the financial statement of  
(a) Pocklington Town Council and agree payments

**PTC**

2217	Petty Cash		76.58
DD	VSS	CCTV	76.38
BP	K J Falkingham	Steps	45.50
	Green Thumb	Lawn Treatment	47.00
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	A & L Stewart	Installation of light fitting	249.29
	F G Adamson	Hover Mower	381.88
	Wood Sherwood	Interim bill - Land at rear of PAC	827.37
	Wood Sherwood	20 Market Place	484.35
	Alan Johnson	Audit examination	928.12
			<b>3,145.47</b>

Proposed Cllr Cooper. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Bryon and agreed

- (b) Consider the bank statements, and agree payments from Pocklington Arts Centre.

**PAC**

	Paramount		
104318	Pictures	Film Rental	£4,135.56
104319	ERYC	Bin Collection	£482.71
104320	BPA	Advertising	£75.00
104321	Newsquest	Advertising	£283.93
104322	HM Bottomley	Sweets	£164.07
104323	Yorkshire Water	Water	£329.27
104324	Richard Smith	Performance Fee	£250.00
104325	Scottish Power	Electricity	£906.41
104326	Universal Pictures	Film Rental	£177.72
104327	Cash	Petty Cash	£200.00
104328	PA Foreman	Ice-cream	£120.81
			<b>£7,125.48</b>

Proposed Cllr Held. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Elliott and agreed

9. To agree the list of burials and memorials  
Cllr Blake-James proposed accepting the burials of Clara Turner, Noel Moor and Marjorie Lorraine Johnson. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sykes and agreed.

10. Correspondence – see attached list

11. Consider the Town Clerks report  
The report was accepted. The item regarding Cemetery properties was referred to the closed part of the meeting. Cllr Perry gave an update on the Oak House. The builder had confirmed his opinion that most of the timbers were rotten but the work was going well. Cllr Dexter asked that it be noted that there was no cause for public concern, the building had been standing for hundreds of years and would continue to do so.

12. To receive and agree committee minutes  
Planning 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 – Cllr Wilkinson proposed they be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cooper and agreed.

Road Safety 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 – Cllr Dexter proposed they be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sykes and agreed.

Action: *The Road Safety committee to be informed that there is a further kerb to be dropped opposite the Chapmangate flats.*

Development & Marketing 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 – Cllr Sykes proposed they be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Bryon and agreed. Cllr Blake-James pointed out that the date on the minutes was incorrect.

Cllr Cooper reported that since this meeting the Bouquets and Brickbats report had been compiled and was now available. It was agreed that this would be referred to the next meeting and in the meantime a copy of the report should be sent to the Civic Society for their consideration.

Cllr Bryon said that he had received strong representation about the removal of the seat from The Balk.

Lands & Property 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 – Cllr Petrie proposed they be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Scaife and agreed.

Cllr Petrie thanked Cllr Elliott on behalf of the Council for donating a 'best newcomer' award for the allotments.

*Action: Send Bouquets and Brickbats report to Civic Society*

### 13. Receive representative reports.

Cllr Sykes: Civic Society is very concerned about cleanliness in the town. Cllr Sykes said that he would ask if they wanted to be involved with the group formed to address the issues. They would also like to be represented on the Flood Committee.

Cllr Cooper attended a Fairtrade meeting and has also done a considerable amount of work on Fallen Heroes which now needed collating. Cllrs Bryon, Perry and Elliott agreed to work on it with Cllr Cooper. Cllr Shepherd expressed his thanks to Cllr Cooper and everyone else who had worked on the project.

Cllr Scaife attended the opening of Victoria Road Playpark today.

Cllr Elliott attended the Veteran Car Day which was excellent. He had also attended a Governors meeting at Pocklington School and reported that the Head was keen to widen links with the town and will be in touch for discussion

Cllr Blake-James: Wolds Heritage – had attended the launch of the Wolds branding. She also reported that the Heritage Board were getting close to erecting the information board in the town. Planning permission had to be obtained so it would probably be late summer.

Cllr Petrie had nothing to report.

Cllr Wilkinson attended a Fairtrade meeting and had helped with Pocklington in Bloom clean up last Saturday. The Victoria Road Playpark had been officially opened that day and Cllr Wilkinson thanked Cllr Shepherd for attending and Cllr Scaife for his help. Cllr Wilkinson reported that the Lifestylers had approached garden centres for donations – Deans had agreed as had Burnby Hall who also offered help and advice.

Cllr Perry attended a Fairtrade meeting and was also overseeing the work at the Arts Centre. He had also attended a Promoting Pocklington meeting where it had been agreed to go ahead with its own website. Cllr Perry attended a Police Community Forum meeting where the PTC had delivered a presentation on drugs in the ER. Cllr Perry suggested inviting them to speak to the Council. He had also enjoyed the Veteran Car day.

Cllr Held would be attending the next Pubwatch meeting the following morning.

Cllr Bryon attended a Fairtrade meeting and the Bouquets and Brickbats walk about. He had also enjoyed the Veteran Car day and felt that West Green should be used more often.

Cllr Dexter attended the Promoting Pocklington meeting and the Chamber of Trade.

Cllr Shepherd attended the High Sheriff's lunch on the same day as the Veteran Car day. He attended the Promoting Pocklington meeting and had officially opened the Victoria Road Playpark that day. Cllr Shepherd thanked everyone involved with the playpark for their hard work.

14. Consider closing the meeting to the public

Cllr Shepherd proposed 'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Elliott and agreed.

Letter No 14 from Mr Jackson – it was agreed that the agreement should be adhered to and that Mr Jackson should be sent a letter stating that the paving slabs are to be taken up by 31 December 2008 and permission sought to relay them in January. The national guidelines state that paths should be grass and no wider than 2' and these guidelines have been ratified by this Council.

Action: *Letter to Pip Jackson as above*

Letter no 17 from Wood Sherwood - after discussion it was agreed to take no further action on this matter.

Cllr Blake-James proposed that the quote submitted from Allan Fire for the electric door wedges at the Arts Centre be accepted. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sykes and agreed.

Action: *Inform Janet Farmer of decision*

15. Update on the sale of the cemetery properties

There have been no further developments regarding the Cemetery Chapels. The buyer for Cemetery Lodge has pulled out of the sale and Chris Clubley are now remarketing it. Cllr Dexter felt that the Council should insist on a deposit being paid but Cllr Blake-James said in the present economic climate this could jeopardise the sale.

Cllr Petrie asked that an Agenda item be added for the October meeting to discuss the housing situation in the East Riding and in particular Pocklington.

Action: *Note agenda item as above for October meeting*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting .....Town Mayor

## CORRESPONDENCE

1	ERYC	Pock Consultation Workshop - Summary	
2	ERYC	Speed Re-active signs	To Road Safety
3	Local History Group	Heritage Walk	
4	Humberside Police	Report into Flooding	To Flood Committee
5	Colin Peacock	Donation for seat in town	To D&M
6	Richard Borrie	Websites	To D&M
7	Chris Clubley	Cemetery Lodge	To closed part Cllr Dexter commented not totally factual
8	David Allison	Oak Farm, Algarth Road	
9	Martin Cooper	Fallen Heroes	Covered in meeting Cllr Dexter commented that a very good relationship was being built
10	Humberside Police	Update from Peter Rogers	
11	Zurich	Notification of system changes	
12	Clerical Medical	Pension - J Duffy	
13	Clerical Medical	Pension - R Wood	
14	Pip Jackson	Permission to retain slabs	To closed part Cllr Bryon - noted, action to be taken later Cllr Bryon proposed permission given, 2nd Cllr Dexter and agreed - letter required
15	David Rumbelow	Division of allotments	
16	Neil Calvert	Permission for shed	To closed part
17	Wood Sherwood	Land at rear of PAC 20 Market Place - account encl letter	
18	Wood Sherwood	Permission for tables in Waterloo Lane	Not Town Council - Cllr Bryon will speak with them
19	United Services Club	Reply re 'North Humberside'	
20	Greg Knight	Allotment Plot 41	Agreed - letter required
21	Neil Burton	Cemetery Lodge - Cancellation of Sale	To closed part Apology required for mix up - Cllr Dexter suggested someone should meet with Mr Marshall to clarify situation
22	Chris Clubley		
23	Graham Marshall (sunnycroftfour)	Allotment Plot 93	
24	PWLB	Loan Repayment Reminder	

## BULLETINS AND NEWSLETTERS

1	ERNLLCA	Newsletter	
2	Visit Hull & East Yorkshire	Guide & attraction map	
3	Humber PFA	Newsletter	
4	Humberside Police Yorks & Humber Market	Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin	
5	Towns	Insight	
6	ERYC	Parish Newsletter Sustainable Community	
7	ERYC	Strategy Update	
8	Humbrella Humberside Learning	Newsletter	
9	Consortium Humber & Wolds Rural	Training news	
10	Comm Council	Newsletter Notification of construction projects	
11	Health & Safety Executive		
12	S D Polishing	French Polishing/wooden floors	

## MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

1	Society of Local Council Clerks	National Conf 17 to 19 October 2008	Cllr Petrie said Town Clerk should be offered opportunity to attend with paid expenses
2	EY Town Councils Network	Agenda - 17 July 2008	Cllr Shephed would like to attend and asked for copy of agenda
3	Yorks Wolds Heritage Trust	Summer Season Events	
4	Humberside Police	Community Forum 8 July 2008	
5	ERY Local Strategic P/ship	Joint Conference 21 November 2008	
6	RBS	Software training	