

# POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council  
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: Clerk, one member of the press and one member of the public. Janet Farmer and James Duffy attended for item 3

Prior to the start of the meeting The Mayor received a cheque for £158.91 from the 'Fizzy Issies' Lifestyle Group being a donation for 'Pocklington in Bloom'

He then presented a certificate to the 'Fizzy Issies' who had held a coffee morning in aid of Pocklington in Bloom and the 'Fruitie Tuttie' for their work at the croft Playpark. A certificate was to be given to the 'Terror Twins' group at next weeks meeting for their efforts in trimming the junior school hedge.

Councillor Blake-James led the Council in prayers in the absence of Father Gallagher, the Council Chaplain,

1. Apologies for absence: There were no apologies for absence
2. There were no declarations of interest in relation to any agenda item, either personal. There was a payment for goods purchased for the council by Cllr Petrie which was declared.
3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report

In addition to her written report, Janet Farmer informed the Council that the current film Mama-Mia was continuing to do well with three nights being fully booked. The Hockney exhibition was proving popular and a meeting of new head teachers was planned for 29.09.08 to introduce them to the venue. Cllr Blake-James said how imaginative this was. The Wolds Wonderers disadvantaged group were using the studio until Christmas and had been pleased to speak to the Mayor on his visit that afternoon.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Cllr Blake-James proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Held and agreed.

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

Cllr Perry said he would like an addition to page 4 of the minutes to record that the specifications drawn up by himself should not be used because if they were he may become personally liable should problems occur. This was understood by the council.

Cllr held ask that the item on seats be considered by Road Safety.

6. General discussion on cleanliness of the town including the continued problem with pigeons

Cllr Sykes gave details of a national clean-up campaign which can be organised. Publicity would then be given to the rubbish collected.

Cllr Perry said it was essential the Chamber of Trade be asked to urge their members to clean the frontage of their shops.

Cllr Held reported that Target Lane was a disgrace. Two quotes were considered for reducing the number of pigeons by trapping. After careful consideration Cllr Sykes proposed accepting the quote from Abbey Pest Control on a months trial. A review would then take place before deciding on future action. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Blake-James and agreed. Cllr Elliott voted against. Cllr Elliott said an important consideration was educating people not to leave food for the pigeons and would like to know what has worked in other towns. Fast-food outlets should be approached to see if they could clean up outside their respective premises.

Cllr Sykes proposed that we research the cost of employing a part-time cleaner/handyperson. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Bryon and agreed. Cllr Sykes advocated more cigarette bins outside problem establishments with the premises owner being responsible for emptying. Cllr Sykes proposed we purchase a hand-dustcart for use in street cleaning. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Bryon and agreed.

7. Consider action to be taken to publicise the brickbats and Bouquets

It was agreed the list should be given to the Pocklington Post for publicity.

8. Update on the fallen heroes exhibition

Cllr Cooper gave an update on the exhibition which was to be held at Pocklington Arts Centre from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008. An opening launch was to be held when relatives of those killed would be invited. A canopes and wine/orange reception would be held. Cllr Cooper asked for a further £200 for this initiative 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Elliott and agreed. Plans were to have schools visit the exhibition and regional publicity was hoped for. Although there would be no entry charge a collection box would be available with donations being shared by British Legion, Friends of PAC and Pocklington in Bloom. Cllr Perry asked if the original bugle was still capable of being played?

9. Update on the plastic bag charter for the town

Cllr Cooper produced a declaration for shop-keepers to display which was accepted. This initiative was soon to go ahead.

10. Arrangements for the forthcoming election for vacancy on the council

The clerk reported being updated from County Hall – a petition of 10 ratepayers had asked for an election which was likely to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008

11. Consider the offer from Friends of PAC to finance three Christmas trees for the canopy of Pocklington Arts Centre.

The Friends of Pocklington Arts Centre have offered to finance three of the six 'Christmas Trees' proposed for the canopy of PAC. Cllr Shepherd proposed the council pay for the other three. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Wilkinson and agreed.

12. Consider the publicity for the Blues Brothers film on 20<sup>th</sup> September

The event is part of the Mayors fund-raising. Everyone is urged to encourage people to attend.

13. To receive the financial statement of (a) Pocklington Town Council and (b) the bank statements from Pocklington Arts Centre and agree payments

(a) Cllr Cooper proposed they be accepted 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Bryon and agreed

(b) Cllr Cooper proposed they be accepted 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Bryon and agreed

**P.T.C. acc code**

BP	4036 Allen Fire	Automatic fire door closers	875.38
	4036 Neville Tucker	Heating maintenance PAC	1051.62
	4023 Wallis Business	Stationery & dry wipe board	292.74
	4019 Woodmil Ltd	Photocopier maintenance	78.43
	4037 K.J. Falkingham	Padlock	10.99
	4056 Wood Sherwood	Fees for lease 26 Market Place	217.38
2233	4203 Cllr Petrie	Tractor water tank fittings	69.20
		total	<b>2595.74</b>

**PAC****already  
paid**

104384 Old Red Water Co	water	26.43
104385 Beth Rowley	initial payment	881.25
104386 Arty Farty Kids Company	Workshop	90.00
104387 The Talk Magazine	Advert	280.00
104388 PA Foreman	Ice-creams	120.81
104389 Eric Lee	Electrical products	39.92
104390 Adastra	Performance Fee	54.05
104391 Petty Cash	Cash	100.00
	total	<b>684.78</b>

## 14. To agree the list of burials and memorials

Cllr Wilkinson proposed accepting the burials of Amy Louise Hardy, Joyce Eileen Smith and the ashes of Raymond Blacklin. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Perry and agreed. Cllr Wilkinson proposed: That Green Thumb be asked to weed treat the new part of the cemetery. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Perry and agreed. Sandy soil was to be brought in to level the graves.

## 15. Correspondence – see attached list

2. Permission to place shed on allotments to Luke Jeneson

10. The locking of the 'zip' slide is helping quieten the playpark during the evening.

16. It was agreed to write to ERYC about the flood fund monies. We would like some of the money spending on improvements in the town centre in view of the most recent flood. Gulley's in Barmby Road are still unable to cope with heavy rain. Similar problems at junction of Sherbuttgate Drive/Northfield Road. There is a similar problem with the West Green car park gulley.

17. Support in principal to this stables initiative.

## 16. Consider the Town Clerks Report

It was agreed a banner should be produced to advertise the forthcoming election.

Cllr Shepherd proposed accepting the contracts from Mason Clark for the design and drawing up of tender documents for the repair of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor together with supervision of the contract under health and safety.

It was agreed to allow the clerk to attend the mentor meetings in connection with gaining the CILCA qualification.

## 17. To receive and agree committee minutes

Planning 3<sup>rd</sup> September Cllr Wilkinson proposed they be accepted – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cooper and agreed

Emergency Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Cllr Elliott proposed they be accepted – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sykes and agreed

## 18. Receive representative reports.

Cllr Sykes: Had attended the swing band concert at Burnby Hall and carried out investigation work into the litter awareness campaign.

Cllr Cooper attended a Fairtrade promotion morning where traders had been very generous.. He also continues to do a considerable amount of work on Fallen Heroes.

Cllr Scaife had attended a playarea group meeting and will contact the Lifestyle group on Briadmanor to get their views on how the area should be used.

Cllr Wilkinson Had also attended the coffee morning for fair trade. And the playarea group meeting.

Cllr Perry had attended the coffee morning for fair trade and Promote Pocklingto group. He had attended a Woldgate College governors meeting

and had addressed. He is to attend a hospitals meeting on 3.10.08 and addressed a meeting of M.W. & Driffield councillors on health provision.

Cllr Elliott had spoken to Rev Simmons on the litter problem in the churchyard. It was agreed to have a town crest made commemorating his assistance to the council and work in the town. He had visited the vintage cycle rally and a meeting of Pocklington school governors.

Cllr Blake-James: had attended a Wolds Ambassador training day at Warter where David Neive had been the main speaker. A position had been agreed with the highways for the Heritage Board outside Acorn galleries.

Cllr Bryon attended the Fairtrade coffee morning and greengrass recycling distribution of bags on Sherbuttgate..

Cllr Shepherd attended the bi-planes at the gliding club, opened the flying competition the band concert, the opening of Boot store the funeral of Anthony Padwick civic service at Driffield and visited the Wolds Wanders at the Arts Centre.

19. Consider closing the meeting to the public

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 Wilkinson and agreed.

The application from Mr & Mrs Cannon for tenancy of the shop 20 Market Place was approval in principal.

20. Consider the report form the Personnel Committee

The annual leave entitlement for all staff was agreed.

The report was accepted but the reference to the allotments in 'equal opportunities' on the first page was deleted.

With regards to the allotment inspections they are to be carried out four times a year in the period of two weeks before the scheduled Lands 7 Property meeting. The dates of these meetings will be publicised. Although 'spot checks' are not ruled out they will not be the norm.

Costings for a handyperson will be carried out before the start of the budget setting on October.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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|----|--------------------------|---|
| 1  | Sgt Rogers               | Playpark                                |
| 2  | Luke Jenneson            | Permission for shed                     |
| 3  | ERYC                     | Car Parking Review                      |
| 4  | Keeley Ellis             | C.V.                                    |
| 5  | Green Thumb              | Lawn Treatment                          |
| 6  | ERYC                     | Re: Yorkshire in Bloom                  |
| 7  | Oakland Elevators        | Change of name                          |
| 8  | Local Transport Projects | Network Management duty                 |
| 9  | Tom Wingham              | Details of air crash 1944               |
| 10 | John Williamson          | Victoria Road playpark                  |
| 11 | Wolds Garden Services    | Offer to do work                        |
| 12 | Sage                     | Payroll                                 |
| 13 | ERNLLCA                  | AGM 18TH October<br>Dropped kerb George |
| 14 | F Cottom                 | Street                                  |
| 15 | BURA                     | Charitable Trust award                  |
| 16 | ERYC                     | Amendment to flood fund                 |

17	Rohaan Grey	Suggestion to light footpath
18	Pocklington FLAG	Reduction of plastic bags
19	Norman Smithson	Suggestion for Pock in Bloom
<b>BULLETINS &amp; NEWSLETTERS</b>		
1	ERNLLCA	Newsletter
2	Hull & EY Hospitals	Future of your hospitals
		Neighbourhood Watch
3	Humberside Police	bulletin
4	ERYC	Parish Newsletter
<b>MEETINGS AND INVITES</b>		
1	Gateway	Minutes from 090708
2	PCT	Annual meeting 23.09.08
3	YWHT	Various activities
4	ERYC	Plans for Sewerby Hall
5	HMRC	Seminar on Gift aid 091008
6	ERYC	Parish Liaison meetings
7	Richmond Council	Coming events
8	HWRCC	AGM Thixendale 041008
9	Britain in Business	Seminar 131008