

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Meeting Room next to the Library on
Wednesday 7th December 2005

Present: The Town Mayor, Councillor Green (Chairman)
Councillors Blake-James, Bryon, Cox, Dempster, Malcolm, Nicholls, Petrie,
Wilkinson & West.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Rev. Rev David Johnson the council chaplain lead the council in prayers.

Matthew Lewer, the lead officer from the East Riding on waste re-cycling addressed the meeting about a green waste re-cycling initiative which East Riding would like to support for the Pocklington area. It was estimated residents in Pocklington produce 4,998 tonnes of green waste per year of which a large % goes to landfill. Matthew explained the advantages of dealing with green waste locally in that it reduces the CO2 emissions, it reduces methane which green waste produces (10 x more toxic than CO2), community composting builds community spirit, helps reduce the consumption of peat, is well thought of by Yorkshire in Bloom and being the first in the county it would be prestigious for the council. Matthew assured the council the East Riding were not passing the buck and would support any application for funding the council made. The Langedale funding opportunity was being administered by East Riding so this precluded them making a bid. It was requested that if Pocklington Town Council made a bid for funding this should be done by Christmas as time was very pressing. Potential sites had been identified but one was in the Barmby Moor parish which would need their support. It was envisaged a pilot scheme would involve about 500 houses (the Sherbuttgate Estate fits this criteria) A fortnightly collection service would be set up using hire vehicles (hopefully from East Riding) The site would require a tractor to heap & turn the green waste and this again would be hired. Shredders and riddles would then be hired in as part of the process. The end result would be compost which could be sold back to those in the scheme or on the open market.

Cllr Green then opened the debate up for discussion. Cllr Cox asked about the vehicles & equipment (to be hired in) and said early discussion with Barmby Moor council was essential. Cllr Bryon was in favour of such a scheme as it made use of locally produced green waste. Cllr Petrie had concerns about fly-tipping and the accreditation of the waste. Cllr Nicholls thought accountability could become a problem. Cllr Malcolm asked about the funding. If successful the funding would be for two years then would rely on credits from the local authority. Matthew was thanked for his attendance and told we would debate the matter further and inform him of the result. Matthew then left the meeting and at that point no members of the public remained.

1. Apologies: Cllr Held (recovery from operation), Cllr Jennings (family commitments)
2. Declarations of interest were received from Cllr's Blake-James & Cox with regards to any matter concerning the East Riding. Cllr Cox also declared an interest in the letter regarding possible mergers of the ambulance service.

3. Discuss green waste management & the contribution Pocklington Town Council can make to enable a pilot scheme to be launched. A comprehensive discussion took place relating to this issue. There were many concerns about the council leading such an initiative and it was decided that early on a composting group should be formed to take on the co-ordination of the project. Cllr Blake-James proposed 'This council initially puts in a funding bid to the Langedale Development Fund for a pilot green waste recycling scheme for Pocklington. Once the outcome of this bid is known further work and in depth discussions would then be carried out with the aim of a community composting group being formed to take on the scheme. The council undertakes no financial commitment other than to allow the clerk to submit the bid.' 2nd Cllr Bryon and agreed.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th November 2005 Cllr Blake-James proposed the minutes be accepted. 2nd Cllr Malcolm and agreed.

5. To report matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Outcomes	Action	
6. To receive the financial statement of (a) The Council & agree payments (b) Arts Centre bank statements	The full reconciliation was not available because the documents were with the auditor. Cllr Bryon proposed agreeing the list of payments. 2nd Cllr Wilkinson & agreed.		
	Payments for Approval		
	Pocklington Town Council		
	On 7th Decmeber 2005		
	<u>Cheque</u> <u>Salaries</u>		
	1576 R Wood		
	1577 J Farmer		
	1578 E Moore		
	1579 Inland Revenue (8)		
	total	£6,589.19	
	Cheque	Invoice	amount
	1567 R Westmoreland	hedge trimming cemetery	20.00
	1568 Travis Perkins	building materials cem.	83.33
	1569 Clear Image	maintenance CCTV	423.00
	1570 E.R.Y.C.	Wasp nest treatment	41.50
1571 M.P.T.	Skip hire beck clearance	413.75	
1572 British Gas	Gas	130.34	
1573 J.R. Turnbull Ltd	Cemetery maintenance	549.65	
1574 R.B.S. software	annual support for acc.	235.00	
1575 S.L.C.C.	Annual subscription	134.00	
1580 Petty cash	Petty cash	28.71	
	total	8648.47	
	authorisation proposed by Cllr. Bryon seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson and agreed		
	Cllr Wilkinson proposed the bank statements from the Arts Centre be accepted. 2nd Cllr Blake-James and agreed.		
7. To agree the precept requirement 2006/2007	A full discussion took place on the recommendation from Policy & Resources of a precept requirement of £175,000 for 2006/2007. Cllr Blake-James proposed a further £2,000 be added to the contingency to make the precept £177,000 for 2006/2007. 2nd Cllr Nicholls and agreed. This equates to a 4.46% rise.		

8. Discuss the use of West Green	Cllr Petrie spoke about the football club moving from the West Green pitch because of problems of dog fouling and broken glass. He requested publicity to draw this to the attention of dog owners and users of West Green. He said further consideration may have to be given to selling off this valuable piece of green space if improvements cannot be achieved. Cllr Malcolm said the recent strimming had unearthed a great deal of litter and broken bottles which posed a danger.	Clerk to arra cleared
9. To agree the list of burials & memorials	Cllr Cox proposed the burial of Betty Barr & memorials for Jennifer Ponder & Dorothy Mouncey be agreed. 2 nd Cllr West and agreed.	
10. correspondence	<p>4. Letter from Gordon Gilks about disabled parking provision – it was felt most of the points covered have been actioned.</p> <p>5. Letter from ERYC re late night shopping. It was very much regretted that Late Night Shopping could not go ahead but it was noted that as long as we sing religious carols no temporary licence was required to sing carols around the Christmas tree.</p> <p>10. to be dealt with in the closed part of the meeting</p> <p>13. Chairmans' awards. Cllr Green urged everyone to consider suitable bids to be put forward and asked the details of the awards be given to the press.</p> <p>14. Ambulance Service mergers. It was decided to write to Tenyas asking that we be involved in the consultation.</p> <p>16. The letter from Julia Gregory was supported. It was agreed to write to Sustrans to try to set up a meeting.</p> <p>36. Risk Management document produced by the Humberside Fire Service was recommended.</p>	
11. Town Clerks Report	The report was noted. It was requested that East Riding be asked to look at clearing the island of soil in the beck at London Bridge when they clean out the Jubilee Gardens. The tree planting on West Green was to be referred to Lands & Property. The decorated windows competition was now to be judged by Cllr Hilary Saynor the Vice Chairman of East Riding.	Contact Ea: Riding
12. Arts Centre Managers report	The report was noted. Cllr Petrie said the management team had recently considered salaries of all staff at the Arts Centre.	
13. Agree committee minutes	Dev.& Marketing 15.09.05 proposed by Cllr Cox 2 nd Cllr Wilkinson & agreed. Dev.& Marketing 17.11.05 proposed by Cllr Green 2 nd Cllr Malcolm & agreed. Planning 17.11.05 proposed by Cllr Petrie 2 nd Cllr Wilkinson & agreed. Policy & Resources 24.11.05 proposed by Cllr Nicholls 2 nd Cllr Blake-James & agreed.	
14. Represenatives reports	The Mayor had circulated her list of engagements. Cllr Petrie reported attending the adjourned ERNLLCA AGM when he had been elected as one of the Vice President. All councillors congratulated Cllr Petrie on his success. The next ERNLLCA training was scheduled for next Monday 12.12.05 at the Arts Centre which will deal with Quality Status.	

15. Consider the exclusion of the press & public	Cllr Green 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.” This was seconded by Councillor West and agreed.	Full Council 07.12.05
16. To resolve the payments of salaries	The recommendation from P & R for the clerk to be on SCP 32 back-dated to 01.04.05 and the Arts Centre manager to be on SCP 27 again back-dated to 01.04.05. The payment of salaries were then agreed.	
17. To consider the clerks report along with that from the personnel committee.	After a discussion it was agreed the personnel committee get further advice regarding salary scales for staff and then report. The letter from Demon about a disputed amount of money owing was discussed. It was agreed the council should write to both Demon & 1st Credit.	Personnel Committee To contact ERNLLCA Write to Demon & 1st credit

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.