

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Cox (Chairman), Barker Cooper, Jones, Perry, Ratcliffe, Shepherd, Spademan, Sykes, Taylor, Whittaker, Winterton & West. Eight members of the public, a member of the press and the Clerk.

1. To receive any apologies for absence. All councillors present

2. Declarations of Interest

To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

3. Consider closing the meeting to allow an opportunity for person(s) or groups to address the council for a period of up to 15 minutes. Cllr Jones proposed the meeting be closed. 2nd Cllr Sykes and agreed. Mike Smith from the Chrysanthemum Society thanked the council for their previous support and submitted a further request for hire charges and some advertising costs. £250 would be most helpful.

Jean Chapman from Deans Lane spoke to the council about the problems being experienced with the playpark behind The Swan PH. The play equipment has a coloured top and is 15' tall which takes away the neighbours privacy as it is only 5' from boundary. Jonathan Atkinson then spoke to the council about the development brief for a development off The Balk. Traffic calming in the form of a roundabout is planned for the Balk. Traffic impact & drainage assessment are being commissioned. Rights of way being expanded so there is a link between Burnby Lane and Canal Head. They are trying to create neighbourhoods within the estate. New trees and park being included in the scheme. There will be a mix of houses including affordable and bungalows as requested by local councillors. It was pleasing to see only 3% are 5 bed homes. It is planned to extend the amenity land west of the sports club giving the opportunity for all weather pitches and added car parking space to be built ahead of the developments. The speakers were thanked for their attendance.

Father Gallagher then led the council in prayers.

4. Consider re-opening the meeting Cllr Jones proposed the meeting be reopened 2nd Cllr Sykes and agreed.

5. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report. The report was received.

6. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th August 2013 Cllr Shepherd proposed they be accepted. 2nd Cllr West and agreed.

7. To report matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda – for information only. Cllr Spademan asked for an update on a media policy for the council.
8. Discuss the allocation of councillors on committees and appoint a chairman for each. After a considerable debate councillors were allocated to committees as per the attached sheet. Vice Chairmen were to be appointed by each committee the next time they meet.
9. Consider any updates on the council's priorities 1. 1st floor refurbishment Oak House planning permission still being sought. 2. Neighbourhood Development Plan. The next meeting is to be held on 2nd October, 2013. 3. Skatepark West Green Wren funding being applied for 4. Firework display planned for Saturday 2nd November at West Green.
10. Consider the Pocklington Transport Strategy and recommend actions. The Gateway Group have offered to consider this item and give their views. The time scale for reporting back has been extended to the end of October. After a debate it was agreed that recommendations would be made at a special meeting of the Transport & Road Safety Committee meeting.
11. Receive a verbal report from our district councillors. Councillor Kay West said she had also received reports from Deans lane residents and was taking the matters raised to the planning department. She also gave her view on the situation relating to Cllr Cooper.
12. To receive the financial statement of
 - a) Pocklington Town Council and agree payments
 - b) Consider the bank statements, quarterly figures and agree payments from Pocklington Arts Centre.

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| PTC | | | | |
| DD | 4043 | Visual Security Systems | CCTV | 90.00 |
| BP | 4072 | Young People Count | Grant | 250.00 |
| | 4037 | Wolds Engineering | Oil for tractor | 50.64 |
| | 4021 | Daisy Communications | Telephone charges | 43.73 |
| | 4056 | ERYC | Broadmanor lease | 64.80 |
| | 4023 | GT Graphics | transport booklet | 22.50 |
| | 4203 | Prins Bulbs | tulip & daffodil bulbs | 964.60 |
| | 4207 | Yorpower | hire of generator | 780.00 |
| | 4056 | HWRCC | Peter Hirshfields time | 2,164.97 |
| | 4036 | Westmoreland Builders | Chimney stack repairs | 263.00 |
| | 4037 | Kilnwick Sprayers | Hose for sprayer | 8.91 |
| | 4037 | R Westmoreland | Cemetery hedges | 600.00 |
| | | | total | 5,303.15 |
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| PAC | BACS | Viking Direct | Office Supplies | £71.99 |
| | BACS | GH Assembly | Fee | £120.00 |
| | BACS | Green Link | Marketing | £180.00 |
| | BACS | Premier Business Supplies | Cleaning Products | £106.20 |
| | BACS | Walt Disney | Film Rental | £1,123.02 |
| | BACS | GT Graphics | Printing | £415.00 |
| | BACS | A&R TC | Fee | £500.00 |
| | BACS | XR Touring | Fee | £6,250.00 |
| | 105331 | Petty Cash | Cash | £200.00 |
| | | | total | £8,966.21 |

Cllr Cooper proposed the above payments be authorised. 2nd Cllr Jones and agreed.

13. To agree the list of burials – there were no burials this month.

14. Correspondence – as per list 1. Cllr West proposed the generator be paid by the council 2nd Cllr Jones and agreed. 2. Cllr Ratcliffe said he would represent the council at the meeting re the 195 bus service. 3. Cllr Perry to liaise with Dr Tim Maycock at the local surgery. 4. The Play Area group were congratulated on their successful car boot sale. The letters regarding the play equipment behind The Swan were noted.

15. Consider the Town Clerk's report. This was noted.

16. Consider and agree the minutes Planning 04.09.13. In relation to the application to keep play equipment at the rear of The Swan Public House no objections were known at the time of this meeting. After hearing from residents it was felt the play equipment was intrusive and should not be granted planning permission. It should be noted that previously a similar application had been rejected on noise grounds. Cllr West proposed they be accepted 2nd Cllr Jones and agreed.

P & R 04.09.13 Cllr Spademan proposed they be accepted. 2nd Cllr West and agreed.

17. Receive reports from any other meetings – Gateway etc. Cllr Spademan had attended a welcoming service for Neville & Joyce Simpson the new Methodist Minister.

Cllr Cox had attended a Crime Prevention meeting. Concern had been raised that the business centre on New Street is being vandalised. It was agreed the council would write a letter to the owner.

18. Consider closing the meeting to the public. Cllr Cox 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'. Cllr West our district councillor then intervened and suggested the item about Cllr Cooper should not be in the closed part of the meeting. Subsequently no seconder was received for this proposition.

19. Discuss a letter from Councillor Cooper relating to the recommendation of the Standards Committee on their hearing held on 10th May 2013. Cllr Jones said he had been contacted by Cllr Perry about the situation. Cllr Jones said it should be remembered Cllr Perry had not come out of the enquiry without criticism. Cllr West said he was of the opinion the letter should be rejected. Cllr Whittaker said the letter should not be accepted as an apology. Cllr Ratcliffe said initially he was prepared to accept it as an apology but in view of the recent 'e' mails he felt it was with caveats. He said it was demoralising to have this kind of thing to deal with as it was distracting from the work of the council. Cllr Spademan urged everyone to exercise self-control. Cllr Cox asked how many were prepared to accept the letter of apology. No one voted to accept this letter. Councillors were then asked how many rejected the letter. Eight councillors voted to reject the letter with four abstaining. It was agreed a letter would be drafted for delivery to Cllr Cooper and signed by the Mayor. A Press Statement would then be issued.

20. Cllr Cox 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'.

20. Consider the rent to be paid for 20 Market Place in the forthcoming year. It was agreed to keep the rent at £400 per month for the coming year.

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| CORRESPONDENCE | | | |
| 13 | ERYC | Draft ER Local Plan | |
| 27 | Matthew Grove | Response to 'key points' document | |
| 40 | CIlr Martin Cooper | Letter of apology | |
| 43 | Grahame Hicks | Gateway representation | |
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| 1 | CIlr Ann Cox | Summer Event generator hire | |
| 2 | Jane Henley | 195 bus services | |
| 3 | Deon Falcon ERY NHS | MHIP Consultation | Forwarded |
| 4 | Richard Lister | Car Boot Sale result | |
| 5 | Simon Kularatne | 102 Squadron Assoc | |
| 6 | Angela Portz | Black Swan planning application-objection | |
| 7 | Jean and Bob Chapman | Black Swan planning application-objection | |
| 8 | Roy and Brenda Cockroft | Black Swan planning application-objection | |
| 9 | ERYC | Black Swan planning application-reports | |
| 10 | Deon Falcon ERY NHS | MHIP Consultation | |
| 11 | CIlr M Cooper | Background | Already circulat |
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| MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS | | | |
| 1 | Community Partnerships | Notes 31 July 13 | |
| 2 | ERYC | Strategy Engagement Events | |
| 3 | ERNLLCA | Development Programme Autumn 2013 | |
| 4 | HWRCC | Conference invite 4 Sept 2013 | |
| 5 | ERYC | LEADER celebration event | |
| 6 | Zurich | LCAS Seminars 2013 | |
| 7 | ERNLLCA | AGM 19 Sept 13 | |
| 8 | John Brown | Launch of PofG Trail | |
| 9 | Community Partnerships | Forthcoming meetings | |
| 10 | Gemma Mulligan | Farmers Festival | |
| 11 | James Duffy | York Press Business Awards | |
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| 1 | Goole's Got Talent | Saturday 12 October 2013 | |
| 2 | RHS | Wild About Gardens Week | |
| 3 | Joint Local Access Forum | Agenda 18 Sept 2013 | |
| 4 | ERYC | Standards Committee 23 Sept 13 | |
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| BULLETINS AND NEWSLETTERS | | | |
| 1 | The Clerk | | Not Circulated |
| 2 | Clerks and Councils Direct | | Not Circulated |