

DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING
POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the above committee was held on Wednesday 20th January 2016 in the town meeting room at The Old Courthouse, George Street, Pocklington commencing at 7pm.

Present: Cllr Winterton (chairman) Cooper, Hutchinson, Marron, Perry, Ratcliffe, Sharpe, Shepherd, Sykes & West.

1. Notice of meeting was accepted
2. Apologies for absence None received.
3. Appoint a Vice Chairman for the committee. Cllr Marron proposed Cllr Perry 2nd Cllr West and agreed. Cllr Marron was also appointed to this committee.

Receive any declarations of interest, either personal or prejudicial, on the agenda. Cllr Perry declared a personal interest in the proposed flood alleviation scheme north of the town as he lives there. Cllr Sharpe declared an interest in any issue concerned with planning.

4. Consider closing the meeting to allow any member of the public to speak. Cllr Ratcliffe proposed the meeting be closed 2nd Cllr West & agreed. Cllr Martin Jibson from The Mile introduced Ian Cartwright from surveyors Carter Jonas & Geoff Prince to brief the council on the proposed flood alleviation scheme north of the town. Ian Cartwright said the plans have been drafted for the development of 180 houses on 17 acres of land north of the town. It is their intention to submit a planning application to the council this spring or summer. He said the district councillors had been briefed and were fully supportive. The plan is to construct a reservoir with earth embankments 300 metres long 5 metres high in the form of an earthwork bund which will be 30' wide at a cost of £3m. The EA who have had a hand in designing it said the bund had to be made of a particular type of clay the nearest of which is found at Escrick. Mr Cartwright said Astrid Padgett a member of the ERYC flood team said the aim of building the bund was to reduce chance of flooding for the town. An archaeological survey will require a full dig costing £480,000. Further costs will be incurred should they find anything of significance. Mr Cartwright said because of the above outlays of money the site cannot support a full allocation of affordable housing. This was a position our ward councillors supported in addition to Cllr Phyllis Pollard the chairman of the planning committee. Persimmon homes had produced a provisional plan of houses to be developed which was fleetingly tabled. Cllr Sharpe said Phyllis Pollard is the chairman of the planning committee and should not have a view on this until it came before the meeting. Mr Cartwright understood there was no public funding available for this bund and had to be provided via a 106 agreement. It was intended both the planning application for the houses and the reservoir will be submitted

together. Cllr Perry said it is important the bund is built either before the houses or alongside the houses. He further asked at the flow rate of beck in flood how long 90,000litres of storage would last. It was said both the EA & ERYC have designed the bund and they were confident it would provide the protection the town needs. The speakers were thanked for addressing the council but when asked if they could leave the plans they had shown said they were 'work in progress' and not in their final form so were unable to do so.

5. Consider re-opening the meeting. Cllr Marron proposed the meeting be reopened. 2nd Cllr Sykes & agreed.
6. Discuss the recent flooding in the town and our letter to the EA & ERYC. It was agreed the notes taken at the meeting together with the responses since should be forwarded to both the EA & ERYC with an urgent request a CCTV survey of the culverts be carried out to see what debris there now are in the culverts.
7. Discuss the design for the precept notice to be issued in the out and about the Wolds magazine. The format was agreed but it should include the 'Visit Pocklington strap-line' Dates of all council events should be included, The annual town meeting could be held at the Christian Fellowship Church in view of the building work in the studio which will be ongoing at this time.
8. Consider the forthcoming events for the town – summer fair, bonfire night, festival of Christmas and a possible market. It was agreed a special events committee to be formed including Cllr Winterton Cllr Sykes and Cllr Sharpe. Ann Cox, Steve Wanika and Michelle Farrow will also form the team. Cllr Sharpe said Helen Green from Cottingham organises their food event and should be asked to address the council at their next meeting on what is required.
9. Consider the distribution of the Visit Pocklington leaflet. 20,000 leaflets have been printed. We will keep 4,000 locally with a further 3,000 being distributed to tourist information centres. The remainder will be sent to the leaflet distribution company used in previous years. Cllr Perry proposed 100 perspex holders be purchased at a cost of £135 2nd Cllr Sharpe and agreed.
10. Consider general publicity issued by the council. A discussion took place and it was agreed to have councillors in sequence compile a page per month. It was felt this would make the article more interesting.
11. Consider any relevant correspondence. There was no relevant correspondence.

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