

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Meeting Room next to the Library on Thursday 9th March 2006 commencing at 7pm.

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

In attendance: Clerk and a member of the press.

Before the commencement of the meeting Rev. David Johnson, the council chaplain, led the council in prayers.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Jennings (family commitment) Cllr Held (holiday)

5. **Consider arranging a civic service and a function after the main council meeting in May.**
After a full discussion it was agreed to hold a Civic Service at the Methodist Church on Sunday 7th May 2006 commencing at 1030hrs to which all groups and organisations are to be invited. It was further agreed to approach the Indian Restaurant to arrange a meal after the full council meeting on 11th May 2006 to which Rev David Johnson and his wife will be invited.

2. **To confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th February 2006:** Proposed by Councillor Wilkinson that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Blake-James and agreed.

3. **To report matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda:**
Cllr Green reported looking on the Chepstow Town Council web-site for details on their campaign to stop parking charges by the district council. £4,000 had been allocated to seek legal advice.

4. **To receive any declarations of interest:** Cllr's Blake-James & Cox declared an interest in any items concerning East Riding. Additionally Cllr Cox declared an interest in the item on ambulance trusts. Cllr Petrie reported to having been a member of the Horticultural Society for two weeks.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Outcomes	Action
6. Consider the proposed changes to local policing and ambulance trusts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Blake-James started the discussion by saying both the Police & Ambulance staff who worked locally were totally dedicated to their roles. Unfortunately these proposed changes were politically motivated and were another example of regionalisation by the back door. No account was being taken of the local requirements. The same thing was happening to the Strategic Health Authorities. There was a fear that large rural areas like ours will be overwhelmed by pressures created in the urban areas. Cllr Cox said the fire service were also being centralised by regional management boards. Cllr Petrie said he had read Ch Supt Geenty's report with interest but was disturbed the town council had not been given a copy directly – ours had come from district council colleagues. The withdrawal of the local Inspector was a retro-grade step for policing of the area. Cllr Wilkinson said she was 	

pleased to see support officers would provide a more visible presence. Cllr Dempster said he was sad to see the standard of service going down whilst the precept required continually went up. He felt strongly this represented less value for money. Cllr Malcolm said there were positives in the report although it lacked detail. Practically the dedicated Inspector will be withdrawn but what other effect will the re-organisation have to policing locally? Cllr Nicholls said he could see this was an attempt to have effective local area management. It was therefore important the council determine what police presence we require and make sure we press for it locally. It was agreed a letter should be sent to the Chief Constable asking for more consultation. Cllr Blake-James said the scrutiny committee of East Riding have had presentations from the police on the changes when searching questions were asked.

- In relation to the Ambulance Trust changes Cllr Blake-James had chaired a N.H.S. scrutiny committee when the proposal put forward by Cllr Owen & Evison had received support as it focused on the rural areas. TENYAS have been performing well whereas WYMAS & South Yorkshire had been under achieving. Cllr Malcolm worried about the distance ambulances will have to travel. Cllr Nicholls did not find the paper well written and was not convinced about the suggested boundaries put forward. Cllr Wilkinson said geography was a worry – already crews are coming from outside the area – although GPS is helpful there is no substitute for local knowledge. Cllr Malcolm proposed the proposal put forward by Cllr's Owen & Evison. 2nd Cllr Wilkinson. There was then a vote when six voted for, four against with Cllr Cox abstaining.

7. Green waste re-cycling scheme for Pocklington

Cllr Petrie said now the grant had been received from Langdale it was important a working committee was formed with a full constitution to take the matter forward. He suggested representation from the Town Council, Horticultural Society, surrounding councils and other interested parties. Cllr Bryon fully supported the initiative and was willing to be on such a committee. He said the money provided a start for a working business and as a pilot was a great chance for this area to 'lead the field'. Cllr Blake-James and Cllr Cox also expressed an interest. Publicity was essential to move this forward. A seminar is to be held organised by East Riding on 4th May at Market Weighton Infants School to encourage green waste re-cycling.

Publicity

8. To receive the financial statement, and agree payments, of A. The Council B. The bank statements from Pocklington Arts Centre & agree payments

Cheque Salaries

1654	R Wood		
1655	J Farmer		
1656	E Moore		
1657	Inland Revenue (11)		1455.84
	total		£4,257.95

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>amount</u>	<u>V.A.T.</u>
1638	East Riding supplies	stationery	50.29 7.50
1644	Travis Perkins	sand/cement	87.46 13.04
1645	J.R. Turnbull Ltd	cemetery maintenance	549.65 81.86
1646	A & L Stewart	new light All Saints	233.51 34.78
1647	A.I.M.S. Construction Ltd	new storeroom PAC	1457.00 217.00
1648	H.S. Thirsk & son	clearing planters	129.25 19.25
1649	British Gas	gas	685.46 102.08
1650	Clear Image	CCTV maintenance	282.00 42.00
1651	G.T. Graphics	printing precept notice	135.00
1652	Neville Tucker heating	maintenance PAC	582.80 86.80
1653	Petty cash	petty cash	34.86 1.20
	total	8485.23	605.51

	Cllr Petrie proposed agreeing the above payments 2 nd Cllr Dempster and agreed. The bank statements from PAC were noted and Cllr Wilkinson proposed we agree payments. 2 nd Cllr Bryon and agreed.																																																																																																				
9. To agree the list of burials and memorials	Cllr Cox proposed burials of Marion Harrison, Kathleen & Stanley Adams, George William Maskew, Jonathon Mark McDermott, Joyce Annie King and memorials for George Maskew be agreed. 2 nd Cllr West and agreed. The clerk asked for advice regarding a burial plot bought in 1982 for £10 – it is no longer required. Present value £170. Cllr Petrie proposed we pay £85 for the plot representing half the value. 2 nd Cllr Blake-James and agreed.	Write to Mr Jones Flintshire with cheque																																																																																																			
10. Correspondence – as per list	<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH MEETING</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>1 24.02.06</td><td>Guide Dogs for Blind</td><td>Logo</td></tr> <tr><td>2 24.02.06</td><td>Shaws Publishers</td><td>Quote for binding of minutes</td></tr> <tr><td>3 01.02.06</td><td>E.R.Y.C.</td><td>Safer Communities conf. 26.04.06</td></tr> <tr><td>4 01.03.06</td><td>Roy Lane</td><td>Suggestion for zebra crossing New St</td></tr> <tr><td>5 01.03.06</td><td>A P Hollings</td><td>Floral Display formers</td></tr> <tr><td>6 01.03.06</td><td>The Clerk</td><td>Magazine</td></tr> <tr><td>7 01.03.06</td><td>Yorkshire in Bloom</td><td>Judges for Spring</td></tr> <tr><td>8 02.03.06</td><td>Market Towns Initiative</td><td>Sustainable Market Towns sem. 28.03.06</td></tr> <tr><td>9 02.03.06</td><td>E.R.Y.C.</td><td>Landlord Forum</td></tr> <tr><td>10 02.03.06</td><td>Big City Group</td><td>Lease 20 Market Place</td></tr> <tr><td>11 02.03.06</td><td>E.R.V.A.S.</td><td>newsletter</td></tr> <tr><td>12 02.03.06</td><td>British Gas</td><td>Gas price increase</td></tr> <tr><td>13 02.03.06</td><td>nPower</td><td>Electricity increase</td></tr> <tr><td>14 02.03.06</td><td>Grant recipients</td><td>letters of thanks</td></tr> <tr><td>15 02.03.06</td><td>C.A.B.</td><td>Bulletin</td></tr> <tr><td>16 02.03.06</td><td>H.M.C.E.</td><td>Employer bulletin</td></tr> <tr><td>17 02.03.06</td><td>Yorkshire Planning Aid</td><td>leaflet</td></tr> <tr><td>18 02.03.06</td><td>E.R.Y.C.</td><td>Area Forums</td></tr> <tr><td>19 02.03.06</td><td>Heidi Bailey</td><td>Re gritting Maxwell Road</td></tr> <tr><td>20 06.03.06</td><td>102 Squadron</td><td>Newsletter</td></tr> <tr><td>21 06.03.06</td><td>E.R.Y.C.</td><td>Waste strategy +45</td></tr> <tr><td>22 06.03.06</td><td>Civic Society</td><td>Change of secretary</td></tr> <tr><td>23 06.03.06</td><td>Dramatic Society</td><td>Re cemetery chapels</td></tr> <tr><td>24 06.03.06</td><td>E.R.Y.C.</td><td>Chairmans Awards</td></tr> <tr><td>25 06.03.06</td><td>Cllr Jane Evison</td><td>Re ambulance changes</td></tr> <tr><td>26 06.03.06</td><td>Ch Supt Geenty</td><td>Re Police changes</td></tr> <tr><td>27 07.03.06</td><td>Pocklington Post</td><td>copy re Police Station</td></tr> <tr><td>28 07.03.06</td><td>Ambrol</td><td>planters</td></tr> <tr><td>29 07.03.06</td><td>Wood Sherwood</td><td>copy letter re land swap</td></tr> <tr><td>30 07.03.06</td><td>E.R.Y.C.</td><td>Area Forums</td></tr> <tr><td>31 07.03.06</td><td>Friends of PAC</td><td>Response to review</td></tr> <tr><td>32 07.03.06</td><td>E.Y. Town Council meeting</td><td>minutes</td></tr> <tr><td>33 07.03.06</td><td>Yorkshire Wolds Heritage T</td><td>Newsletter</td></tr> </table> <p>Letter 15 It was agreed to write to P.T.C. about the lack of dentists copy to CAB & MP.</p> <p>Letter 18 Area Forum to be debated at next P & R. The initial feeling was there was plenty of representation without a further group.</p> <p>Letter 29 A meeting with solicitors has been organised for 3,30pm on Wednesday 15th March at the Arts Centre. Cllr's B-J & West said they would try to get to the meeting.</p> <p>Letter 20 102 squadron dinner is to be held at Pocklington School on Saturday 28th July 2006 to which all councillors and their wives are invited. Tickets cost £16.50 per head. Book through the clerk.</p>	1 24.02.06	Guide Dogs for Blind	Logo	2 24.02.06	Shaws Publishers	Quote for binding of minutes	3 01.02.06	E.R.Y.C.	Safer Communities conf. 26.04.06	4 01.03.06	Roy Lane	Suggestion for zebra crossing New St	5 01.03.06	A P Hollings	Floral Display formers	6 01.03.06	The Clerk	Magazine	7 01.03.06	Yorkshire in Bloom	Judges for Spring	8 02.03.06	Market Towns Initiative	Sustainable Market Towns sem. 28.03.06	9 02.03.06	E.R.Y.C.	Landlord Forum	10 02.03.06	Big City Group	Lease 20 Market Place	11 02.03.06	E.R.V.A.S.	newsletter	12 02.03.06	British Gas	Gas price increase	13 02.03.06	nPower	Electricity increase	14 02.03.06	Grant recipients	letters of thanks	15 02.03.06	C.A.B.	Bulletin	16 02.03.06	H.M.C.E.	Employer bulletin	17 02.03.06	Yorkshire Planning Aid	leaflet	18 02.03.06	E.R.Y.C.	Area Forums	19 02.03.06	Heidi Bailey	Re gritting Maxwell Road	20 06.03.06	102 Squadron	Newsletter	21 06.03.06	E.R.Y.C.	Waste strategy +45	22 06.03.06	Civic Society	Change of secretary	23 06.03.06	Dramatic Society	Re cemetery chapels	24 06.03.06	E.R.Y.C.	Chairmans Awards	25 06.03.06	Cllr Jane Evison	Re ambulance changes	26 06.03.06	Ch Supt Geenty	Re Police changes	27 07.03.06	Pocklington Post	copy re Police Station	28 07.03.06	Ambrol	planters	29 07.03.06	Wood Sherwood	copy letter re land swap	30 07.03.06	E.R.Y.C.	Area Forums	31 07.03.06	Friends of PAC	Response to review	32 07.03.06	E.Y. Town Council meeting	minutes	33 07.03.06	Yorkshire Wolds Heritage T	Newsletter	Inform J.F. & Solicitors Memo to all councillors
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11. Town Clerks report	The Town Clerks report was noted. The clerk was asked to obtain quotes for re-instating the boundary planter on Barmby Road destroyed in a car accident. Cllr Cox proposed we have last years minutes bound at a cost of £76. 2 nd Cllr West and agreed. The current																																																																																																				

	situation on the web-site provision was noted. Cllr Petrie proposed bringing forward the grant of £2,500 for CCTV into this financial year to assist the CPP 2 nd Cllr West and agreed.	Write to ERYC i.t. Cheque to CPP
12. Pocklington Arts Centre Managers report	The report was noted along with all the positive publicity the centre is attracting. The builders have been tasked with preventing pigeons getting into the roof space. Letter of thanks to be sent to Dave Watson for his work.	Check on progress re roof Letter to D.W.
13. Agree committee minutes	Planning 23.02.06 proposed by Cllr Wilkinson 2 nd Cllr Malcolm & agreed. Policy & Resources 23.02.06 proposed by Cllr Malcolm 2 nd Cllr Petrie and agreed. Pock in Bloom 01.03.06 proposed by Cllr Wilkinson 2 nd Cllr Nicholls and agreed. Development & Marketing 16.02.06 Proposed Cllr Cox 2 nd Cllr Dexter and agreed.	
14. Representatives report	Cllr Green submitted her list of engagements. Cllr Green reported attending a meeting of the East Riding Wolds Tourism Group where the subject of a notice board for each of the Market Towns had been placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. Cllr Petrie had attended an ERNLLCA meeting where details of the clerks salary increase and mileage had been circulated. Cllr Cox said he had received an invitation to visit the Trendleburg Twinning area on 20 th November. Cllr Malcolm said she might be able to attend. Cllr's Wilkinson, Green, Malcolm, Petrie and Jennings had attended a planning forum at PAC recently. Cllr Malcolm reminded everyone of a partnership activity day to be held at Pocklington Youth Centre on Saturday 1 st April 10am to 3pm.	
15. To consider the exclusion of the Press & Public	Councillor 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 Malcolm and agreed.	
16. To resolve the payments of salaries	Payment of salaries was agreed.	
17. Consider the applications for rent of the shop 20 Market Place	Cllr's Green & Malcolm to interview the second applicant on either Monday or Tuesday. The decision to be devolved to them on who should be given tenancy.	

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

Signed as a true record of the meeting Town Mayor