

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington on Thursday 12 July 2007 commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors Bryon (Chairman), Cocker, Cooper, Dexter, Elliott, Perry, Petrie, Scaife, Shepherd, Sykes, & Waudby.

In attendance: Sue Knill and five members of the public and one member of the press.

Apologies: Cllr Blake James (Personal)

Two people had requested to address the meeting:

1. Mrs J Green

Mrs Green addressed the Council on behalf of the Gateway Partnership to request support for an application to the Langlaed Fund for historical plaques commemorating the town's war dead to be erected around the town. These would be included in a walking and/or cycling trail. This would enable visitors to explore the town and give residents a sense of belonging. These plaques would tie in with the streets already named after the war dead. As the Council has already agreed to erect 2 plaques for the air crashes in the town, Mrs Green asked if they would be prepared to include these in her application but to continue to fund them. Mrs Green also asked if the Town Clerk might be allowed time to help with the application as he has extensive knowledge regarding permissions etc. When questioned, Mrs Green said that as yet details, such as the area to be covered, had not been finalised. Cllr Petrie drew Mrs Green's attention to the fact that he already had a plaque commemorating an air crash on his house.

Cllr Bryon said that the matter would be put to the Policy and Resources committee on 26 July 2007.

2. Cllr A Petrie

Cllr Petrie addressed the Council regarding the matter relating to the sale of Cemetery Lodge which was occupied by his daughter and 2 granddaughters. He had 3 objections:

- a) He felt that the financial package was flawed. The financing of the Cemetery stood alone and if, as previously discussed, the money from the sale was used to renovate upstairs rooms in Oak House then there would be a shortfall in the Cemetery income.
- b) There are no legal reasons for an eviction. Anthea Bruce has been a tenant for 20 years and always paid her rent on time and yet when she had approached estate agents and other housing organisations she had been informed she was an undesirable tenant. ERYC had said that they would only re-house her when forced and that Pocklington Town Council could not evict her. If they did re-house her following eviction it could be as far afield as Goole or Bridlington.

Cllr Petrie said that he had written to the Council himself in October 2006, as he had no response he instructed Ware & Kaye Solicitors but no response was ever received to their correspondence.

Cllr Petrie went on to say that under the Open Spaces Act 1906 the Council had no legal right to dispose of Cemetery Cottage.

- c) Cllr Petrie's third point was that the Councillors, in particular the new Councillors, had not seen copies of the correspondence to enable them to discuss the matter and arrange a defence to what could become a Court case should they continue with their decision to evict the tenant and sell the property.

Cllr Bryon said that the matter would be debated during the meeting as shown in the Agenda at Item 6.

Allotment Awards

Cllr Bryon handed out certificates for 1st 2nd and 3rd places for the best kept allotment, together with a cup for first place. The recipients were:

Joint 3rd place Fred Lowery and Ken Houseman

2nd place John Barber who was also thanked for his work towards Pocklington in Bloom.

1st place Walter Stockdale – the cup was accepted by Mrs Stockdale.

The winner, runners up and the Mayor left the meeting for photos to be taken.

The Council were led in prayers by Rev Chris Simmonds.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Wilkinson (unwell).

2. Declarations of Interest: The only declaration of interest was from Cllr Petrie regarding item 6.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Outcomes	Action
3. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14 June 2007	Cllr Bryon referred to item 6 and said that it was only a suggestion that the Council might fund toilet facilities. Cllr Perry proposed accepting the minutes as a true record. 2 nd Cllr Sykes and agreed.	
4. To report matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda.	Cllr Bryon asked if there was another volunteer to be the second representative for the Gateway Project. Cllr Cocker volunteered.	
5. Review of present situation in relation to the refurbishment of the library	Representatives from ERYC had postponed updating the Council until Thursday 19 July 2007 at 7.00pm. Cllr Perry suggested that the Councillors should meet prior to the main meeting to bring everyone up to speed on the matter. It was agreed that they would meet at 6.15pm	
6. Discuss Cemetery Lodge	Cllr Petrie left the meeting. It was felt that a reply to Cllr Petrie's address should be made in an open meeting on another date. Cllr Perry said that if it had been said that Ms Bruce was an undesirable tenant a letter of apology should be sent. Cllr Bryon said that he was unaware of this comment being made. Cllr Elliott asked to see the relevant correspondence. Cllr Dexter asked that the matter be put to the closed part of the meeting. Cllr Sykes also thought the matter should be discussed at length in a closed meeting as there had obviously been a breakdown in communication. Cllr Bryon agreed to return to the matter in the closed part of the meeting.	
7. Consider the report from Cllr Perry on the local PCT changes	Cllr Petrie returned to the meeting. Cllr Bryon asked Cllr Perry to give an explanation of his report to the Council. Following the explanation of the report Cllr Perry said that the proposals being presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee did not make any provision for the West Wolds. The West Wolds would be out on a limb with very limited public transport. In view of this the Council should make a strong objection to the PCT. Cllr Perry agreed to draft two letters, one to the PCT and another to the Scrutiny Committee for approval at the meeting on 26 July 2007. Cllr Perry was thanked for his hard work researching this report.	

8. Area forums – nomination and voting arrangements	There were vacancies for parish representatives on the area forums. There was no response to Cllr Bryon’s request for a representative to attend the Area Forum.																																		
9. To receive the financial statement of a) P.T.C. and agree payments b) consider the annual return to district audit c) Consider the bank statements from Pocklington Arts Centre and agree payments	<p>(a) Cllr Sykes proposed that the below listed payments be authorised. 2nd Cllr Shepherd and agreed.</p> <p>Payments for Approval Pocklington Town Council meeting on 12 July 2007</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="292 548 1353 963"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="292 548 411 593">Cheque</th> <th data-bbox="421 548 1177 593">Invoice</th> <th data-bbox="1187 548 1353 593">amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 595 411 629">SO</td> <td data-bbox="421 595 1177 629">Glenfield Garden Services</td> <td data-bbox="1187 595 1353 629">122.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 631 411 665">SO</td> <td data-bbox="421 631 1177 665">Visual Security Systems</td> <td data-bbox="1187 631 1353 665">76.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 667 411 701">2073</td> <td data-bbox="421 667 1177 701">D J Cleaning Ltd</td> <td data-bbox="1187 667 1353 701">205.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 703 411 736">2074</td> <td data-bbox="421 703 1177 736">Clear Image</td> <td data-bbox="1187 703 1353 736">716.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 739 411 772">2075</td> <td data-bbox="421 739 1177 772">Beverley Community Lift</td> <td data-bbox="1187 739 1353 772">25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 775 411 808">2076</td> <td data-bbox="421 775 1177 808">David Wilkinson</td> <td data-bbox="1187 775 1353 808">170.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 810 411 844">2077</td> <td data-bbox="421 810 1177 844">Petty Cash</td> <td data-bbox="1187 810 1353 844">48.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 846 411 880">2078</td> <td data-bbox="421 846 1177 880">HMRC - Tax and NIC</td> <td data-bbox="1187 846 1353 880">1645.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 882 411 916">2079</td> <td data-bbox="421 882 1177 916">H S Thirsk & Son</td> <td data-bbox="1187 882 1353 916">215.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="292 918 411 952"></td> <td data-bbox="421 918 1177 952">Total</td> <td data-bbox="1187 918 1353 952">3225.23</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) The annual return has not yet been prepared but should be ready by the meeting on 26 July 2007.</p> <p>c) Cllr Dexter proposed noting the bank statements from PAC. 2nd Cllr Cocker and agreed.</p>	Cheque	Invoice	amount	SO	Glenfield Garden Services	122.50	SO	Visual Security Systems	76.38	2073	D J Cleaning Ltd	205.62	2074	Clear Image	716.75	2075	Beverley Community Lift	25.00	2076	David Wilkinson	170.38	2077	Petty Cash	48.52	2078	HMRC - Tax and NIC	1645.05	2079	H S Thirsk & Son	215.03		Total	3225.23	<p>V</p>
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10. To agree the list of burials & memorials	Cllr Petrie proposed accepting the memorials. 2 nd Cllr Cooper and agreed.																																		

11. correspondence - as per list	JULY 2007 MEETING	
	1 Jo Green	Visit to All Saints Church
	2 Martin Cooper	Cemetery
	3 Stamford Bridge PC	Hilary Saynor Retirement Party
	4 Rowan Blake-James	Belated Apologies
	5 Harrogate International Festival	Celebrating on the Streets
	6 EY Wolds Tourism Partnership	Agenda
	7 Chyldes Play	Organisation update
	8 Mr & Mrs T Jones	Primrose Woods
	9 Pocklington & District Local History Group	Application for Grant and Programme 2007/08
	10 ERYC	Play Area Inspection and Maintenance Course
	11 Withernsea Town Council	Summertime Special 2007
	12 Jo Langstaff	Allotment
	13 E H Hopwood	Overhanging trees and bushes
	14 Drug Awareness	Flash card
	15 Hull Civic Office	Yorkshire Day
	16 ERYC	Standards Committee
	17 PAC - Janet Farmer	Thanks and update
	18 Kernock Park Plants	Open Days
	19 Pocklington Chrysanthemum Society	Invitation to Mayor
	20 Sheila Duke	Civic Society issues
	21 ERYC	Bags and Site
	22 NALC	Consultation and Briefing
	23 ERYC - PCT	Public Consultation
	24 ERYC	Smoking
	25 St Mary and St Joseph's RC Primary School	Road Safety Questionnaire
	26 Mrs C Chidlow	Primrose Woods
	27 ERYC	Capital Footway Slurry Sealing
	28 Society of Local Council Clerks	33rd National Conference
	29 Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership Challenge
	30 Beverley Community Lift	Invoice
	31 Yorkshire Local Councils Associations	Joint Training Conference 2007
	32 ERYC	Waiting Restrictions - Burnby Lane
	33 Gillian Chefrad	Fairtrade Town Status
	34 ERVAS	Newsletter and Questionnaire
	35 Community Composting Network	Growing with Compost
	36 Yorkshire Planning Aid	Free Information Event
	37 ERNLLCA	Newsletter/Training Programme
	38 Beverley Community Lift	Change of Address
	39 The Clerk	Magazine
	40 Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine with Playpark insert
	41 ERYC	Traffic Regulations - West Green
	42 Town Clerk	Response to 41
	43 ERYC	Response to 42
	44 ERYC	Flooding update
	45 Humberside Learning Consortium	Training News
	46 Umbrella	Newsletter
	47 Humber & Wolds RCC	Improving Access meeting
	48 Humber & Wolds RCC	Summer Roadshow
	49 Pocklington Chamber of Trade	Agenda 16/07/07 + covering letter

	<p>50 Areas cleaned after floods 51 ERYC Planning a Sustainable Future 52 Buck Inn Yard Management Arts Centre 53 ERYC Restriction of waiting Order 54 Fairtrade Information 55 ERYC Flooding Information 56 ERYC Flooding Information 57 Hull Civic Office Yorkshire in Bloom Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Cllr Cooper – Item 25 to go to Road Safety. Cllr Sykes – A reply should be sent to item 13 Cllr Shepherd referred to the letters regarding Primrose Woods and suggested that a notice should be put in the Pocklington Post saying that the Town Council is not responsible for closing the path. The path had been closed to prevent anti-social behaviour in the area. Cllr Bryon – Item 9 to go to Policy and Resources. Cllr Petrie – a Plot number was required for item 12 and then it should go to Lands and Property. Cllr Cooper – Items 33 and 54 to go to Policy and Resources and item 52 should go to the closed part of the meeting. Cllr Petrie referred to the information received from ERYC regarding the aftermath of the floods and stated, as a point of interest, that at the time of the flooding the drains in Pocklington were running freely.</p>	
12. Consider the Town Clerk's report	The report was accepted.	
13. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report	The report was accepted.	
14. To receive and agree committee minutes	<p>Development and Marketing 28.06.07: Cllr Dexter confirmed that he did send his apologies. Proposed by Cllr Shepherd 2nd Cllr Perry and agreed. Planning 21.06.07 and 06.07.07 Proposed by Cllr Dexter 2nd Cllr Shepherd & agreed. Lands & Property 24.05.07 Proposed by Cllr Cocker 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed. Cllr Cooper said that he would like item 5 of the 06.07.07 minutes to be discussed at the Road Safety meeting in September. The minutes of the Arts Centre Management Group meeting on 11.06.07 were accepted for information</p>	
15. To receive representative reports	<p>Cllr Cooper had attended a Fairtrade Coffee Morning intended to promote the Fairtrade resolution. He felt that local produce should be linked to this. It was decided that the matter should be taken forward at the next Policy and Resources meeting and that Gillian Chefrad should be invited to explain the Fairtrade Resolution. Cllr Sykes had visited the Citizens Advice and they had shown him around their main site in Goole. He had also attended a Twinning Meeting. Cllr Scaife had attended the Pocklington Play Area AGM</p>	

	Cllr Petrie had attended the AGM of ERNLLCA at HoSM. He had been re-elected as Chairman. 2 resolutions had been passed, one regarding retrospective planning and the other regarding flood management in lower areas. He informed the Council that Goole's budget for flood defences had been cut.	
16. To consider the closing of the meeting to the public	Cllr Bryon 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 nd Cllr Perry and agreed.	
17. To consider the payment of salaries	Cllr Sykes proposed the payment of salaries. 2 nd Cllr Shepherd and agreed.	
Return to item 6	Cllr Petrie left the meeting. Cllr Dexter said that a lot of what Cllr Petrie had said was inaccurate but without the papers it was difficult to discuss. Cllr Dexter said that he had discussed with the Town Clerk the possibility of re-housing Ms Bruce but this was not possible. Unfortunately the situation was made to appear as though the Council was not caring and this would be exacerbated by the inevitable bad press following Cllr Petrie's address during the open part of the meeting. Following further discussion it was agreed that in order to answer the address there would need to be an extraordinary meeting with all the relevant paperwork being sent to all Councillors in advance of this meeting. The meeting is to be held as soon as possible after the Town Clerk's return from holiday on 23 July 2007.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Following the meeting a group of Councillors went to Pocklington Arts Centre to look at the upstairs rooms and the area at the rear under dispute. The purpose of the visit was to familiarise the new Councillors with the building and the surrounding area.

Signed as a true record of the meeting Town Mayor