

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 11 June 2008 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Sheperd (Chairman), Sykes, Bryon, Scaife, Blake-James, Perry, Cocker, Petrie, Wilkinson, Cooper, Dexter and Held.

In attendance: Mrs Knill for the Clerk, one member of the press and Cllr Kay West (East Riding of Yorkshire Council).

The Mayor presented cheques to representatives from the Pocklington Football Club (Parent's Committee), Pocklington Arts Society and Pocklington Over 60's Club.

Sergeant Peter Rogers, the local police sergeant, addressed the meeting on community policing. After introducing himself he explained that he wanted to raise the police profile in the town and would support any initiative from the Council. He would like to reintroduce the 'Shop Watch' and work with the Council in doing so. Cllr Perry agreed to attend the next Community Forum meeting in Melbourne on 8 July 2008. He also invited any Councillors to attend the Neighbourhood Watch meetings. Cllr Blake-James welcomed Sgt Rogers back to the area.

Before the start of the meeting Father Gallagher, the Council Chaplain, lead the Council in prayers.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Elliott (personal)
2. There were no declarations of interest in relation to any agenda item, either personal or prejudicial.
3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report
Both Janet Farmer and James Duffy attended the meeting to present the report. The showing of Indianna Jones had gone very well. James did all the negotiating and had recently negotiated with Disney for their latest block-busting film, Worley, which was a big achievement. James was congratulated. Janet has had a meeting with Mark Rowland, Head of Pocklington School with a view to developing a cultural partnership. The partnership with Woldgate College is working very well and she is also speaking with the junior schools. Janet confirmed that they had started a new cleaner on a 3 month trial. Cllr Cooper asked if they could arrange to visit the Arts Centre (as previously discussed) to see the cashing up systems and processes. It was arranged that Cllrs Dexter and Shepherd would go on Friday 20 June at 5.00 pm. Cllr Dexter said how beneficial their attendance had been and thanked them, and the Friends of PAC, for all their hard work.
4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14 May 2008
Cllr Petrie proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2nd Cllr Wilkinson and agreed.

5. To report matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda – for information only

Broadmanor – There was a discussion as to the way forward with this. Cllr West was asked to contact Paul Palmer at East Riding to find out what the hold up was regarding the adoption of the land as this had to be done before it can be passed to the Town Council who would then the responsibility for its maintenance. Cllr Scaife has had no response from Mr Palmer. Cllr Blake-James suggested that Mr Palmer be invited to attend the next meeting. Cllr Petrie has approached a group of young people and invited them to tell the Council what they would like to see done with the land. Cllr Wilkinson said that if it was adopted the Playpark Committee would be prepared to take on the project of providing equipment before West Green. As Henry Thirsk had already cut the grass, Cllr Bryon suggested that he should be asked to continue and to invoice the Council for the work. Cllr Petrie said he would ask Henry Thirsk. Cllr Dexter said that the people of Pocklington should be told why nothing was being done with the land via the Pocklington Post. Cllr Scaife said he would liaise with the Pocklington Post.

Action: Invite Paul Palmer to attend next meeting

- 6 Discuss 'Promotion of Pocklington' update

Cllr Perry showed the meeting the new leaflet that was to be distributed. Most of the funding had been obtained from various organisations for the 20,000 leaflets but more organisations were now being approached to make up the shortfall. Cllr Perry explained that the committee had been careful not to include anything that would date the leaflet as they would probably last between 18 months and 2 years. A new website has been obtained 'Visiting Pocklington' which will have links to the various shops and organisations. Cllr Blake-James reported that she had attended a Wolds Tourism meeting earlier that day where everyone was impressed with the leaflet and they were prepared to market it through their distribution channels. Cllr Perry said that if tourism was going to increase something had to be done about the public toilets and that would be the next consideration. Cllr Blake-James asked if there was to be an official launch of the leaflet. Cllr Perry said it was intended to launch it, hopefully with the help of Pocklington Post who he would be formally approaching. Appreciation of the Promoting Pocklington Committee was expressed by all the Councillors.

7. Discuss West Green Cycle Track

Cllr Petrie raised issues about the proposed cycle track which he thought was to go down West Green side of Hodson Lane whereas the plans show it as going down the other side and crossing the road after the bend which would mean the cyclists crossing road entries and gateways. The cycle path would not be adequately lit and would be shared with pedestrians. In view of all these safety issues Cllr Petrie felt he could not support the proposals. Cllr Dexter said he and Cllr Bryon had had a meeting with John Attwood who only presented the one proposal. He and Cllr Bryon proposed putting the track on the West Green side and John Attwood said he would price it. After discussing the various safety issues it was agreed that the Road Safety committee would go to Hodson Lane during their next meeting to look first hand at the proposals. Cllr Dexter suggested doing a survey of Hodson Lane to ascertain which users would be affected by the cycle/pedestrian path so that they could back their argument with ERYC. In the meantime Cllr Dexter

would contact John Attwood with a view to extending the date for objections from 10 June 2008.

8. Arrangements for the 102 Squadron dinner on 19 July 2008 and visit to the Railway Museum on the following day.

Cllr Shepherd pointed out that the visit to the NRM was on the Saturday not Sunday. Cllrs Sykes, Perry and Shepherd said they would join the party for the visit. Cllrs Shepherd and Sykes said they would attend the church service on the Sunday and asked for verification of the arrangements. Cllr West said she would contact Tom Wingham but thought the service was to be at the airfield. Roy Dell is looking into getting a band for the night and is getting back to us.

9. To receive the financial statement of
 (a) Pocklington Town Council and agree payments
PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION FULL COUNCIL MEETING 11.06.08

PTC

2210	Pocklington Over 60's	Donation	100.00
2211	Pocklington Football Club	Donation	100.00
2212	Pocklington Arts Society	Donation	100.00
BP	Neville Tucker	Boiler Repairs	725.57
BP	ERYC	Lease	5,000.00
BP	Wallis Business Services	Stationery	10.56
BP	Vertigrow	Bedding Plants	192.96
BP	Yorks Wolds Versatile Brass	Band Concert	300.00
DD	Glenfield Garden Services	All Saints Maintenance	127.40
DD	J R Turnbull	Cemetery Maintenance	600.12
DD	Vusual Security Systems	CCTV	76.38

Proposed Cllr Bryon, 2nd Cllr Dexter and agreed

- (b) Consider the bank statements, and agree payments from Pocklington Arts Centre

PAC

	Neil O'Brien		
104285	Entertainment	Performer Fees	£2,001.83
104286	JSS Audio	PA Equipment Hire	£293.75
104287	Old Red Lion Water	Water	£33.84
104288	Hulleys	Ice-cream	£109.36
104289	Premier Business	Office Supplies	£170.83
104290	Viking Direct	Office Supplies	£39.09
104291	Petty Cash		£150

Proposed Cllr Bryon, 2nd Cllr Dexter and agreed

10. To agree the list of burials and memorials
 There were no burials or memorials

11. Correspondence – see attached list

12. Consider the Town Clerks report
 Poppy's – It was agreed that the shop should be left as taken. She should either leave the new lights or replace the fluorescent ones at her own expense.

Oak House – Cllr Perry reported that he had met with contractor and checked his insurance. He will start as soon as possible. Cllr Dexter said that

the situation regarding the shop rates should be checked if shops were being used for storage.

Waste Disposal – Arts Centre – Cllr Dexter asked if another electrician had been instructed to do the work, as was agreed at the last meeting, in view of the ongoing delays.

Garden Party – Cllr Blake-James explained that, as Deputy Lord Lieutenant, she had been asked by the Lord Lieutenant to nominate someone for the Garden Party who had been actively involved in the floods, both at the time and during the aftermath.

Action: *Inform Poppy's of decision*
Check situation re shop rates
Advise Cllr Dexter re electrician

13. To receive and agree committee minutes:

Planning 28 May 2008

Cllr Wilkinson proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record.

2nd Cllr Cocker and agreed.

Policy and Resources 28 May 2008

Cllr Sykes proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record.

2nd Cllr Scaife and agreed.

Flood Action Committee 29 May 2008

Cllr Cooper did not agree these minutes to be a true record. The sandbags were to be offered to the general public through the Pocklington Post. A list to be kept by the Clerk and East Riding to deliver. The letter does not make it clear that the sandbags are empty and will need filling.

Action: *Amend Flood Action minutes*
Re-write sandbag letter

14. Receive representative reports.

Cllr Dexter: Has attended Sports Association, Chamber of Trade and Promoting Pocklington.

Cllr Cooper: Fairtrade – pushing a bit more on the issue of plastic bags

Sports Association – 10 year loan will soon be paid. The floodlights are funded but just need finalising.

Cllr Cocker: Gateway – Heritage Trail booklet to be launched 7 July 2008 – copies going to Simply Books amongst other places.

Cllr Petrie: Cllr Petrie wanted to say how impressed he was with the 1966/67 tractor and trailer that had recently been purchased. He is putting together a price for a water tank.

Cllr Perry: Has attended Promoting Pocklington and Fairtrade which have been covered

Cllr Wilkinson: Playpark – the auction held on 31 May 2008 went very well and raised £1042. The equipment is being installed at The Croft this week and there is a meeting on Monday to arrange an official opening. Cllr Dexter congratulated the people involved and asked if Cllr Wilkinson could arrange for the committee members to attend a Council meeting so that they could be thanked personally. Cllr Wilkinson thanked Cllr Scaife for obtaining the grants and James Dent for his generosity.

Cllr Sykes: Civic Society – AGM 8 July 2008. A new pamphlet has been produced.

Cllr Blake-James: Wolds Tourism – Market Weighton has launched 'Walkers are Welcome' which has had the effect of increasing trade in the town. The Tourism Board are hoping Pocklington and Driffield will also sign up. If the Council agree in principle she will try to get financial support. Cllr Shepherd to

meet with MW Mayor next week and will discuss. It was suggested that Marian McGarry could be asked to talk to the Council.

Cllr Held: Road Traffic – Cllr Held asked if Traffic Warden had been invited to next meeting. Cllr Dexter suggested that this be postponed until the following meeting in view of Sgt Rogers being new and very busy at present.

Cllr Bryon: Recorded how enjoyable the Playpark Auction had been.

Cllr Shepherd: Has attended Promoting Pocklington, Chamber of Trade, Band Concert, Art Exhibition prior to Auction and a Civic event at Tadcaster.

15. Cllr Shepherd 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'. 2nd Cllr Bryon and agreed.

16. Update on the rear of Pocklington Arts Centre

Letter from Paul Davidson, Chairman of Buck Inn Yard Management, was discussed. Cllr Petrie suggested a meeting be arranged with Simon Pocklington to discuss the issues and also sort out the tarmacing, locks and CCTV. Cllr Bryon proposed Cllrs Shepherd, Dexter and Petrie met with Simon Pocklington, 2nd Cllr Wilkinson and agreed. In the meantime the letter should be acknowledged.

Wood Sherwood's letter of 5 June 2008 was discussed. Cllr Dexter said that enough time and money had been spent on the matter. Cllr Perry said we should seek clarification as to whether the land is owned or adopted. It was agreed that a reply should be sent to Wood Sherwood on the lines of 'In view of the comments in the Treasury Solicitor's letter and her comments, the Councillors do not feel that they are in a position to pursue the matter as they feel assured by the fact that there will be a right of way for impetuity.'

Action: Clerk to ring Simon Pocklington to ask for time and date for meeting – urgent

Acknowledge Paul Davidson's letter of 9 June 2008

Reply to Wood Sherwood's letter of 5 June 2008 as set out above

The revised offer for Cemetery Chapels was briefly discussed. It was agreed that as the Chapels have gone back on the market, Mr Shaw should submit his revised offer along with any other offers received.

Action: Carter Jonas to be advised

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed as a true record of the meetingTown Mayor