

# POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council  
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Sheperd (Chairman), Bryon, Blake-James, Cocker, Cooper, Elliott, Sykes, Scaife, Perry, Wilkinson.

In attendance: Clerk, one member of the press and two members of the public. Janet Farmer and James Duffy attended for items 3 – 6.

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Dexter (ill), Cllr Held (ill) Cllr Petrie (work commitments)

2. There were no declarations of interest in relation to any agenda item, either personal or prejudicial.

3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report

In addition to her written report, Janet Farmer informed the Council that the current films were doing well. Narnia and Mama-Mia were receiving good bookings. There is a new live events brochure just produced. She explained about the increase in electricity charges. An interesting play called 'My Grandfather's Great War' is to be shown on 23<sup>rd</sup> October which she hoped councillors would attend. Cllr Blake-James said the securing of the play was an indication of the importance of the Arts Centre nationally. Cllr Wilkinson said how pleasing it was for local people to be able to see new films so soon after release.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008 After minor amendments Cllr Wilkinson proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Blake-James and agreed.

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

Cllr Elliott said he had donated a cup for 'the best new allotment holder'

Cllr Cooper asked where the 'flymower' was being kept. It was agreed it should be stored at Burnby Hall Gardens.

Cllr Blake-James gave an update on the heritage notice board for the town. The East Riding Housing Officer to be invited to the meeting in October to discuss housing matters.

6. Progress report – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Oak House

Cllr Perry said the structural engineers Mason Clark have reported that 31 joists have to be replaced. He estimated as a broad estimate the cost of the wood treatment, electricals and replacement timbers and floorboards would be £30,000. Because a large beam was required to be replaced detailed method statements would have to be drawn up as it will affect the entrance to the Arts Centre and the flower shop. Cllr Perry was thanked for all his work. The group of councillors are to examine the future uses of the area. Cllr Blake-James felt the use of this area was so important for the town and proposed that a feasibility study be commissioned to examine the future use of the first floor. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Scaife and agreed. Building control officer to be informed of proposed work.

Leader + to be contacted to see if any funds could be made available.

7. To receive the financial statement of

(a) Pocklington Town Council and agree payments

**P.T.C.**

BP	Getyerink	ink cartridges	21.15
	Wolds Engineering	Chain for playpark	66.98
	BTCV	Footpath West Green	1002.27
	MPT	Skip for cemetery	88.00
	R Westmoreland	allotment & cem maint	387.75
	ERYC	New Street light	1249.61
	Oakland Elevators	Maintenance lift	76.30
	HMCE	tax & N.I. (4)	1496.10
	2230 Petty cash	petty cash	35.06
	2231 Steve Johnson	Shower - Arts Centre	146.42
		<b>total</b>	<b>4569.64</b>

Proposed Cllr Bryon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cooper and agreed

(b) Consider the bank statements, and agree payments from Pocklington Arts Centre. The bank statements had been noted at the last P&R meeting.

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BP	HMCE	tax & N.I. (4)	602.15
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Proposed Cllr Bryon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cooper and agreed

8. To agree the list of burials and memorials

Cllr Blake-James proposed accepting the memorials for Madge Johnson & Stella Margery Everingham. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sykes and agreed.

9. Correspondence – see attached list

3. Councillors expressed regret about lack of consultation but agreed the gating of the car park was necessary.

5. Solicitors letter to be referred to the closed part

7. Letter from Morley Chamber of Trade re charity shops was noted but it was felt there were no present problems within the town

9. Gerald Parker's request for more seating to be passed to Dev. & Marketing

10 Request for grant from Mencap to P&R

13 Cllr Wilkinson had spoken with Mrs Hindwell. It maybe possible to close the playpark late evening but to do so would require a security type fence. Cllr Wilkinson making enquiries on a suitable type.

14 Cllr Cooper suggested the naming of streets should be a combination of historic names and the war dead. This received considerable support and will be examined in detail at the D&M committee.

16 Mr Marley can go on the bottom of the allotment list

It was noted that a further two letters of complaint have been received regarding the poor condition of the towns pavements.

10. Consider the Town Clerks report

The report was accepted. Cllr Scaife proposed that a new barrier be erected at West Green car park as quoted by Mr Stubbins. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cooper and agreed. Cllr Cooper reported the surface of West Green needing attention after the fair.

Councillors would still like to have a meeting with Simon Pocklington re the agreement to use the side door of the Arts Centre.

Councillors were pleased to hear that ERYC have now taken ownership of Broadmanor open space. The grass now needed cutting.

Cllr Shepherd proposed the following resolution be put forward for consideration at the AGM of ERNLLCA 'This meeting urges the Chief Constable of Humberside to authorise Police Community Support Officers under his command to enforce the legislation under the Clean

Neighbourhood and Environmental Act 2005'. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Blake-James and agreed.

The lack of response from the EA was regretted. Cllr Perry said he thought the EA's contribution to the flood update meeting was poor. The request was for a broad picture of the overall costs involved to be obtained which was still awaited.

Action: Copy 'e' mail to Pocklington Post.

11. To receive and agree committee minutes

Policy & Resources 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 - Cllr Blake-James proposed they be accepted 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Scaife and agreed.

Planning 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 - Cllr Wilkinson proposed they be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Blaske-James and agreed.

Planning 6<sup>th</sup> August 2008 - Cllr Wilkinson proposed they be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cocker and agreed.

Flood Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> August 2008 - Cllr Cooper proposed they be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sykes and agreed.

12. Receive representative reports.

Cllr Sykes: Crime Prevention awareness day at Sainsbury's attended the 'clean-up' meeting where it was suggested the church gates be closed at certain times to reduce litter. The introduction of sand bins for cigarette ends was also to be encouraged. The employment of a part-time cleaner became compelling. Consider using community service offenders?

Attended 102 squadron event, band concert and advanced chairmanship training. He suggested we examine changing standing orders with a limit of the length of meetings.

Cllr Cooper attended a Fairtrade meeting who are soon to go for fair-trade status. They are also working on a scheme to reduce the use of plastic bags. He also continues to do a considerable amount of work on Fallen Heroes.

Cllr Scaife attended Burnby Hall Gardens Trust meeting the funday event at Victoria Road Playpark on Saturday and Sunday. He had also attended a personnel meeting.

Cllr Wilkinson Had also attended the crime prevention awareness day, 102 dinner awards for all inspection and Victoria Road playpark funday. Lifestylers Fruity-tuttie had organised the day which had raised £102. It was suggested a new 'froggie' bin be placed on the playpark.

Cllr Blake-James: Reported that the Heritage Board were getting close to erecting the information board in the town. As Deputy Lord Lieutenant she had attended a reception held at the Ferens Art Gallery.

Cllr Perry He had attended a Promoting Pocklington meeting, the 102 squadron dinner and fair-trade meeting.

Cllr Bryon attended a Fairtrade meeting, 102 squadron and band concert at Burnby Hall.

Cllr Shepherd attended the event at Ferens Art Gallery in Hull. The band concert andf the Wolds Vintage car rally, Mcmillan nurse charity event at Garrowby Hall.

13. Consider closing the meeting to the public

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'. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Wilkinson and agreed.

Cllr Cocker submitted a letter of resignation in which he explained Vixen Broadcasting was going live earlier than planned. He hoped councillors would use it to full potential. On behalf of the council Cllr Shepherd regretted

the resignation but understood the reasons for it. He thanked Cllr Cocker for his contribution during his time as a councillor.

Cllr Scaife reported on a recent personnel meeting and handed out notes from that meeting. It was agreed these would be discussed at the next full council meeting.

With regards to the letter from Wood Sherwood it was agreed to let the treasury search continue with us lodging with the land registry our right of way.

In relation to the specifications drawn up by Cllr Perry for the work on the first floor of the Arts Centre it was agreed that Cllr Perry was prevented in law from being the 'project officer'. He was thanked for all the work he had put into the documents. In view of this he asked that the council did not use his documents as they were his intellectual property.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting .....Town Mayor

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1	ERYC	Construction of playpark - The Oval
2	Cllr Cocker	Resignation letter
3	ERYC	Gating of car park Station Road
4	ERNLLCA	Request for resolutions AGM
5	Wood Sherwood solicitors	Re land at rear Arts Centre
6	Tom Wingham	Thanks for 102 squadron dinner
7	Morley Chamber of Trade	Re Charity shops
8	ERYC	Emergency tel. no.
9	Gerald Parker	Request for benches
10	Mencap	Request for donation
11	ERYC	Safer Communities Officer
12	Pocklington School	Rear car park Robertson Close
13	Chris Hindwell	Croft playpark
14	Ken Tinson	Naming of roads
15	ERYC	Electric posts in market place
16	J Marley	re allotment plot 21A
17	Muriel Howard	Thanks for flower display
18	Lane Rental	Quote for tarmacing side Arts Centre

#### BULLETINS AND NEWSLETTERS

1	NHS	Health news
2	Humberside Police	Bulletin
3	NALC	Co-opting members
4	ERNLLA	newsletter
5	ERVAS	newsletter
6	Humberside Learning Consortium	training news
7	ER	Parish News

#### MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

1	East Yorks Wolds Tourism	meeting minutes 2nd July
2	SLCC	Continuity Management
3	Gateway	minutes 3rd June
4	Parish Liaison	meetings
5	HWRCC	AGM 03.09.08 Howden