

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 13th May 2009 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Shepherd (Chairman), Blake-James, Bryon, Cooper, Elliott, Marron, Petrie, Scaife, Sykes, Held & Wilkinson.

In attendance: Clerk & one member of the press.

Before the commencement of the meeting Rebecca Harraway from Victim Support addressed the meeting on her role as volunteer communication and development officer. Victim support is a national organisation to locally support to all victims of crime. Their referrals come from the Police but there is a concern that they do not hear about all cases so please contact V.S. should you hear of a case requiring help. Local volunteers are trained to give advice which costs about £450 each.

Rebecca was thanked for her presentation.

Arthur Woodcock the newly appointed street cleaner/ handyman was then introduced to the councillors.

Before the commencement of the meeting Cllr Blake-James led the council in prayers in the absence of Father Gallagher, the Council Chaplain.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Dexter (ill), Perry (holiday)
2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.
3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report

The manager or under manager were not available but their comprehensive report was noted. All councillors agreed with Cllr Blake-James when she congratulated all the staff on the superb results. She proposed the council express very real appreciation for the efforts put into all aspects of the Arts Centre and asked that the staff be informed. 2nd Cllr Petrie and agreed.

Note for Arts Centre

4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 8th April 2009 Cllr Petrie proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2nd Cllr Bryon and agreed.

5. To report any matters arising. The library service are attending the meeting in June to discuss progress and bring a larger plan showing the outside design. Cllr Marron asked if they could be informed of how the cleaner was deployed

6. Discuss the arrangements for the Mayor Making to be held at Pocklington Arts Centre on 20th May 2009

A discussion took place about the format of the evening and an agenda agreed (attached to the rear of the minutes)

7. Update on the campaign to keep our car parks free

The strategic meeting had agreed to have a march commencing at 5.30pm on Thursday 21st May to coincide with the ERYC roadshow. Cllr Sykes, who will then be Mayor, will lead the parade and present the petition to the members of the working party. Cllr Marron arranging for media coverage. It was agreed to put an article on the town web-site and to produce a banner and placards. All were urged to attend and to get friends etc to also join in.

8. Report on the twinning visit to Pays de Racan.

Cllr Sykes reported on this most enjoyable weekend when all visitors were given first class hospitality. The twinning group had planned the event very well with a large gathering in one of their village halls on the Saturday. Special glasses had been produced and two large decorated cakes. The signing of the twinning agreement was done in the Town Hall on the Saturday evening when a larger bottle of wine was given to the council as a gift. Cllr Sykes had been presented with a medallion at this ceremony. It was agreed the wine should be used at the forthcoming Mayor-Making ceremony. The organisers had been sent a letter of thanks with an invitation for them to visit us in 2010. It was agreed a working group should be set up comprising of those who attended to plan the event. We certainly have a high standard to achieve to match this years visit.

9. To receive the financial statement of

(a) Pocklington Town Council and

(b) the bank statements from Pocklington Arts Centre and agree payments P.T.C.

B.P.	Allotment Association	Rent for year	1634.67
	Wood Sherwood	Legal costs re Arts	686.25
	British Gas	Gas	249.99
	K.J. Falkingham	tools	36.44
	A & L Stewart	Annual electric test	833.75
		repairs to fittings	341.22
	Wolds Engineering	Florescent jackets	8.05
	Norman Computer		
	Services	web site maintenance	144.75
	BJ Lighting	Electricity monitor	49.99
	Petty cash	Petty cash	50.60
		total	4035.71

It was also agreed to purchase racking for storage for up to £200 and to fund 50% of the cost of publicity in VEHEY publication for the Arts Centre.

(a) Cllr Cooper proposed the financial statement be accepted 2nd Cllr Bryon and agreed.

(b) Cllr Cooper proposed the bank statements be accepted 2nd Cllr Bryon and agreed.

10. To agree the list of burials and memorials

Cllr Blake-James proposed approval of the following 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed: Memorial for Sally Million, Renate Buckle, Francis Malcolm Langton, Philip Makey, additional inscription Thomas Hirst, burial of ashes Joseph Robert Vokes, scattering of ashes June Shiela Foskett.

11. Correspondence – see attached list

8. Cllr Cooper reported on meeting with the Bluegrass Band members after their recent concert. They were full of praise for the facilities.

11. Quote to be referred to next Policy & Resources to agree a policy of who pays for what?

13. Pleasing to receive a response from other councils on the car parking charges. *A further 'e' mail to be sent to surrounding councils.*

15. We have to organise an event for 6th June on West Green as part of the breathing spaces initiative.

18. Reply confirming the PAA have taken over the running of the allotments

27 Help with parish plan - *contact to be made for assistance*

31. Continued liaison with the three market towns thought to be essential. Clerk and councillor to attend meetings four times a year.

Letter 19 moved to the closed part of the meeting.

13. To receive and agree committee minutes
 15.04.09 Annual meeting Proposed by Cllr Wilkinson 2nd Cllr Scaife and agreed
 22.04.09 Planning Proposed by Cllr Wilkinson 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed
 22.04.09 Development & Marketing Proposed by Cllr Sykes 2nd Cllr Shepherd and agreed.
 29.04.09 Road Safety Proposed by Cllr Blake-James 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed.

The strategic meeting on parking held on 6th May 2009 was noted.

14. Receive representative reports.

Cllr Sykes had attended the twinning visit, Fairtrade, the Flyingman Festival. Skateboard committee,

Cllr Cooper had attended Fairtrade at Burnby Hall where schools had provided songs. He had also attended parking meetings at Bridlington & Goole & Gateway where costings were being obtained for a roundabout at Hodsow Lane and Wilberfoss.

Cllr Marron attended the Parking meetings at Hornsea Bridlington & Goole & the strategy meeting.

Cllr Scaife had attended the playpark and skateboard meeting.

Cllr Wilkinson attended the Playpark meeting, and had been approached by three girls who wished to organise a 'Funday' on Broadmanor.

Cllr Petrie had been to France and attended the Horticultural Society where a member had been appointed from the PAA.

Cllr Blake-James had attended the Chairman's Civic Dinner

Cllr Elliott had attended the Fairtrade meeting. The Flying Man festival and continued to train as a duty manager at PAC.

Cllr Held attended the Fairtrade meeting.

Cllr Bryon had attended the Fairtrade meeting

Cllr Shepherd tendered his Mayors duties list.

15. Consider closing the meeting to the public

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 Wilkinson and agreed.

16. Consider

Letter 29. Re joint purchase of land at rear of PAC. It was agreed the Mayor would sign the transfer documents on behalf of the Town Council.

Letter 19 After a discussion it was agreed to refer this to our solicitor in view of the accusations being made which were thought to be unacceptable.

The meeting closed at 9.pm

Signed as a true record of the meetingTown Mayor

CORRESPONDENCE

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| 1 Communities & Local Government | Business Rates Deferral scheme |
| 2 ERVAS | Annual Survey |
| 3 Buck Inn Yard Management | Interest in purchase of land Arts Centre |
| 4 U3A | Interest in first floor of Oak House |
| 5 Sheila Johnson | Thanks from YIB judge |

6	Wood Sherwood	Land Arts Centre
7	Equality & Human Rights Comm	Public Sector Duties
8	Martin Cooper	e' mail thanks for concert
9	The Arts Society	Thanks for grant
10	Home Group	Assisted housing
11	Alan Stewart	Lights on canopy Arts Centre
12	ERYC	Wolds Walking Packs
13	Fangfoss Parish Council	Response to parking Proposals
14	ERYC	European Election 4th June 2009
15	Big Lottery Fund	Award of grant of £3,990
16	Ann Theakston	Displeasure at forwarding of letter to Woldgate
17	Pocklington Rotary	Re Pocklington In Bloom
18	Mason Clark	Quote for structural survey
19	Howard Hawley	Reply re land at rear of Arts Centre
20	Dawn Argyle	Allotments
21	Woldgate College	Re: Litter
22	Pocklington Lions	Request to use shop for charity
23	Helen Pickersgill	Complaint re traffic Percy Road
24	ERYC	Swine flu
25	ERYC	Winter road maintenance
26	Big Lottery	Notification of grant
27	HWRCC	Help with parish plan
28	EYMS	Replies re bus service
29	Wood Sherwood Solicitors	Document for signature - Buck Inn Yard
30	ERYC	Car Parking Review Panel
31	Helen Jackson	East Yorkshire Wolds Partnership
MEETINGS & INVITATIONS		
1	YWHT	Visit to Wassand Hall 20th July
	East Yorkshire Town Councils	
2	Network	2pm 21st May Beverley T.C. Offices
3	Gateway	minutes
4	Beverley Music Festival	21-23rd May
5	Big Lottery	Various events
6	EYWTP	meeting 10am 14th May 2009 M.W.
7	ERYC	LATS meeting dates
BULLETINS & NEWSLETTERS		
1	Humbrella	Newsletter
2	Rural Services Community	Newsletter
3	HPFA	Newsletter
4	ERVAS	Newsletter
5	ACAS	Newsletter