

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 10th June 2009 at 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: Clerk, a member of the press and twelve members of the public

Before the commencement of the meeting Howard Hawley Dawn Argyle, Kath Holmes and Frank Argyle addressed the council about the continuing problems experienced with the Town Council and their running of the Arts Centre. Mr Hawley highlighted difficulties with the Arts centre keeping to their agreement to use the side fire-doors, the annoyance caused by waste collections and the deception of the clerk and councillors at a meeting of residents last year. The delay in signing an agreement with English's resulted in £1,000's having to be spent on resurfacing the passageway which would have been done by the developers free of charge. The council encouraged smoking on their land which creates a nuisance to residents and have proved to be an organisation which cannot keep to its word. Vast amounts of money are devoured annually by the Arts Centre - £300,000 this last year alone. The council had been secretive in their quest to buy the roadway at the rear of the Arts Centre only communicating with residents when forced to by the Treasury Solicitor.

Kath Holmes said she had bought a property in Buck Inn Yard in good faith. She was aware that the council had a right of way on foot or vehicles but the vehicles could not stop. She felt the way the council had tried to purchase the land was underhand by no informing residents. She had invested her money in the property and needed assurance the right of way would be preserved for Buck Inn Yard residents. It would be preferable if the council took an 11th share with the residents and did not use their power and finance for their own ends.

Dawn Argyle was equally scathing in her remarks alleging her treatment by Pocklington Town Council was like being stalked. She said the council contributed nothing to the development of the roadway and have gained nothing from their quest to own the land. The land has now passed to the Crown. She questioned if the councillors were acting on their behalf or for their own selfish aims? She said the councillors should be ashamed of themselves. She was disgusted by the actions of the council stating she had done more to secure the future of the town than all the councillors put together.

Frank Argyle said everyone liked the Arts Centre- he in fact works there. He was not at the meeting to say it was a bad thing but was displeased with the way the council had secretly tried to take over ownership of the roadway. He said this was a tactic practiced by third world dictators – allow others to build something and take it from them.

Councillor Shepherd then presented Ian Daniells with a town plaque in recognition of the work he has done in supporting the football club.

Before the commencement of the meeting Rev Gail Daley, the Council Chaplain, led the council in prayers.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Elliott (another engagement)
2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.
3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report

The manager presented her report which highlighted two recent sell out performances. A local girl Edwinda Hayes has secured a support role in a forthcoming tour by Roger McGuinn. Schools are using the facilities more with the Pocklington Junior School practicing and holding their end of term production there. Woldgate Collage students used the premises regularly and Pocklington School held their practical 'A' level examination there.

James Duffy said the centre had secured an early showing of the Harry Potter film and had attended a digital cinema exhibition where 3d imaging was possible. This is being examined to see the relevance to Pocklington.

The Friends AGM is on 22nd June to which everyone is invited. The main points from finances for last year were highlighted which had produced a £12,380 operating surplus – much better than projected. All councillors agreed with Cllr Blake-James when she congratulated all the staff on the superb results.

Cllr Held wished to add his personal congratulations. Cllr Bryon said there was no requirement for a council to provide an Arts Centre but it now forms an essential part of the town's effort to attract visitors.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 13th May 2009

Cllr Bryon proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed.

5. To report any matters arising. None

6. Discuss an update on the 1st floor refurbishment of Oak House

Cllr Perry gave details of a meeting held between the structural engineers and the building regulation officer from ERYC. It had been a generally productive meeting when the idea of putting a bar upstairs was not ruled out. The structural engineer was to draw up plans to link the front and back of the building, which would include toilets. An enquiry is to be made with the lift company to see what is possible to utilise the existing lift. An open morning is planned for Saturday 20th June 2009 between 10am & 12md for the public to view the area and offer their views for its future use.

7. Consider the letter from Crime Prevention Panel regarding taking over the local CCTV scheme.

The letter from John Brown had been circulated with the agenda. More details were required arrangements to be made for Mr Brown to attend P&R 24.06.09.

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

Cllr Marron gave an update producing a paper from the action group on the current situation. (attached) Cllr Marron proposed the council agree to pay for a freepost licence and subsequent postage to a value of £150. 2nd Cllr Petrie and agreed. Cllr Marron asked that the council write to ERYC formally requesting to take over the supervision of the car parks. 2nd Cllr Blake-James & agreed.

Cllr Marron asked that the council solicitor be approached regarding the procedure in applying for a judicial review. Cllr Petrie suggested ERNLLCA maybe able to help. It was agreed we would make an approach to ERNLLCA for their guidance.

9. To receive the financial statement of
 - (a) Pocklington Town Council and

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

PTC

DD	4037	J R Turnbull Glenfield Garden	Cemetery maintenance	587.35
	4037	Serv	All Saints maintenance	127.40
	4043	Visual Sec Systems	CCTV	74.75
2289	4072	Cricket Club	Donation	250.00
2294	1101	Cubs	Donation from Mayor's Charity	385.00
2295	1101	Brownies	Donation from Mayor's Charity	385.00
2296	1101	Infant School	Donation from Mayor's Charity	385.00
2297	1101	Junior School	Donation from Mayor's Charity	385.00
2298	1101	Wolds Wanderers	Donation from Mayor's Charity	385.00
2299	4034	British Legion	Donation from Fallen Heroes	65.74
2300	4034	Friends of PAC	Donation from Fallen Heroes	65.00
2302	4036	Scothern Construction	Final payment - Oak House	11,258.48
2303	Various	Petty cash	Petty cash	81.89
2304	4203	The Hanging Basket	6 baskets	180.00
2305	4100	Cllr Sykes	Mayors annual expenses	2,000.00
BP	4001	R Wood	Salary	
	4002	J Farmer	Salary	
	4005	A Woodcock	Salary	
	4004	S Knill	Salary	
	4017	E Moore	Salary	
	Various	HMRC	Tax & NIC	1,637.56
	4056	Wood Sherwood	Lease - 20 Market Place	230.00
	4019	Woodmil Ltd	Photocopier maintenance	159.67
	4010	ERYC	Lease - Courthouse	5,000.00
	4209	Halifax Estates	Christmas Tree	540.50
	4203	David Smith	Plants	125.12
	4042	RBS Software	Software maintenance	182.85
	Various	Travis Perkins	Various	105.41
	4037	K J Falkingham	Various	46.56
	4037	Neil Toes	Work at Cemetery	3,589.15
	4042	Chubb	repair alarm system	138.86
	4023	Getyerink.com	Ink cartridges	46.46
			total	32,507.78

PAC

BP	Gallo Ltd	Performance fee	1,575.00
BP	HMRC	Tax & NIC	645.94
104699	Miracle Artists	Roger McGuinn	2,500.00
104700	20th Century Fox	Marley & Me	543.97
104701	Edwina Hayes	Roger McGuinn support	50.00
104702	JSS Audio	Hot Club of Cowtown PA	287.50
104703	Wold Toppers Ltd	Beer	173.16
104704	Newsquest Ltd	York Press Advert	123.51
104705	Eric Lee	Light Bulbs	7.98
104706	Hulleys	Ice-creams	127.81
104707	GT Graphics	Printing	25.00
total			6,059.87

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

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

10. To agree the list of burials and memorials

Cllr Shepherd proposed approval of the following 2nd Cllr Held and agreed: Burial of Christine Anne Ogram, ashes of Jospeh Robert Vokes, Memorial for Renate Buckle, Francis Malcolm Langton, Philip Makey, additional inscription Louise Hardy ,

11. Correspondence – see attached list

Cllr Dexter proposed the letter concerning the Arts Centre be deferred to a special meeting and requested copies be supplied to councillors. 2nd Cllr Perry and agreed.

15 newCommunity hospital at Beverley. Cllr Perry reported that the meetings to launch the new plans were all in Beverley. He questioned what was to happen to the proposals in West Wolds because the whole of the Government grant appears to have been spent on the new hospital.

21. The Woodland Trust have received our application to take over Primrose Wood and also offer St Helens well on Chapel Hill. Cllr Scaife to assist clerk with detailed reply setting out our aims and objectives.

23 Cycle track to Barmby Road – this was wholeheartedly supported with councillors pleased that an early start was to be made.

12. Town Clerks report

The report was noted it was agreed the missing town sign on the Barmby moor Road planter should be replaced.

13. To receive and agree committee minutes

Planning 27th May 2009 Proposed by Cllr Cooper 2nd Cllr Wilkinson and agreed

P&R 27th May 2009 Proposed by Cllr Shepherd 2nd Cllr Dexter and agreed.

14. Consider any future actions to be taken in relation to any meetings of outside bodies.

Cllr Wilkinson reported on the open morning at West Green which had a disappointing attendance. A further event was planned for late summer.

Cllr Sykes said he intended to start a monthly surgery at the Council Office on a Saturday morning 10-12md by appointment. The first would be on 20th June 2009.

The meeting closed at 930.pm

Signed as a true record of the meetingTown Mayor

CORRESPONDENCE

1	Roger Bruton	Car Parking in Pocklington
2	Mavis Austin	Various issues
3	C Hollingsworth - Mouse House	Renewal of Lease
4	ERYC	Temporary Road Closure
5	Big Lottery Fund	Acknowledgement of entry
6	Roy Howard	Copy of letter to ER re Library
7	Greenthumb Lawn Treatment	Early Summer Treatment
8	Pocklington Junior School	Thanks for donation
9	Allan Chittock	Copy of email to ER re Parking
10	Remarkable	Proposed Aldi Store
11	High Sheriff	Mayor Making - thanks
12	Wood Sherwood	Lease for 20 Market Place
13	Roy Howard	Copy of reply from ERYC with comment
14	Pocklington Infant School	Children's Survey
15	ERYC - NHS	New Community Hospital
16	Peter Fairs	Request for employment
17	ERYC	Capital Footway Slurry Sealing
18	ERYC	Tree Preservation Order
19	Allianz	Risk requirements
20	ERYC	Anti Social Behaviour in the Community
21	Woodland Trust	Primrose Wood Burnby Lane
22	Valuation Officer	Cemetery rerating
23	ERYC	Cycle track to Barmby Moor

MEETINGS & INVITATIONS

1	Beverley & ER Folk Festival	19 - 21 June
2	Wolds Gateway Partnership	Minutes 20 April 2009

BULLETINS & NEWSLETTERS

- 1 East Riding Parish News

	Date	From	To	Subject
1	25/04/2009	Howard Hawley	Town Clerk	Re various correspondence
2	28/04/2009	Town Clerk	Wood Sherwood	Letter 25.4.09 from Mr Hawley
3	30/04/2009	Town Clerk	Howard Hawley	Re various correspondence
4	14/04/2009	Town Clerk	Wood Sherwood	Land at rear of PAC
		Buck Inn Yard		
5	14/05/2009	Management Ltd	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
6	14/05/2009	Town Clerk	Howard Hawley	Land at rear of PAC
7	14/05/2009	Wood Sherwood	Town Clerk	Land at rear of PAC
8	14/05/2009	Howard Hawley	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
9	18/05/2009	Wood Sherwood	Town Clerk	Land at rear of PAC
10	20/05/2009	Town Clerk	Wood Sherwood	Land at rear of PAC
		Buck Inn Yard	All Councillors & Wood	
11	20/05/2009	Management Ltd	Sherwood	Buck Inn Yard
12	20/05/2009	Harland & Co	Wood Sherwood	Buck Inn Yard
13	21/05/2009	Howard Hawley	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
14	21/05/2009	Howard Hawley	Pocklington Town Council	Budget 2009/2010
15	21/05/2009	Buck Inn Yard	Residents of Buck Inn	Re previous communications

		Management Ltd	Yard	
16	21/05/2009	Howard Hawley	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
17	21/05/2009	Carol Wanli	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
18	21/05/2009	Frank Argyle	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
19	21/05/2009	Paul Woodthorpe	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
20	21/05/2009	Jerome Remblance	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
21	22/05/2009	Howard Hawley	Pocklington Town Council	All Saints Churchyard
22	22/05/2009	Wood Sherwood	Town Clerk	Land at rear of PAC
23	22/05/2009	Pocklington Post	Town Clerk	Email
24	22/05/2009	Dawn Argyle	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
25	26/05/2009	Katharine Holmes	Pocklington Town Council	Buck Inn Yard
26	26/05/2009	Town Clerk	Jerome Remblance	Reply
27	26/05/2009	Town Clerk	Paul Woodthorpe	Reply
28	26/05/2009	Town Clerk	Howard Hawley	Various Letters
29	27/05/2009	Howard Hawley	Cllr Jeff Shepherd	Buck Inn Yard
30	27/05/2009	Town Clerk		Suggested Press Release
31	28/05/2009	Cllr David Sykes	Howard Hawley	Various matters
32	28/05/2009	Town Clerk	Wood Sherwood	Land at rear of PAC
33	29/05/2009	Cllr David Sykes	Carol Wanli	Reply
34	29/05/2009	Town Clerk	Paul Woodthorpe	Further reply
35	29/05/2009	Town Clerk	Jerome Remblance	Further reply
36	29/05/2009	Town Clerk	Dawn Argyle	Reply
37	30/05/2009	Howard Hawley	Cllr David Sykes	Reply to letter 28/05/09 enclosing copy complaint to ERYC
38	01/06/2009	Cllr David Sykes	Personnel Committee	Complaint against Town Clerk
39	01/06/2009	Harland & Co	Wood Sherwood	Buck Inn Yard
40	02/06/2009	Wood Sherwood	Town Clerk	Covering letter re above
41	04/06/2009	Town Clerk	Wood Sherwood	Approval of draft letters to Harland & C Burges Salmon
42	04/06/2009	Wood Sherwood	Town Clerk	Buck Inn Yard
43	06/06/2009	Town Clerk	Howard Hawley	Council Meeting 10.06.2009