

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Cooper (Chairman), Blake-James, Bryon, Elliott, Held, Marron, Perry, Shepherd, Sykes and Scaife.

Before the council meeting the Rev. David Johnson led the council in prayers.

In attendance: One member of the public and one member of the press, James Duffy from the Arts Centre and Mrs Knill (note taker).

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Wilkinson (ill) Cllr Dexter (work commitments). Cllr West sent apologies on behalf of all three Ward Councillors.
2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.
3. Consider the Arts Centre Managers report: As Janet Farmer was on holiday James Duffy presented the report. James expanded on the submitted report by saying that should the option to go digital be taken up there would be opportunities to show numerous live events, for example sporting, live theatre and live music events, but they were still awaiting the results of funding grants. James said their business plan would be ready within the next few weeks.
4. To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 11th August 2010 Cllr Shepherd proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. 2nd Cllr Perry and agreed.
5. To report any matters arising. Cllr Perry said that although he had initially been pessimistic about the arrangements for the French twinning visit he thought it had gone very well thanks to the hard work by Cllr Blake-James and the Clerk. Cllr Perry suggested that the work load for any future visits should be spread between more people and not be left to the Clerk. Cllr Blake-James gave a real vote of appreciation for Richard Wood for the immense amount of work he had undertaken. She said that a link had been sent to the article in the local French newspaper.
Cllr Bryon asked if there had been any further developments regarding the letter sent to the Chief Executive. Cllr Cooper said that he had sent a further letter following their acknowledgement asking that if their investigations ran over the proposed opening date of 29 September could the opening be postponed.
6. Receive a verbal report from our district councillors: Cllr West had sent a message to say that ERYC were extending the gritting of the footpaths but she was not sure about the roads. There would be no further funding for street lights after this year. The proposed roundabout was discussed and Cllr Petrie reported that there was a lot of frustration about the delay but there should be a meeting this week. Cllr Shepherd asked why Ward Councillors had not been able to attend. Cllr West's message said that she was working at the Arts Centre, Cllr Lane was

working late and she didn't know about Cllr Mole. Cllr Perry expressed his disappointment at their non attendance.

7. To receive the financial statement of

(a) Pocklington Town Council and authorise payments: Cllr Scaife proposed the below payments be authorised. 2nd Cllr Bryon and agreed.

DD		Visual Security Systems	CCTV	76.38
		Glenfield Gardens	Churchyard	
SO		Systems	maintenance	127.40
			Cemetery	
DD		J R Turnbull	maintenance	600.12
2389		Cllr Blake-James	Twinning - Garden Party	140.00
BP		HMRC	Tax & NIC	2153.85
BP		R Wood	August Salary	
BP		J Farmer	August Salary	
BP		E Moore	August Salary	
BP		S Knill	August Salary	
BP		A Woodcock	August Salary	
BP		Wood Sherwood	Lease 20 Market Place	411.25
BP	4207	G T Graphics	Twinning posters	51.70
BP	4207	Fresh Food Deli	Twinning gifts	89.70
BP	4037	Travis Perkins	Paint	40.68
BP	4023	Big Sign Company	Mayors Board	29.37
BP	4207	Yorkshire Air Museum	Twinning Visit	255.90
BP	4008	AMT	Seminar (Cllr Marron)	15.00
BP	4207	Local History Group	Twinning gifts	42.00
BP	4056	Chris Clubley	20 Market Place	387.75
BP	4037	K J Falkingham	Woodstain etc	23.32
			Service and minor	
BP	4036	Neville Tucker	repairs	741.91
BP	4023	TLC Business Supplies	Files, diary etc	17.31
				£8950.15

(b) Consider the bank statements and agree payments for Pocklington Arts Centre. Cllr Scaife proposed the below payments be authorised. 2nd Cllr Bryon and agreed. There was one amendment to the payment to Cambridge City Council as the VAT had not been shown on the list.

			Leaflet distribution	
105064		PPAC	+advert	65.00
105065		Kate Burgess	Cake logos	17.00
105066		Petty cash	Petty cash	350.00
105067		Mountain Man	Support act	100.00
105068		Petty cash	Petty cash	300.00
105069		CEA	Digital Cinema Course	58.75
105070		C&N Wines	Bar Supplies	49.71
			Anniversary	
105071		Kate Burgess	Celebrations	8.80
105072		WC Forth	Stationery	89.41
105073		Petty Cash	Cash	300.00
BACS		Northwolds	Printing	1378.00
BACS		Hulleys	Ice-cream	85.23
BACS		YVS Wholesale	Sweets	237.24
BACS		Cambridge City Council	Advertising	293.75

BACS	JSS Audio	PA Hire	352.50
BACS	DFP	Subscription	270.00
BACS	POS Yorkshire	Film Transport	155.10
BACS	GT Graphics	Printing	582.63
BACS	Eric Lee	Electrical	11.48
BACS	Primary Talent	Fee	600.00
BACS	James Duffy	August Salary	
BACS	Frank Argyle	August Salary	
BACS	Richard Garnon	August Salary	
BACS	Nigel Rudsdale	August Salary	
BACS	Tom Stalker	August Salary	
BACS	Tom Morris	August Salary	
BACS	Ross Jennings	August Salary	
BACS	Hayley French	August Salary	
BACS	HMRC	Tax & NIC	576.69
			£7960.55

8. To agree the list of burials and memorials: Cllr Scaife proposed the burial of Peter John Higginson, the burial of ashes of Dawn Heather Gatenby and the Memorial for Timothy Reginald Sawyer be approved. 2nd Cllr Held and agreed. Cllr Elliott referred to the memorial for Ian Mullarky which was discussed at the previous meeting. Cllr Shepherd advised him that following that meeting it was found that the stone had already been erected. Cllr Blake-James said that this was unacceptable and following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Shepherd that the Clerk be asked to follow this up and report back to the next full council meeting. 2nd Cllr Blake-James.

9. Consider the Chairman's Award for outstanding long term achievement within the community, as first proposed in the Mayor's speech at Mayor Making: Cllr Cooper suggested that one award a year be given each year to recognise exceptional voluntary work for the benefit of the town. He suggested a board in the courtroom similar to that for the Mayors. There was further discussion but it was decided to look at the matter in more detail at the next meeting.

10. Consider asking the Friends of the Arts Centre if they wish to send or present a monthly review/report or their work/needs/aspirations/problems which will give direct access to the town council: Cllr Cooper reported that following a conversation with the chairperson of the Friends he realised that they had no direct line of communication with the council and suggested that they be invited to attend future meetings to raise any issues they may have. Cllr Perry thought this a good idea as it would give the council the opportunity to thank the volunteers for their invaluable work. Cllr Petrie said that the constitution does not give the Friends the right to address the council but that this should come through the Management Committee. However, times have moved on he didn't see any problem with the Friends being given this opportunity to address the council if they so wished. It was agreed that, as a matter of courtesy, a letter should be sent to Janet Farmer informing her of this.

11. Correspondence – see per list

1. This letter to be passed to Geoff Sheasby, the Town Cryer.

3. Following a discussion about the safety of the crossing on The Balk it was proposed by Cllr Marron that the shrub should be moved back 2' but that no further action should be taken regarding the WI flowerbed. 2nd Cllr Perry and agreed by a majority vote.

Cllr Scaife agreed to have a look at the Boundary Review.

15. There is to be a mini photographic competition in the town. It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

16. Cllr Elliott explained that this hedge had caused a big problem for several years. As it was an ongoing problem it was agreed that ERYC Highways Department should be contacted with a view to taking enforcement action. Cllr Cooper said there was a similar problem on the junction of Barmby Road with Sherbuttgate Road South.

Cllr Marron showed interest in the bulletin from HWRCC regarding a website set up to advertise village halls and would look into it further.

12. Town Clerks report

The Clerk was on holiday and had not left a report. Mrs Knill said that everything was in hand in his absence.

13. To receive and agree committee minutes

Planning 25.08.10 - Cllr Marron said that his apologies had not been recorded. Cllr Elliott confirmed that he was no longer on the Planning Committee. Cllr Petrie said that some items on the Planning Agendas needed looking at more closely with possible site visits. Number 9 was such a case and further information had now been received giving rise to objections. It was agreed that a letter should be send amending our comments given at the meeting. Cllr Held then proposed that the minutes be accepted. 2nd Cllr Blake-James and agreed.

Planning 01.09.10 – Proposed Cllr Held. 2nd Cllr Shepherd and agreed.

Development and Marketing 25.08.10 – Cllr Scaife said that his apologies had not been recorded. Cllr Shepherd proposed that the minutes be accepted. 2nd Cllr Blake-James and agreed

Cllr Marron asked what progress had been made regarding the quest to become a quality council. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to ensure that the three priority items be put on all subsequent agenda for full council meetings so that progress can be monitored.

Cllr Marron asked about the outcome of item 4 regarding the revisions of the website following the demise of Promote Pocklington. A report is to be presented at the next meeting.

Cllr Cooper said that he had been making enquiries regarding the Civic Service next year. He was looking at 3rd April and he had made enquiries at The Feathers about holding the reception there as an alternative option to the Arts Centre. They had quoted £400 for a buffet. Cllr Shepherd asked about the bar costs. At this point Cllr Petrie declared an interest, there was no further discussion and no decision was made.

14. Consider any future actions to be taken in relation to any meetings of outside bodies: Cllr Marron stated that Promote Pocklington was no longer an outside body.

Cllr Sykes, on behalf of the Crime Prevention Panel, reported that there had been an unusual spate of burglaries in the area.

Cllr Blake-James referred to the Pilgrimage of Grace for which John Brown was hoping to get a considerable amount of funding. It had been agreed that the council would be responsible for any funds received. Cllr Blake-James said that John Brown had asked her to chair the group if the funding was forthcoming.

Cllr Cooper reported that apart from the twinning weekend, presenting trophies at the Working Mens Club and attending Driffield Civic Service he had had a very quite month but he was expecting this month to be a lot busier.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed as a true record of the meetingTown Mayor

CORRESPONDENCE

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| 1 | Chairman of ERYC | Thanks to Town Cryer |
| 2 | ERYC | Review of Statement of Licensing Policy |
| 3 | G F Gilks | The Balk Pedestrian Crossing |
| 4 | St Martins Church, Yapham | Thanks for use of shop |
| 5 | ERYC | Acknowledgement of letter to Nigel Pearson |
| 6 | Powell & Young | Lease of Primrose Wood |
| 7 | ERNLLCA | Boundary Review Guidance |
| 8 | Hilston & Tunstall Residents Assoc | Wind Farm Appeal |
| 9 | Wood Sherwood | 20 Market Place Lease |
| 10 | James Duffy | The Low Anthem YEP Review |
| 11 | James Duffy | Updates & HMP Full Sutton Exhibition |
| 12 | Roger Bruton | Copy of letter to Pock Post |
| 13 | Roger Bruton | Email re above letter |
| 14 | Humberside Police | Burglary Alert |
| 15 | ERYC | Photography Competition |
| 16 | Jonathan Apaloo | Overgrown hedge at 33 Garths End |

MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

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| 1 | Town Mayor of Snaith & Cowick | Snaith & Cowick has Talent 16/10/2010 |
| 2 | Reveal ER & Hull Open Studios | Exhibition Sept/Oct 2010 |
| 3 | Technology Training & Information Day | Hull 20 September 2010 |
| 4 | Walkers are Welcome | Conference 23/24 October 2010 |
| 5 | Action for Market Towns | Convention 12/13 October 2010 |

BULLETINS AND NEWSLETTERS

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| 1 | ERVAS | Newsletter |
| 2 | Humberside Police | Parish/Town News Release |
| 3 | HWRCC | Rural Community Building Website |
| 4 | British Gas | A better service for you |
| 5 | 102 Squadron | Newsletter |
| 6 | Walkers are Welcome | Newsletter |
| 7 | Festive Lighting | Festive News |