

ELLOUGHTON-CUM-BROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2012 AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE
60 WELTON ROAD, BROUGH**

Public Forum – Eliot Cattaneo attended the meeting to speak on item 8

Present: Councillors Davis, Mrs. Duckles, T. Galbraith (Chairman), Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Gill and Ms Rowe (Vice-Chairman)

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence received.

2. TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST AND REMIND MEMBERS THAT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS MUST BE MADE AND RECORDED IN THE MINUTES EVEN IF AN INTEREST HAS ALREADY BEEN DECLARED IN THE REGISTER

No declarations of interest received

3. TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2012

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Councillor Ms. Rowe and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2012 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Items 8, 9 and 10 were brought forward for discussion.

4. MATTERS RELATING TO ELLOUGHTON-CUM-BROUGH IN BLOOM

Councillor Mrs. Gill gave an update for Brough in Bloom. They are currently awaiting to hear from ERYC with regard to a license for the Statue. The previous fundraising idea to sell environmentally friendly bags with the B in B logo has now been abandoned as it proved not to be financially viable; instead they are to hold a series of quiz nights.

5. MATTERS RELATING TO FOOTPATHS

Councillor Galbraith reported that concern had been raised at the state of the footpath from Welton Low Road to the Oval. On inspection he felt it was littered in parts due to fallen leaves but will monitor the situation.

6. MATTERS RELATING TO PLAY AREAS

No matters arising.

7. MATTERS RELATING TO STREET FURNITURE

No matters arising.

8. MATTERS RELATING TO OPEN SPACES

8.1 Grassing land to front of Half Moon – work is to commence shortly.

8.2 Tree Planting Scheme Elloughton/Brough

Mr. Cattaneo spoke to members with suggestions of tree planting to enhance the parish. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Cattaneo be the tree advisor and request that he carry out a survey with recommendations and report back to the next Village Environment Meeting. It was also agreed that a sum of money be set aside each year for tree planting and to spend £200 out of this year's budget for planting this winter.

Signed as a True and Accurate Record by the Chairman Date

Mr. Cattaneo would be able to undertake re-turfing the front of the War Memorial and it was agreed to carry this work out annually prior to spring judging.

Concern was raised at the disease currently devastating Ash and Horse Chestnut Trees. Councillor Mrs. Gill proposed and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Tree Officer requesting him to inspect the Ash Tree on the Green and Horse Chestnut trees at the Red Hawke and also ask for tree donations for the planting scheme.

8.3 Coronation Copse

Awaiting meeting with ERYC.

8.4 Consideration of snow plough

Councillor Galbraith spoke on the possible purchase of a snow plough. He had sight of one purchased by South Cave Parish Council. Discussion followed and it was felt after taking into consideration storage implications, maintenance, insurance and running costs, it was agreed not to go ahead with the idea.

9. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT BUDGETS 2012/13 – Noted

10. PRECEPT RECOMMENDATIONS

It was agreed that the precept request for the Village Environment Budget for 2013/2014 be set at £14,000.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 12 December 2012