

**ELLOUGHTON-CUM-BROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2015
AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, 60 WELTON ROAD, BROUGH**

Present: Councillors Duckles, Mrs. Duckles, Galbraith (Chair), Mrs. Galbraith, Luckraft, Ms. Rowe (Vice-Chairman) and Scaife

Public Forum: No members of the public attended

1. TO DECIDE ON THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Duckles, seconded by Councillor Scaife and agreed unanimously that Councillor Galbraith be Chairman of this Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Galbraith seconded by Councillor Galbraith and agreed unanimously that Councillor Ms Rowe be Vice-Chairman of this Committee.

2. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Credland.

3. TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations received.

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2015

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Duckles seconded by Councillor Mrs. Galbraith and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 April 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. TO DECIDE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE FRONT GARDEN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2015

Following discussion, it was decided that nominations be submitted to the office by Friday 19th June. Final judging will take place on Thursday 9th July at 10.00 am. Maps were circulated to members and the judging of each area is as follows:

Area 1 Councillor Galbraith
Area 2 Councillor Mrs. Galbraith
Area 3 Councillor Ms. Rowe/Councillor Luckraft
Area 4 Councillors Mr. & Mrs. Duckles
Area 5 Councillor Scaife

6. TO DECIDE ON MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS

Following an enquiry about allotments in Brough it was noted that Councillor Galbraith is still actively pursuing land for allotments on the Brough South development on behalf of the Town Council.

7. TO DECIDE ON MATTERS RELATING TO PLAY AREAS

7.1 To consider an email from resident regarding Elloughton Road Play Park

Following an incident in the play park concerning 9 to 11 year old children shaking fizzy drink bottles and exploding them. The Police have been notified requesting that the PCSO's check the park whilst on patrol.

Signed as a True and Accurate Record by the Chairman Date

8. TO DECIDE ON MATTERS RELATING TO STREET FURNITURE

8.1 To consider maintenance work to seats

A request has been received to consider replacing the (well used) concrete seat painted green on the corner of Freeman Avenue. Discussion took place and it was felt that the remaining 9 concrete seats could do to be replaced at some stage also, as all are deteriorating.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Rowe, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Galbraith and agreed unanimously that the seat at the corner of Freeman Avenue be replaced by the Town Council and that an article be placed in the Petuaria Press asking if any local businesses/organisations/Lifestyle team or individual would like to sponsor a seat – interested parties to contact the Town Council Office. Councillor Galbraith is to raise this at the next Petuaria Town Forum also.

It was also agreed unanimously that Dave Warcup be approached to look after 4 recently treated seats.

9. TO DECIDE ON MATTERS RELATING TO FOOTPATHS

9.1 To consider a matter relating to Footpath No. 4

Footpath 4, Welton Low Road to the Oval – it was reported by a member of the public that a drain pipe appeared in fencing which was dripping in dry conditions. ERYC have been informed and are to investigate. Councillor Galbraith reported that the pipe has now been removed.

10. TO DECIDE ON MATTERS RELATING TO OPEN SPACES

10.1 To consider Boundary hedging at the Village Hall

A neighbouring resident to the Village Hall expressed concern at the state of the boundary hedging which has quite a few gaps due to children building dens.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Galbraith, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Duckles and agreed unanimously that the Town Council purchase Holly & Hawthorn shrubs to fill the gaps.

10.2 To note repairs to fencing along Lowerdale

Fencing at Lowerdale has been fixed by Alan Coultish.

10.3 To consider grass cutting at Elloughton Crossroads

It was reported that Brough in Bloom no longer wish to cut the grass at Elloughton Crossroads. It was agreed unanimously to ask ERYC to include this open space in their grass cutting programme.

10.4 To consider the maintenance of village name-sign planters

It was reported that Elloughton/Brough in Bloom no longer wish to tend to the Village name-sign planters. It was agreed unanimously that the Town Council look to sponsorship of the planters, details to be printed in the Petuaria Press. Councillor Galbraith will also raise the issue at the next Petuaria Town forum.

11. TO NOTE THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT BUDGETS FOR 2015/16 – Noted

12. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 12 August 2015