

ELLOUGHTON-CUM-BROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Village Environment Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 8 August 2012 at the Town Council Office, 60 Welton Road, Brough**

Public Forum – none present

Present: Councillors Galbraith T (Chairman), Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Gill and Ms Rowe (Vice-Chairman) Mrs. J. Smith (Town Clerk)

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Credland, Davis and Mrs. Duckles

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 – none

3. TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2012

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Councillor Ms. Rowe and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2012 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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

Councillor Mrs. Gill gave an update on the recent Brough in Bloom Summer judging which was very encouraging. The results will be announced at the Award Ceremony to be held in York on the 18th September.

Issues relating to fundraising and donations were discussed and a request to place plants at Coronation Copse had been considered. Trees on the Copse are in need of attention and a site visit is to be arranged with ERYC.

5. MATTERS RELATING TO FOOTPATHS – Nothing to report.

6. MATTERS RELATING TO PLAY AREAS

6.1 The Burrs – Nothing to report.

6.2 Elloughton Road Play Area

Playground inspections took place on 16th July and the report was noted by Members.

The gate into the park had once again been vandalised and the locking mechanism had been removed. A replacement lock would cost in excess of £477.00. As this had been previously vandalised, consideration was given to replacing the full gate with a more robust model. Councillors T. Galbraith, Mrs. Galbraith and Ms. Rowe visited other parks accommodating these gates to check out durability. On inspection it was felt that a more substantial gate with a hidden mechanism would be more suitable.

Signed as a True and Accurate Record by the Chairman Date

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Councillor Ms. Rowe and agreed unanimously to replace the existing gate at a cost of £1,200.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Galbraith and agreed unanimously to approach the Atkinson Foundation for a contribution and to place CCTV signs around the park.

7. **MATTERS RELATING TO STREET FURNITURE**

Councillor Mrs. Gill reported that a seat at the open space at the Half Moon was in need of some attention, the Clerk will investigate the matter.

8. **FRONT GARDEN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2012**

The 2012 theme was based on the Jubilee Celebrations and Judges were looking for a red, white and blue theme. This was reflected in the winning garden at 88 Beech Road and the winners; Kate Knowles and Steve Page will be presented with the Shield. Last years' winners are to receive a glass paperweight.

9. **MATTERS RELATING TO OPEN SPACES**

It was mentioned that grass cutting by ERYC had been poor this year possibly due to the very wet summer.

10. **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT BUDGETS 2012/13** – Noted.

11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 19 September 2012