

**ELLOUGHTON-CUM-BROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2013 AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE
60 WELTON ROAD, BROUGH**

Public Forum – No members of the public attended the meeting

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

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Duckles and Scaife

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest received

3. TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

It was proposed by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Galbraith and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2013 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. ELLOUGHTON-CUM-BROUGH IN BLOOM

Councillor T. Galbraith reported that Elloughton-cum-Brough in Bloom had been disappointed at not achieving gold in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition, despite all the hard work undertaken prior to the judging. It was undecided whether they will enter again. In the meantime they have invited the head groundsman at ERYC to the next meeting for advice.

5. MATTERS RELATING TO FOOTPATHS

5.1 Dog Fouling – Peggy Farrow Lane

Correspondence had been received from a resident complaining about the amount of dog mess along Peggy Farrow Lane, however Councillor Davis had recently walked the path and found it not to be too bad.

Complaints had also been received about dog mess along Main Street and Elloughton Road. A resident had taken stencils and spray paint also stickers which have been placed on bins within the vicinity.

This matter was also highlighted to Justine who has posted it onto the Petuaria Press Facebook page.

6. MATTERS RELATING TO PLAY AREAS

6.1 Trees/CCTV

It had been reported that tree branches were obscuring the CCTV cameras and a quote for £50 had been received to cut back around the cameras.

It was agreed unanimously to go ahead with the quote.

7. MATTERS RELATING TO STREET FURNITURE

The glass in the notice board on Centurion Way had once again become clouded. The matter is to be investigated with a view to possibly replacing the glass.

8. MATTERS RELATING TO OPEN SPACES

8.1 Petition – Coronation Copse

A petition had been received requesting that Coronation Copse either be cut down or cut right back for pedestrian and traffic safety.

Signed as a True and Accurate Record by the Chairman Date

It was noted that the majority of the petitioners did not live within the immediate vicinity of the copse and some did not live in Brough or Elloughton.

Nigel Robson (ERYC Highways and tree Manager) visited the site and found that the trees did not encroach onto the footpath or highway and there was no obstructions to pedestrian or highway sight lines. Therefore he felt there is no reason to fell or prune the trees or to remove any of the growth from around the lower trunks as it is part of the feature of these types of trees. He noted that the trees are not too big for their location and form a valuable part of the street scene.

Although there is no danger to pedestrians, he suggested that three pieces of deadwood might be removed from inside the copse and arrangements have been made for this to be undertaken.

Councillor Galbraith also inspected the site and reported there is good clearance between the trees and houses.

It was felt that Coronation Copse forms an important part to the street scene and it was agreed to follow the advice of the tree officer.

9. PRECEPT 2014

Following discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the precept be increased by £2,000 to £16,000.

10. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT BUDGETS FOR 2013/14

The budget report was noted.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 11 December 2013