

BADGER HILL RESIDENTS COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Heslington Church on Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Jon Edison (Chairman), Alan Richards (Secretary), Catherine Odell (Treasurer), Emily Scott, Andrew Mortimer, Glen Robinson, Cllr. Michael Pavlovic, Cllr Anna Baxter and 17 Residents.
Facebook attendees: 6 residents

New Committee member: Alan Walkington

Apologies: Neil Houwam, Cllr John Moroney, Malcolm Pepper

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone.
2. The minutes of the meeting held in June 2023 were summarised, taken as read and adopted.
3. The Chairman summarised the last year's work - speed up opposition to planning applications, joining the Hull Road planning group, offering input to Residents' Parking negotiations, research into legal changes concerning Planning permission (including the Persimmon development), web site updates.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Catherine Odell reported on the financial position of the Group. An Annual Receipts and Payments Account had been produced that had been examined independently and a copy was to be made available online for inspection by residents.

Our income has fallen due to lockdown.

The current balance (1/10/2024) £751.36

Thank you for the donations at the meeting which brought us £10

5. The Secretary explained how difficulties contacting CYC staff had delayed progress with Permitted Development concerns. Our petition to table our concerns at a Council Exec meeting (350 signatures), got lost at one stage but will go to an Exec meeting alongside Local Plan issues.

We have increased our usage of Freedom of Information requests, other CYC Digital Forms, Social Media (FB and ND). Our website now has a 'page' offering tips on how to contact CYC about key issues (eg rubbish over the road and gardens, noisy neighbors, overgrown hedges). We asked Residents to raise the issue and copy us in for support

6. **Committee Election:** everyone expressed their willingness to remain in office for a further year. Catherine Odell would like to relinquish the Treasurer's role; Malcolm Pepper offered to take on this role. Therefore, following a proposal by the Chairman, it was agreed that the current Committee members should be re-elected and two new members, Alan Walkington, and Malcolm Pepper elected.
7. **Councillors' Issues:** Michael Pavlovic explained the work he had done with CYC and York University on Residents' parking. Negotiations have gone on quietly because of the University's financial situation and because their legal obligation to pay is now finished. We have another year of Res Parking free, under the old contract terms. Attending Residents strongly approved this move.

Cllr Pavlovic is already negotiating the next traffic contract, which we will have to vote on. We may be offered more free years or maybe a sliding scale of subsidy reducing to zero over several years. The Committee expressed a wish to be more involved as they see it as far more than a financial issue. Cllr Pavlovic suggested a meeting with Traffic Officers. We expect the new Council to maintain the safety improvements made, to revisit the issue of paper parking tickets vs. a digital system and to review parking near schools.

Most Residents feel local roads are a lot safer and more accessible. but some do not see why they and family should pay to park outside their own homes. Everyone was concerned to hear there may be another increase in household bills on the horizon.

8. Environment

Trees and bulbs planted over the year are now established. All costs are covered by Charities involved in maintaining them.

The Eastfield Crescent ambulance has gone! Cllr Pavlovic illustrated the extreme amount of work involved - covering six years - to satisfy legal issues and confirmation of ownership. CYC still need to resolve the future of the property and the land - possible infestation).

Cllr Pavlovic is now on CYC's Exec Committee, responsible for Planning and Housing. Some of our concerns on the Persimmon development were upheld, but many Residents are concerned about the traffic increase from Kimberlow Rise to Field Lane. Work may start in earnest in the Spring.

There is talk of a further housing development on the Hull Road. This has not yet found its way into the Planning system.

The Councillors have overseen tidying of overgrown hedges . The Committee will review how they support this.

The Field Lane resurfacing happened at short notice. So far it seems to have been successful.

The Council will be tackling Hull Road potholes "soon"

Changes to Planning law and objections to building need to be more "evidence based". This makes our case against Permitted Development more difficult. We were warned such legal changes can see years of review

9. Miscellaneous

The Benefits Bus helped residents obtain £16,000 extra in total this year

We discussed a couple of potential disputes and the different roles the Police, Councillors, Council Officers and the Residents Group Committee can take. Do contact the body you feel most appropriate for your problem early on in proceedings

10. Questions: were taken through the meeting, which concluded at 21:02. Several people said they thought the debate was constructive.

11. Refreshments.

For Your Reference:

Councillors' details: <https://democracy.york.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

Committee's email: <mailto:badgerhill.rcgroup@gmail.com>

Reporting noise: <https://www.york.gov.uk/PartyNoise>

They will involve the Universities if its a student issue

Reporting dangerous parking to CYC: 0800 138 1119

our website address: <https://www.badgerhill.org.uk>

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