

## **BADGER HILL RESIDENTS COMMUNITY GROUP**

### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Heslington Church on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Jon Edison (Chairman), Alan Richards (Secretary), Catherine Odell (Treasurer), Emily Scott, Donna Gallagher, Andrew Mortimer, Cllr. Michael Pavlovic, Cllr Anna Baxter and 22 Residents.  
Facebook attendees: 10 residents

New Committee member: Glen Robinson

Apologies: Priscilla Parkin, John Nixon, Cllr. Sophie Kelly

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first in person meeting for three years.
2. The minutes of the meeting held in May 2022 were summarised, taken as read and adopted.
3. The Chairman summarised the last year's work - speed up opposition to planning applications, tree planting, support of Residents' Parking initiatives across this side of York, research into legal changes concerning Planning permission, web site moved to better provider. He mentioned we are also available to help with issues concerning: noise, rubbish, untidy neighbours, litter picking.
4. The Secretary explained how difficulties contacting CYC staff had delayed progress with Permitted Development concerns. However the use of a petition to table our concerns at a Council Exec meeting had seen an excellent response from residents (350 signatures) , increased Councillor support and got the petition to an Exec meeting.

We have increased our usage of Freedom of Information requests, other CYC Digital Forms, Social Media O(FB and ND) . We are revamping our website and plan to introduce a 'page' offering tips on how to contact CYC about key issues (eg rubbish over the road and gardens, noisy neighbors, overgrown hedges)

**It would help us provide a better service through the year if you sent us your email address so we can send more regular news. Please message the mail id at the bottom of this document if you have not previously done so**

5. **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:

Closing balance (31/12/22)            £906.91  
the Closing balance (31/12/2021)   £917.08  
***The current balance (1/7/2023)   £793.53***

we currently owe £55

Thank you for the donations at the meeting which brought us £43

6. **Constitutional changes:**  
The Chairman proposed changes to point 6, the Committee structure which were approved by the meeting: instead of appointing one member from each area of Badger Hill we can appoint up to 5 additional members
7. **Committee Election:** everyone expressed their willingness to remain in office for a further year. Catherine Odell would like to relinquish the Treasurer's role; please contact the Chairman if you would like to take this on. Therefore, following a proposal by the Chairman, it was agreed that the current Committee members should be re-elected and one new member elected who was previously co-opted to work on Permitted Development (see above).
8. **Councillors' Issues:** Michael Pavlovic explained the work he had done with CYC and York University on Residents' parking from 2019. Progress had been painfully slow until Charley Jeffrey became University VC. The scheme was implemented late September in Badger Hill, Windmill Lane and Newland Park Drive but some signage was delayed. We cannot assess how often the

Council's Traffic Enforcement team is on site. Most people feel local roads are a lot safer and more accessible. Some do not see why they and family should pay to park outside their own homes. Cllr Pavlovic is already negotiating the next traffic contract, which we will have to vote on. We may be offered one more free year then a sliding scale of subsidy reducing to zero over five years. We expect the new Council will revisit the issue of paper parking tickets vs. a digital system.

We have improved our system for reviewing planning applications. However, the law is changing and we are finding work happening / being approved without review (often referred to as 'permitted development'). We have set up a Group to review the situation. We co-opted John Nixon, Andrew Mortimer and Glen Robinson onto the group as they have varying levels of experience in this area. They have produced substantial reports for CYC's Director of Place. We followed this with a 350 signature Petition which went to a CYC Executive Committee meeting. Our proposals will be included in a Subsidiary Planning Document (SPD) and we will work hard to have them implemented. Our Councillors will support us. We do not know what the timescales are.

Cllr Pavlovic is now on CYC's Exec Committee, responsible for Planning and Housing. He will continue to work on an official register for HMOs which will benefit from our own new local register. A resident identified a house on Crossways which may be unregistered and the Secretary has reported this. We were advised to report any other concerns about housing standards to the Group and/or CYC. Research by the Committee has led to rejection of three Planning requests over the last year.

The Councillors have overseen tidying of overgrown hedges with the introduction of an annual maintenance routine and the removal of the ambulance on Eastfield Avenue (awaiting last bit of legal work).

There is talk of a large housing development on the Hull Road opposite B & Q. This has not yet found its way into the Planning system.

*9. University Developments: the University has not responded to our request for information*

*10. Questions: were taken through the meeting, which concluded at 21:02. Several people said they were pleased we had met in person and that the debate was lively and constructive.*

11. Refreshments.

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### **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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