

Minutes of **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **13th February 2012** in Messingham Methodist Chapel commencing at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole, J R Walker, J England, T Foster, Mrs B Todd, J McKellar Main, M Proctor, W Elsome, Mrs J Briggs, J Mountain, M Caley & P Wright and the Clerk.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Methodist Chapel stewards for allowing the use of the room free of charge. It was noted that this is the first time in history that the parish council has used the chapel for a meeting.

173. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors G Day, Mrs G Sherwood and R Nixon

174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

175. POLICE MATTERS

- a) Crime statistics received from PC Teale and circulated to all members prior to the meeting.
- b) Reported that there has been a spate of youths knocking on windows in Hall Rise – it was noted that the police have been informed.

176. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 9th January 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. They were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

177. MATTERS ARISING

a) Min 156c Food Outlet Fat Traps

Response received from Environmental Health to advise that visits will be made to all food establishments in the near future.

b) Min 157 Grit Spreading Equipment

The Clerk provided a selection of equipment and prices but it was agreed not to obtain a grit spreader at this time.

178. MINUTES OF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 16th January 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. They were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising

- a) **Min 159 North Lindsey College** - representatives of the college together with members of the School committee and John Kidner of NLC attended a site meeting at the School to discuss the potential of the building for college use. It was noted that the college are willing to consider various options for its use and have devised a consultation questionnaire for inclusion in the village magazine to determine the type of courses needed. It was agreed that the questionnaire could be delivered to every household by volunteers to capture a wider view.
- b) **Min 161c North Lincolnshire Council** - no response to date. Councillor England suggested that an NLC officer could be made available to assist with the project. It was agreed that running costs and refurbishment costs are needed before a development plan can be formulated.
- c) **Public Meeting** - agreed to be arranged to enlist public support and volunteers to move the project forward. It was suggested using the village magazine, the Scunthorpe Telegraph and the Parish Council website to advertise it. Clerk to determine a date for the meeting with the Village Hall committee.

179. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE 16th January 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. They were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- a) **Min 165a Linc Fest on Tour** – No information received from Mr Bale to date. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Immingham Town Council who had advised that they had had no involvement with the 2011 event. It was agreed that the event would have no significant benefit for the village and it was agreed not to host the event.
- b) **Min 165b Diamond Jubilee Tree Planting** – Due to snow and icy conditions on 11th February it was agreed to re-arrange the planting for Sunday 26th February at 10.am. Councillor Walker produced a suggested plan for the planting which was agreed.
- c) **Min 166 Floodlights** - It was noted that the installation has been completed but that the new pole is 2m lower than the existing ones. The Clerk reported that Lytec had made the height of the pole clear to Councillor Caley but the fact of the difference between the new and the existing had not been made clear. Councillor Caley had agreed to investigate the cost of an extension to the pole. He also advised that the reflectors in each light are to be replaced free of charge in an effort to improve the quality of the light.
- d) **Min 169a Holme Meadow Sign** - The Clerk reported that she had not obtained a quote to date but that it is in hand.
- e) **Min 169b Playing Field** – Councillor Elsome reported that the width of the access road into the playing field has been reduced by 3ft with the erection of a boundary wall to the new property being built. NLC have been informed by Councillor Elsome but it was agreed that the Parish Council should also write to NLC Planning to ensure that the access is maintained at the correct width. It was noted that the Playing Field Chairman, Richard Nixon, has resigned due to work commitments.

180. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE 23rd January 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

181. ACCOUNTS**a) Passed For Payment:**

1. Mrs J Walker – Clerk's Salary & allowance – cheque 1 st March	£904.83
2. Mrs K Hall – play area attendant salary	107.25
3. E G East – handyman	78.14
4. D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5. Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	250.00
6. British Hardwood Tree Nursery – canes & guards	38.40
7. J G Green & Son – Christmas tree	60.00
8. HWRCC – membership subscription	25.00
9. CPRE – membership subscription	29.00
10. Lytec Limited – floodlight installation	1956.00
11. BT – telephone/broadband account	109.94 direct debit

182. PLANNING**a) Full Permission Granted by NLC:**

2011/1346 North Lincolnshire Homes, 1, 2, & 17 Middleton Close – dropped kerbs/hardstanding area.

b) Planning Applications before NLC:

2012/0102 Whitehead, 55 Butterwick Road – amend siting of dwelling to form 4th bedroom in lieu of integral garage plus minor plan layout arrangements. Re-submission 2011/1059. NO OBJECTION

183. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NLC Localism Act 2011 – summary of proposals re. Standards/Ethical Governance & Predetermination. Councillor Poole reported that a new Standards Committee is to be formulated by NLC with a view to it being adopted by town and parish councils. It was noted that crimes would be reported directly to the Police and not the standards committee. It was further noted that the pre-determination of planning is to be relaxed to enable a planning committee member to give advice without prejudice. Also noted that the register of interests will remain.
- b) SYMES BAINS BROOMER – Advice that Mr Price requires a further clause, to ensure a 50% share in any profit from development of the land, in the transfer deed re. land off Kealholme Road. Agreed to accept the clause.
- c) VILLAGE HALL – notification of Diamond Jubilee celebration event on 4th June. Agreed to make a donation of £100 from the Chairman's Allowance.
- d) SUNBEAMS PRESCHOOL – Thanks for precept grant.
- e) MESSINGHAM PLAYING FIELD – Thanks for precept grant
- f) BRIGG SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE – Poster and information re. Brigg Mobility Scheme. Agreed to put on notice board and in village magazine.
- g) ERNLLCA – Notification of rules relating to prayers at a parish council meeting. It was noted that prayers are permitted before the commencement of the meeting.

184. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS

- a) BLOCKED DRAINS – Recent issue to the rear of Hers n Sirs hairdressers on High Street. Noted that Severn Trent Water had attended.
- b) FLOWER LORRY – Noted that the lorry parks in the bus stop lay-by every Tuesday for 30-45 minutes and that vision is blocked for vehicles leaving Cross Tree Road. Agreed to write to PC Gardener with a copy to NLC. It was suggested that the lorry could use the Green Tree car park.
- c) GRIT BOX – Noted that dog owners are depositing bags of dog waste in the grit boxes.
- d) OPEN SPACE KEALHOLME ROAD – Request received from members of the public for a litter bin and a dog waste bin to be installed. Agreed to make enquiries.

185. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) CHRISTMAS TREE – it was noted that the quality of the Christmas tree provided by Greens at a cost of £60 was poor. Councillor Walker suggested the permanent planting of a fir tree at the Memorial instead. It was agreed to get a price including delivery and planting from Crowders of Horncastle.
- b) TRANSFORMER – Councillor Walker reported that the parish council are in possession of two transformers which are not used and suggested that one of them be sold. Agreed to advertise for sale on the notice board and the village magazine.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.