

**MINUTES OF THE HOGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

**Present: Cllrs E Graham (Chairman) M Banks, P Smith, H Newcombe, A Newcombe and B Hornby**  
**Also Present: Dist Cllrs Paul Hibbert-Greaves and Mel Turton-Leivers plus 1 member of the public.**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Comments and questions from the public were as follows:-

- The playpark would appear to be unkempt again. The clerk explained that there was no-one responsible for it as the Charity's trustees had apparently resigned (although they were still named as trustees on the Charity Commission site) and the committee was now disbanded. Although the playpark was not the responsibility of the Parish Council, in an effort to get volunteers to run it, a flier had been circulated to 300 houses and only one person had replied. Unfortunately, she was not present. There was nothing the Parish Council could do unless someone came forward to run the charity. The member of the public said she would have a look into the Charity Commission web site and make a complaint to them. She would let the clerk know any outcome.
- Another member of the public (who only attended to make the comment) noted that a hole had appeared in the old churchyard which would appear to be a family grave. He was informed that the clerk is taking this up with Father Terry Bardell to see what should be done. The churchyard will be watched for any sign of vandalism or anti-social behaviour.

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllrs M Culley, L Wildman and Dist Cllr Colin Davie

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**3. APPROVAL OF NOTES OF MEETING**

It was unanimously resolved that the notes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk's report, having previously been distributed was discussed:

1. The flier distribution asking for help had brought only one reply.
2. Playpark – No trustees or committee – see public forum. The clerk also noted that the school had asked if the trees overhanging the school property could be cut back. They had been informed that we were at 'stale mate' with the responsible people for the charity but would try and make enquiries.
3. ELDC had asked for further information for payment to be made against the 106 agreement for the heritage project. Clerk would supply this.
4. The diocese had been sent information for the faculty application. It was mooted that the cemetery wall could be demolished altogether so that there would be no future problem. Clerk to add this idea to the proposal to the diocese.
5. Waste emptying at the church – Chairman had made contact with waste disposal contractors and the only viable supplier is Sid Dennis who would provide one bin to be placed at the church gate, for emptying on a two-weekly basis for a cost of approx. £250 per annum. This was unanimously agreed and the Chairman would give them the go-ahead immediately. The current waste disposal area would be demolished. Clerk to provide a notice to inform cemetery visitors of change.
6. Parking for hearse at the church. Mr Balderston had provided a sketch and plan of the proposed vehicle entrance and hard standing. This could now be submitted to Planning for their advice. The question still remained of where the funds would come from and also what paths might be required from the parking area to the church entrance. Clerk to talk to Mr Balderston.
7. Out of a meeting with memorial people, it was discovered that the toppled grave stone in the cemetery could only be moved by lifting gear. Cllr Banks would see if the owners could be contacted.
8. Waste bin at corner of Langham Lane – Cllr Culley not present to report.
- 9/10 No further communication from Highways regarding yellow lines or Langham Lane sign
- 11 Taken up with grasscutting contractor the concern about waste grass on gravestones. There is little he can do about this as he can only cut with a strimmer and blow it away where possible..

12 ELDC had stated that no breach of planning had taken place with regard to the Thames Cottage Restaurant. Cllr Banks asked for the planning application number in order to check that the footings have been dug in accordance with the plans. Clerk to email all councillors with number S/084/02160/13.

13 A complaint has been registered with New Links housing about the untidiness of 5 & 8 Thames Street.

14 Complaint of overgrown trees on A52 will be dealt with by Highways.

15 First payment of precept (£5435) and VAT repayment of £967 has been banked.

16 Electors Rights notice will be removed during the next week – no enquiries have been received.

17 Large hole which has appeared in the old churchyard. Clerk to speak with Father Terry about this.

## **5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES & OTHER MEETINGS**

Cllr Graham reported that the allotment event had been very successful with many visitors.

Dist Cllr Hibbert-Greaves reported on 41 Mill Lane that Planning Enforcement did not believe there was any case to answer. However, this was not considered a satisfactory answer for the disruption and danger which was being caused and he would be taking this further.

He also made note of the extension of Little Haven caravan park (application 084/00375/1) which would entail putting in a passing place on Wigg Lane and increase traffic through Hogsthorpe village which was not considered acceptable. Clerk would write to Planning objecting to the application.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence of note.

## **7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) The accounts for the first quarter to 30<sup>th</sup> June showing a balance of £36,418 which included £7470 reserves, having previously been circulated, was unanimously approved.

(b) Payment of accounts was approved for £485.70 to R Aldrich for grasscutting, £94.23 to the clerk for extra hours for second quarter, and £62.53 for clerk's expenses.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATION**

Planning query for Thames Cottage Restaurant – see item 4.12.

## **9. HIGHWAYS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

a) Waste bins - covered under item 4.8.

b) Untidy properties – covered under item 4.13

c) Overgrown trees on A52 – see item 4.14

## **10. CEMETERY MATTERS**

a) Waste management - see item 4.5.

b) Churchyard wall – see item 4.4

c) Hearse parking bay – see item 4.6

## **11. HOGSTHORPE HERITAGE PROJECT**

Covered under item 4.3

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Hogsthorpe Village Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 6.45 p.m.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Smith asked that the council look into setting up an emergency response team. It was agreed to purchase the Anderby booklet at a cost of £6 which would be given to Cllr Smith.

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.