

MINUTES OF THE HOGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2016

Present: Councillors M Culley, M Banks, P Smith, E Graham

Also present: Dist Cllr Mel Turton-Leivers and 2 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

Comments and questions from the public were as follows:-

- A member of the public handed to the Clerk microfiches for Lincolnshire owners of land 1873. She offered to loan the display machine as and when the council needed it. It was suggested that this could be shown at an event when plans were in place for the Heritage project.
- Help was needed to erect the Christmas tree and lights switch on.
- A dog bin was requested for the corner of Langham Lane as bags were being put in the hedge. Clerk to make enquiries and report back at the January meeting.
- The hole cover on Maiden Lane (Anglian Water) was broken. Clerk to report.
- Despite reporting to Highways, many lights in the village were now out. Cllr Culley will make a list and a complaint put in to LCC.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hazel Newcombe had written to resign as Chairman due to other pressing commitments. She wished to remain a Councillor. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Cllr Eric Graham would take the position of Chairman for this and all subsequent meetings.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Hazel Newcombe and Al Newcombe.

3. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

- One application had been received for one of the two vacancies from Mr Les Wildman. Mr Wildman was invited to present his background information to the councillors. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr Wildman's application be accepted and he was duly invited to take a seat on the council. He was given the Pecuniary Interest form to complete which together with his Acceptance of Office would be returned at the January 2017 meeting.
- It was agreed that should no-one apply for the other vacancy before the January meeting, a flier would be circulated to every householder.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

5. APPROVAL OF NOTES OF MEETING

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the notes of the Meeting of 5th October 2016 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

- The clerk noted that the highways issues of yellow lines, the sign on Langham Lane and the street lights are still outstanding. These matters had been taken up by County Cllr Colin Davie but nothing had yet been done. *See also note under public forum re lights.*
- The wreaths from British Legion had been ordered and laid by Cllr Culley.
- All other matters were on the agenda.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES & OTHER MEETINGS

- No report from the District Councillor
- Cllr Banks reported that the Village Hall Committee meeting had been cancelled.

- Cllr Banks also reported that the Charities Farm barn conversion was now complete and the four bedroom farmhouse would shortly be ready for letting. Lettings had been put in the hands of Wilsons Estate Agents.
- Cllr Smith had attended two training programmes, one on Charity Commission and one on Emergency Plans. The Clerk suggested that Emergency Plans be put on the next agenda with the possibility of inviting (AVERT) Anderby Volunteer Emergency Response Team to a subsequent meeting.
- The Clerk noted that she had attended a Funding Marketplace event and now had various information on sources of funding.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Ingoldmells Parish Council re Outdoor Bowling Club Green being available
- Letter from East Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau – donation decision at January meeting
- ELDC letter re proposal by BT to remove payphones – Hogsthorpe not on the list

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Payment was authorised for £20 to E Graham for weed killer, B Culley for Xmas tree, £100 to British Legion Poppy Appeal, £525.00 to RDR Timber for new notice board, and £312.85 to R Aldrich for grass cutting and hedge trimming.

10. PLANNING APPLICATION

- Full Planning Permission had been given for N/84/01609/16 Extension to Willow Farm, Listoft Lane
- Full Planning Permission had been given for N/84/01627/16 chimney alteration, 39 South End.
- After consideration it was agreed to object to the Planning Application Nos N/125/01840/16 and N/125/01825/16 for winter storage of 20 touring caravans and siting of 9 (previously 10) touring caravan pitches on the grounds that the entrance was on a blind bend onto the A52 and the visual impact in open countryside.

11. ELDC LOCAL PLAN

Letter from ELDC had been received concerning the consultation on the Local Plan Publication Version and inviting formal representations on the legal compliance and soundness of the documents. The Clerk would check whether this was to state the case again for Hogsthorpe or whether it was to make comments on the legal compliance. The period of consultation was 30th November to 25th January.

12. HIGHWAYS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- After discussion on whether a litter picker should be employed by the Parish Council in answer to complaints, it was agreed that an advert be placed on the notice board for a volunteer litter picker at no cost to the electorate.
- It was unanimously agreed to accept the proposal from Robert Aldrich to continue his current contract for the same price as this year of £1700. With regard to cutting of the entrance to the allotments, the cost by R Aldrich was quoted at between £120 and £204 dependant on the number of cuts. Cllr Graham proposed that the allotment holders be allowed to continue to cut the grass as and when required using their own equipment for a charge of £100 per annum. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to accept this proposal.
- Methodist Church – the rubbish piled up at this property was slowly being moved. Cllr Culley to monitor the situation.
- Commemorative plaque for the notice board – the Clerk to write the wording and email to all councillors for approval and comments. The plaque could then be ordered and a ceremony arranged.

13. INNOLOGY RENEWABLES (RWE) TRITON KNOLL PLANS

At a meeting in Anderby, IR had presented their plans for the cable route across country coming in at Anderby Creek. The route will be coming across the back of Hogsthorpe and would cross the A52 between Helsey Corner and Hogsthorpe.

14. CEMETERY

- (a) Bin emptying – Cllr Graham noted that he had cleared away the rubbish on the last two occasions. A new rota was required. It was agreed to purchase two dustbins with lids so that the bins did not fill with rain – Cllr Graham to purchase.
- (b) Cemetery work – Cllr Graham had sprayed the weeds in the cemetery and this should be sufficient until the spring..
- (c) S.Betteridge had been instructed to go ahead with the wall repair and was due to start on 4th January. However the Clerk had now been informed by the church that a faculty would be required which could take months to obtain. She therefore suggested that the money set aside be used to put in one of the paths and the work on the wall commenced if and when the faculty was granted. An application would be submitted to the Diocese.

15. HOGSTHORPE HERITAGE PROJECT

The clerk had met with some of the elders of the village who between them had a wealth of knowledge of the history of the village. Although most of the points of interest were now gone, there were various innovations which could be adopted to make the village of interest to visitors. Before going further, however, she would need help in putting this together. It was agreed to leave this over until the January meeting to discuss further.

16. MEETING DATES FOR 2017

The meeting dates as previously circulated of one each month with the exception of August and December on the first Wednesday of the month were agreed.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held at Hogsthorpe Village Hall on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 6.45 p.m.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm