

**MINUTES OF THE HOGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2017**

Present: Councillors E Graham (Chairman) M Culley, M Banks, P Smith, H Newcombe, A Newcombe, and L Wildman

The Chairman welcomed the councillors present and wished them a Happy New Year.

PUBLIC FORUM

Comments and questions were as follows:-

- No 5 Thames Street is extremely untidy with garden full of rubbish. Clerk to report to ELDC.
- The church had put the Christmas tree lights on a time switch to save money but the outside lights had been left on. It was agreed that the council will look into purchasing LED lights and new method of connection for next year.
- Speeding through the village was a problem – discuss at next meeting.

1. APOLOGIES - None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF NOTES OF MEETING

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the notes of the Meeting of 30th November 2016 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

- Dog Bin – still to investigate
- Maiden Lane broken hole cover – still to report
- Lighting – see item 10(a)
- ELDC Local Plan – see item 9
- Notice for volunteer litter picker not posted – see item 10(b)
- Commemorative plaque – see item 10(e)
- Dustbins with lids had been purchased and put in place – clerk to label up
- Cemetery is looking much tidier – thanks to Cllr Graham for weed spraying
- Cemetery work on wall – see item 11(b)
- Letter to Diocese asking for faculty not yet done due to Christmas period

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES & OTHER MEETINGS

- No other meetings attended.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from East Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau received in November – it was again agreed not to support ELCAB.
- LALC News – Cllr Les Wildman agreed to Councillor training day – clerk to book on soonest available.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) The financial statement, having been previously circulated, was unanimously agreed.
- (b) The draft budget, having previously been circulated, was unanimously accepted with the exception that the precept request would be held at the same level as previous year at £10,871. After discussion, it was agreed that a handyman should not be re-appointed, there was no need for further reserves for cemetery maintenance as adequate funds were already held, there should be no need for further reserves against the Heritage project in this year and no capital expenditure could be identified.
- (c) Payment was authorised for £29.46 to E Graham for purchase of dustbins, £83.55 to K Hayes for clerk expenses, £32 to Village Hall for hire of room, and £101 to LALC for training and annual training fee.

8. PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Planning Application Nos N/125/01840/16 and N/125/01825/16 and N/125/01826/16 for winter storage of 20 touring caravans, siting of 9 touring caravan pitches and continuing of portable WC/shower unit had all been Refused planning permission.

9. ELDC LOCAL PLAN

The clerk confirmed that the consultation process reported at the last meeting was for a legal or soundness challenge only and not for reiterating what had already been noted. The ELDC council consideration notes were circulated and it was noted that the Parish Council's submission had been given no weight and the decision to build 89 houses still stood as the points allocation system still considered Hogsthorpe to be a medium village. It was agreed that this could not be challenged legally and that each application for houses would be commented on when presented. The clerk also noted that the allocation at site HOG309 for reduced capacity to 9 units had been given planning permission on the 10th June 2016. Clerk to check that this is for the industrial units and not houses.

10. HIGHWAYS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) All lights out (from list of 18 lights out provided by Cllr Cullen) have been reported to Highways
- b) After discussion on whether a litter picker should be employed by the Parish Council in the coming year it was unanimously agreed that this was not the Parish Council's responsibility but was the duty of ELDC. The clerk was instructed to contact ELDC for a litter picking blitz and street clean.
- c) Commemorative plaque for notice board – clerk still to circulate the wording and email to all councillors for approval and comments. The plaque could then be ordered and a ceremony arranged. It was also noted that the glass needed cleaning on the notice board – clerk to undertake.
- d) Cllr Cullen reported that there was again a pothole outside the Saracens Head on Thames Street. Clerk to report to Highways.

11. CEMETERY

- (a) Bin emptying – New dustbins now in place. Cllr Banks did not believe that the system of separating out the green waste was working as she had found household waste in the bin. It was agreed to monitor this situation.
- (b) Cemetery repair work - S.Betteridge had been informed that the work on the wall could not go ahead until a faculty had been obtained. She had suggested starting work on the path but had not yet had a reply.

12. HOGSTHORPE HERITAGE PROJECT

It was agreed that in the first instance quotes would be obtained for the work already identified (signing, heritage board and ditch filling) so that these could be sent to ELDC to draw down the current 106 agreement funds.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held at Hogsthorpe Village Hall on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 6.45 p.m.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm