

**MINUTES OF THE HOGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2018**

Present: Cllrs L Wildman (Chairman) M Culley, M.Banks, P Smith, B Hornby, S Kijek, E Carter, S Day
Also Present: County Cllr Colin Davie, Dist Cllr Mel Turton-Leivers and 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

- The Church Warden informed the council that a quote had been received from the Architect for over £1200. As previously agreed, it was confirmed that the council would give £500 towards this.
- A member of the public brought the council's attention to the dilapidated state of the fence by the old Bakehouse at the beginning of Mill Lane. Cllr Culley would look into this.

1. APOLOGIES – Dist Cllr Paul Hibbert-Greaves

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

3. APPROVAL OF NOTES OF MEETING

It was unanimously resolved that the notes of the Meeting of 6th December 2017 and 3d January 2018 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

- Hearse entrance at the Church – see public forum
- The caravan at 35 Mill Lane had been removed.
- Some, but not all, residents had received the mailing from Triton Knoll after the clerk had asked for the whole mailing to be re-sent.
- One member of the public reported that she had completed the survey on street lighting.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES & OTHER MEETING

County Cllr Colin Davie reported that:

- LCC are proposing a 4.9% increase in council tax, 3% of which is for adult social care.
- The government have provided an extra £2M for pothole problems and from this it is intended that two new machines will be purchased for East Lindsey to do a proper job.
- The Chief Executive has resigned and they are recruiting at the moment.
- It was agreed that the ambulance service is 'on its knees' and a satisfactory service is not being provided
- LCC take over the Chapel Point development at the beginning of April and expect it to be open towards the end of April. After this opening, it is intended to start moving on the Coastal Country Park project taking in Anderby towards Sutton-on-Sea.
- Coastal Highways are considering By-passes for Lincoln, Horncastle and Wragby to make easier access from the midlands to the coast. There is to be a consultation later in the year.

Dist Cllr Mel Turton-Leivers spoke on the Little Haven caravan site application which has now gone to appeal. He is hoping to get an update after the Planning meeting this next week.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine given to Cllr Carter if anyone else wants to read it.
- The clerk noted the salient points from a letter from the Leader of LCC regarding fairer funding. The full consultation can be found on www.gov.uk/government/consultation/fair-funding-review-a-review-of-relative-needs-and-resources

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Financial Statement showing a balance of £34,216 which included £5169 on reserves for churchyard and election costs was unanimously approved.

(b) It was agreed that PKF Littlejohn LLP as per notification from SAAA (Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments) be appointed as Auditors.

- (c) It was agreed that the LALC Training subscription of £85 for the year be taken out once more.
- (d) Payment of accounts was approved for £85 to LALC for training subscription, £40 for training session of 5 councillors, £325 to Robert Aldrich for work in the churchyard and £2177.76 for clerk's annual salary.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Full Planning permission had been granted with restrictions for holiday cottage at Hill View Lakes. The clerk noted the main restrictions.
- b) Full Planning permission had been granted for extension of property at Westfields, Helsey
- c) The objection reply to planning application for conversion and alterations to existing barn at Bellvue, Main Road had been circulated. Objections mainly on the ground that alterations were for a holiday cottage and not for residential all year round occupancy.
- d) Little Haven Caravan site – see report from Dist Cllr Turton-Leivers under item 5.
- e) The owner of Ivy Lodge had informed the council that she had applied for a continuous use certificate for her caravan site. No consultee document had yet been received from Planning and the PC would respond when that is forwarded. See also item 11(d) for problems with entrance lane.

9. HOGSTHORPE HERITAGE PROJECT

Cllr Carter reported that

- a) The footpath clearance had not yet been started due to adverse weather conditions.
- b) She had obtained three quotes for the kissing gate. It was agreed to go ahead with the quote from RDR for £650 including VAT.
- c) The quotes for the history garden were expensive as they had to be Highways recommended contractors. Only two out of five had been received and it was agreed that the quote from Steve Betteridge of £7550 + VAT be accepted.
- d) Village sign quotes were still being considered – this was put on the back-burner for the time being as the 106 agreement money would all be needed for the work above.
- e) No other suggestions for further work at this time.

10. NATURAL ENGLAND'S COASTAL ACCESS REPORT

Email from Natural England, Coastal Access Delivery Team – East was noted stating that a coastal access report to the Secretary of State for Environment had been submitted. The proposal was that the public will be able to exercise rights of access for open-air recreation on foot along the English coastal route. The report relates to the coast between Sutton Bridge and Skegness and as such was of little interest to Hogsthorpe. A copy of the report can be seen at Skegness Library or comments made on the web site www.gov.uk/government/publications/englan-coast-path-from-sutton-bridge-to-skegness-comment-on-proposals

11. HIGHWAYS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Speed monitoring – Reply from the Road Safety Partnership from survey carried out on Thames Road near Thames Meadow Drive had recorded an average speed of 27 mph. The survey did show some evidence of vehicles exceeding the speed limit that would have made drivers liable to police action/prosecution but the majority were within the speed limit. As such the results of the survey together with the collision data showed that the requirement for either fixed or mobile speed camera enforcement was not met. It was agreed that the only way to stop the one or two speeding individuals was to take a note of time, place and registration number and report it to police. Lots of the activity took place late at night. Community hand held speed cameras were not yet available but may be considered when they were.
- b) Dog fouling and bins discussion – The Chairman had put round many notices and this had had some effect. Whenever he saw owners not picking up, he reminded them of their legal duty. He urged all councillors to do the same. Cllr Day did not believe there were enough bins but it was pointed out that dog waste could now be put in any waste bin.
- c) Parked vehicles on Thames Close cul-de-sac was causing a problem to the owner of the bungalow opposite. However, it was agreed that this was not an issue which the PC could resolve and the clerk would advise her to get in touch with Waterloo Housing and/or Highways.

- d) Parking of vehicles in Bracken Lane. This issue is still not resolved. There is an ongoing case by Planning Enforcement to repossess the whole site and evict the person living unlawfully in the barn who is the owner of the vehicles.
- e) Report from lead Cllr Culley concerning current Highways issues in Langham Lane, Thames Crescent, Thames Street gullies, Sloothby Road and an overhanging tree near the school. All these items would be reported to Highways by the Clerk.

12. CHURCH AND CEMETERY MATTERS

The Chairman reported on his ongoing work at the church. He is working closely with the church warden and permission has been given for the work being done. The bushes from around the church are being cleared and a foot wide pea gravel put down all around the church. The trees at the front of the church have been topped and he has permission to kill off the ivy. A quote for cutting down a tree in the neighbouring land has come in at £325 which will be considered at the next meeting. Quotes from two tree surgeons are awaited for two trees in the new cemetery to be felled. The church are very appreciative of the work which he and Cllr Carter are doing.

13. PLAYPARK

- a) The clerk reported that the Charity Commission site had now been updated with the PC as trustees and the contact as herself, thus all correspondence should now be sent to the Clerk.
- b) The new mandate had been sent in with changed signatories. On checking, the clerk had discovered that there had been a letter returned to the bank and the account was blocked. A further letter was signed by the Chairman and Clerk stipulating the change of contact details and asking for back-dated statements from beginning of April 2015 so that accounts could be produced.
- c) Locks were being changed and keys to the entrance gate, changing rooms and 'dumping' section behind the changing rooms. Payment for this would be made from the Playing Field account when it was functioning. A set of keys was given to Cllr Kijec who could now look at the computer and CCTV operation.
- d) It was agreed that a meeting be held at the playpark with the clerk and all councillors except Cllr Banks and Hornby at 11.30 on Sunday the 25th February to put together a schedule of maintenance work which is required.
- e) Cllr Kijec had nothing further to report.
- f) An annual inspection was due by a qualified safety inspector and a weekly inspection sheet was produced for Cllr Kijec in order to meet health & safety requirements. Clerk to look into appropriate inspectors.

14. NEWSLETTER

Cllr Day has produced a template for a parish newsletter. This was thought to be very appropriate and he would now require information for the 1st publication. Costs would initially be paid by the PC but it is hoped that advertising would meet the monthly cost – to be discussed at the next meeting in March.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Hogsthorpe Village Hall at 6.45 p.m. on Wednesday 7th March 2018

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman brought up an issue with an allotment holder who was refusing to pay the £10 per annum maintenance supplement on top of the £25 rent. To be put on next agenda for discussion and resolution. Cllr Carter also had a query about keeping ducks on the allotment. It was thought that the environment for ducks was not right and permission would not be given.

Meeting was closed at 8.50 p.m.