

NOTES

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Hemingby Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 17th March 2016
Village Hall Hemingby at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs D Rodwell (Chair), C Bryant, B Roles, J Harrison, A Kemp and W Grover

In Attendance: Mrs A Bushell (Parish Clerk), 7 members of the public, and County Cllr W Aron

1. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

All members were present.

Apologies were received from ELD Cllr Andrews, and County Cllr Aron would be arriving late as he had another meeting to attend.

3. Declaration of Member's interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and requests from members for a dispensation on any items on the agenda

Cllr Kemp declared an interest in the planning application for his property which was listed under Correspondence Received.

There were no other disclosable pecuniary interests declared in matters on the agenda, which had not already been declared to the Monitoring Officer at ELDC.

4. To receive an update on the Horncastle flood alleviation scheme

Steve Hamer from VBA had been unable to attend the meeting and had apologised for the lack of contact, but not a lot had been happening locally and he was busy up North assisting with the flooding issues.

The Clerk read out an update from Mr Hamer which would be circulated to councillors.

5. Notes of the meeting held on 21st January to be approved as the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Roles and unanimously RESOLVED to accept the notes as a true record of the meetings. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6. Report of the Clerk and Councillors on matters outstanding.

Speed Signs: The 30mph passive speed signs had been received and had been put up around the village. The guidance from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership for putting up the signs was passed to Cllr Kemp.

Defibrillator: A grant for £300 had been received from ELD Cllr Andrews which stated that the project had to be completed by 31st August. The Clerk raised concern with this and was assured that it would not be a problem as other funding had been pledged, so it should be possible to raise the funds required.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors and the Police

PCSO Mohammed gave his report during the public forum.

ELD Cllr Andrews was not in attendance.

LC Cllr Aron would be arriving later in the meeting and would be asked to give his report then.

8. To receive reports from the Village Hall and Play Area Committees

Play Area Committee: The biggest pub quiz world record attempt had taken place and raised £250 for the Committee which was unexpected. Sales of tickets for the fashion show were low and the Committee was currently trying to sort out the grass cutting because the person who had previously done it had moved out of the village. Cllr Bryant reported that everything was looking o.k.

Village Hall Committee: The last Lincolnshire Rural Touring Theatre production had been very enjoyable. Cllr Rodwell gave details of future events which would also be advertised in the next issue of the Parish magazine, and he commented that it had been a successful year for the Village Hall Committee and their funds were looking healthy. Two new microwaves had been purchased with a grant from District Cllr Andrews.

9. To consider and respond to planning application S/082/00324/16 – Land adjacent to churchyard, Change Lane

It was proposed by Cllr Roles, seconded by Cllr Harrison and unanimously RESOLVED to strongly support the application for change of use to land to provide an extension to the existing churchyard, demolition of existing Sunday school and relocation of existing metal railings and gate.

10. To discuss whether there are any plans in the village to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday

The meeting was informed that Diane Stephenson was considering organising an event for the weekend of 11-12th June and although the Parish Council would not be organising an event, councillors were happy to assist with this event.

11. To receive an update on the adoption of the BT phone kiosk

The consultation period was still ongoing for the adoption of the kiosk. The Parish Council had received information about a discounted defibrillator unit available from the East Midlands Ambulance Service, and the Chairman had contacted Simon Topham to ask his advice on purchasing this unit. The Chairman had also contacted 'Community Heartbeat' which was a charity which offered funding to refurbish phone kiosks to house defibrillators. A contractor had been asked to look at the hinges on the kiosk, but all in all things were heading in the right direction.

12. To consider what action the Parish Council can take regarding the state of the turning circle at the end of 'New End'

Cllr Roles reported that he had looked on his deeds which allowed right of way to his property, but didn't state who the land belonged to. It was agreed that a land registry search needed to be done to establish ownership. It was suggested that the neighbouring properties should get together and fill in the holes, and it was confirmed that this had been done in the past. Cllr Bryant agreed to look into the matter and report back at the next meeting where the matter would be considered again.

13. Correspondence

a. To consider items of correspondence received since last meeting

The Council noted the following items of correspondence which had been received since the last meeting and were available to read on request:

1. ELDC letter confirming the date for the new Area Forum meeting – Monday 18th April at The Stanhope Hall – 7pm until 9pm
2. Lloyds Bank changes to the terms of our bank account
3. ELDC Planning Application for The Haven, New End (*circulated to councillors, all in support*)
4. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine – March issue
5. LALC News (*e-mailed to councillors*)
6. The Monitoring Officer at ELDC had organised two more sessions on Councillor Code of Conduct and DPI training. The dates are: Thursday 14th April – 10am until 12.30pm, and Thursday 14th April 6pm until 8.30pm. If you haven't yet attended and wish to do so (it is recommended that all councillors attend this training), then please contact the Clerk so a place can be reserved for you. A reminder that the evening of 14th April is the Annual Parish Meeting.
7. Tower Mint Ltd – Sample of HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative medal which are for sale
8. East Midland Ambulance Service – Defibrillator special offer
9. LCC Highways – Notification of a road closure at New End (works in vicinity of Kalinda) from 18th – 22nd April. (*e-mailed to councillors*)
10. Minister Parish Council encouraging councillors and residents to sign a petition to give Parish Councils a right to appeal planning decisions
11. Came and Company insurance advice for organising events to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday
12. Notification that LCC had removed the grant that it paid to Parish Councils to maintain parish footpaths

b. To resolve whether to enter the Best Kept Village 2016 competition at a cost of £15

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED not to enter the competition.

c. To decide whether the Parish Council will be represented at the East Lindsey Area Forum on Monday 18th April

The Chairman stated that he would be willing to attend, and the Clerk said that she would go too. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would represent the Parish Council at the Area Forum on 18th April.

d. To consider whether to support the principles of the newly formed East Lindsey Area of Sanctuary; and to resolve whether to write a letter of support to Lincolnshire County Council

Information had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting regarding the newly formed East Lindsey Area of Sanctuary, and members discussed the request for the Parish Council to support the principles of the organisation and write a letter of support to LCC.

Members agreed that this was an emotive matter and they needed to be careful not to impose any obligations onto the village.

It was proposed by Cllr Rodwell, seconded by Cllr Harrison to write a letter to support the principles of the organisation in a carefully written letter to be sent to the County Council.

A counter proposal was made by Cllr Bryant to ask the village residents their opinion on this matter through an article in the next issue of the Parish magazine, and to defer a decision until the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Aron arrived at 8.30pm and was asked if he had anything further to add, and he reported that LCC was waiting to ensure that they would receive Government funding.

Cllr Roles seconded the proposal made by Cllr Bryant, and Cllr Rodwell withdrew his original proposal. It was RESOLVED by 4 votes to put an article in the parish magazine to get the opinion from residents before the Parish Council made its decision. The matter would be discussed again at May's meeting.

e. To consider how the village will be affected by the road closure at 'New End'

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had spoken with the Project Technician from Western Power Distribution who had confirmed that the road would be accessible most of the time. Letters have been sent to residents who will be affected by the closure and contact details have been provided should any resident have an issue or require assistance and this number would be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

The Chairman invited Cllr Aron to give his report.

14. Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Aron spoke about the announcement made the previous day about the devolution of power from Government to Greater Lincolnshire.

He informed the meeting that the LCC budget was being re-looked at and the decision to make cuts to the bus service had been repealed, but contractors had increased their prices which meant that keeping the full budget amount would result in a reduction in bus services.

Cllr Aron was asked about the work scheduled for Green Lane and he was informed that the road would benefit from a survey being carried out to it.

15. Audit

a. To consider whether to opt out of the Sector Led Body Audit Procurement

It was proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Grover and unanimously RESOLVED not to opt out of the Sector Led Audit Procurement.

Cllr Kemp left the meeting at 8.48pm and did not return.

b. To resolve to apply for funding to enable the Parish Council to comply with Transparency Code for smaller authorities

It was proposed by Cllr Rodwell, seconded by Cllr Harrison and unanimously RESOLVED to apply for funding towards a new printer/scanner.

c. To appoint an internal auditor for Financial Year ending 31 March 2016

It was agreed to ask Mr Phillips from School House, Main Road if he would carry out the role of Internal Auditor again this year. It was RESOLVED that if Mr Phillips agreed then he would be appointed as the internal auditor for Financial Year ending 31st March 2016.

16. Financial Matters

a. To resolve to pay the Clerk's wages for the period of 1st December 2015 to 31st March 2016

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to pay the Clerk's wages of £350.

b. To resolve to pay Page Paper the sum of £16.25 for stationery purchased

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c. To resolve to pay the Clerk the sum of £3.07 for expenses incurred

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to pay the Clerk's expenses of £3.07.

d. To receive a financial report

The Council received a financial report and a bank reconciliation which was checked and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk ran through the financial report and answered questions.

17. To review the Parish Council's risk assessment

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to approve the risk assessment.

18. To resolve to co-opt a new councillor to fill the vacancy

The Chairman informed the meeting that there had been no interested parties come forward as yet, but the Council would continue to advertise the vacancy.

19. To confirm arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April

It had been suggested that the guest speaker could be an Emergency Planning Officer to speak about Community Emergency plans. It was agreed to invite an Emergency Planning Officer to give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April.

20. Items for the next Agenda

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 19th May and the following items would be on the agenda:

- Flood alleviation scheme update
- Update on the adoption of the BT kiosk
- To approve the asset register and year end accounts
- Decision regarding the East Lindsey Area of Sanctuary
- New End turning circle

The Chairman declared the meeting closed 9.00pm

Notes from the Public Forum (7.30pm – 7.45pm)

The annual auction of the herbage of parish lanes took place for 2016/17.

These lanes are let to bone fide parishioners to mow or graze at their discretion and entirely at their own risk for the period to April 1st 2017.

Cllr Doug Rodwell Chair of the Parish Council presided. Payments for the previous year were collected. The following bids were accepted: -

Green Lane	Mr M Read	£90
Horncastle Lane	Mr M Read	£90
Fulletby and Crookes	Mr M Read	£45
Horsemoor Lane	Mr N Morton	£5

- Comments were made about the passive speed signs and it was questioned whether there was any noticeable change to the speed of traffic through the village since the signs had been erected. It was agreed that the locations of the signs were good and other locations were suggested. The Clerk passed the rules for the signs to Cllr Kemp who had put them up.
- Alison Fairchild spoke about the East Lindsey Area of Sanctuary and showed photos of the vigil held in Louth on 12th March.

- Colin Thornton spoke about the planning application which had been submitted to demolish the old Sunday school building and use the land to extend the burial ground. He asked the Parish Council to support the planning application because if the churchyard couldn't be extended then he didn't know where the people of Hemingby would be buried in the future. It was estimated that the new land would provide 50 years of burials, but without it the current grave yard might be full in 3 years.
- PCSO Jad Mohamed introduced himself and explained that he was new to the Horncastle Policing team. He had brought leaflets to give out regarding doorstep crime, empty homes, fraud and shed security. The leaflets would be left in the village hall for people to collect at the end of the meeting.