

NOTES

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Hemingby Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 21st January 2016
Village Hall Hemingby at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr D Rodwell (Chair), Cllr C Bryant, Cllr B Roles and Cllr A Kemp

In Attendance: Mrs A Bushell (Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public, and District Cllr D Andrews

1. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and District Cllr Andrews to the meeting. The Chairman explained that there was currently a vacancy on the Parish Council and he asked anyone who was interested in filling the position to contact him or the Clerk.

2. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

Apologies were received and reasons given were accepted from Cllr Harrison. Cllr Grover was absent.

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

All councillors present had submitted a request for a dispensation to allow them to approve the budget and set the precept because they lived within the parish. It was unanimously RESOLVED to grant the following councillors with a dispensation up to May 2019 to allow them to set the precept: Cllr Rodwell, Cllr Bryant, Cllr Roles and Cllr Kemp.

Cllr Rodwell declared an interest in agenda item 13a as the payment to be approved was to his wife.

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 because he was helping with flood assistance up North. The Clerk had tried to get a written report for the meeting but had been unsuccessful.

5. Notes of the meeting held on 19th November to be approved as the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Roles, seconded by Cllr Bryant 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.

a) Feedback on Winter Preparations

An article had gone in the last issue of the parish magazine asking for volunteers to contact Cllr Bryant if they were willing to help with snow clearance. Further volunteers came forward at the meeting and Cllr Bryant took a note of their names. Cllr Bryant informed the meeting that the village was ready for winter and all the grit bins were full.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors and the Police

The meeting was informed that apologies had been received from County Cllr Aron and PCSO Holland-Hancock. The Clerk had been told that there would definitely be a PCSO at the meeting in March.

District Cllr Andrews spoke about the ELDC budget and informed the meeting that there would be cuts, one of which would be the councillors community grant. He offered the parish £200 towards the community defibrillator and agreed to drop a grant form off with the Clerk and told her that it needed to be completed and returned by 28th February. He agreed to look at the issue of flytipping in Green Lane which had been mentioned, and he reminded residents that the green waste renewal was due.

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

Play Area Committee: Cllr Bryant spoke about the biggest pub quiz world record attempt taking place in the Coach and Horses on 7th February and he encouraged people to enter a team. The Play Area Committee was planning an event this summer to celebrate its birthday.

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rodwell gave details of the forthcoming events and reminded residents that the Village Hall AGM would take place on 25th February.

9. To receive feedback from Gary Chance on Passive Speed Signs

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Gary Chance and it was looking like the village would get 6 free signs without the need to identify a suitable post to attach them to or getting permission from LCC. This hadn't been confirmed in writing yet, but it should be by the next meeting.

10. To receive an update on the adoption of the BT phone kiosk; and to consider suggestions from residents on what the kiosk should be used for

The Clerk confirmed that BT had been contacted to request that the Parish Council adopts the phone kiosk in Hemingby, it didn't look like there would be any issues but it did have to go out for consultation which could take 90 days.

Only one suggestion had been received from residents on what the kiosk should be used for and that was to house a defibrillator.

The Parish Council had been informed that a defibrillator and cabinet would cost £1,300. Funding had been offered from the village pub and the District Councillor, but there was still a £650 shortfall which would need to be found before the equipment could be purchased. Members were reminded that there was still a balance of the Village of the Year winnings.

It was proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Roles and unanimously RESOLVED to use the kiosk once adopted to house a defibrillator.

11. 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 that the proposed arrangements for Area Forums were agreed, and they would replace the existing Area Committees. The date, times and venues of the Area Forums will be confirmed by 31st January.
2. Lincolnshire Wolds local facilities guide
3. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine (November and January issues)

4. East Lindsey Messenger Magazine
5. County News magazine
6. LALC News

12. To award the 2016 grass cutting contract for the verges and parish footpath to Andy Jackson at a total cost of £450.00

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to award the grass cutting contract for 2016 to Andy Jackson at a cost of £450.00 (£375 grass verges and £75 parish footpath).

13. Financial Matters

a. To resolve to reimburse Mrs J Rodwell the sum of £36.90 for ink for printing the parish magazine

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to reimburse Mrs J Rodwell £36.90.

b. To resolve to pay Page Paper £9.43 for paper for the parish magazine

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to pay Page Paper £9.43.

c. 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.

d. To review and adopt the budget for 2016/17

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the draft budget and set a balanced budget of £2,342. It was confirmed that the adopted budget included costs for a possible election in 2019.

e. To set the precept for 2016/17

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to set the 2016/17 at £1,762.00. This would be a 11.22% increase to residents and would work out at an additional £2.16 per year increase for Band D properties.

14. Consultations

a. ELDC consultation on the Transformation Programme, draft budget for 2016/17 and the Medium Term Financial Plan

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had attended an event held by ELDC last month about the Transformation Programme and the savings which had to be made, he explained that there was lots of information on the ELDC website. ELDC was looking to pass services to Town and Parish Council's, but there was no opportunity in Hemingby to take on any additional services.

Councillors and members of the public were informed that there was still time to respond as individuals.

b. Electoral review of Lincolnshire: Draft recommendations consultation

The number of LCC councillors was being reduced from 77 to 70, but Hemingby would remain in the same ward as before – Horncastle.

Individuals were encouraged to respond to the consultation.

15. Items for the next Agenda

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 17th March and the following items would be on the agenda:

- Flood alleviation scheme update

- Update on the adoption of the BT kiosk
- Lane Letting
- Passive speed signs update
- Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations
- The turning circle at the end of 'New End'

The Chairman declared the meeting closed 8.28pm

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

- Dr Simon Topham, Clinical Director of Lives and Mill Lane resident had made a suggestion that the BT telephone kiosk located in the centre of the village should be used to house a defibrillator. He gave a short presentation on defibrillators and answered questions from residents.
- An update was asked for on the gulleys in Green Lane. The Clerk was asked to chase up Highways
- Cllr Roles spoke about the turning circle at the end of 'New End' which was heavily potholed as it was being used more frequently used than ever before. This was an un-adopted road so the Clerk was asked to carry out some investigation to see if she could establish who owned this section of road, and Cllr Roles agreed to look at the deeds of his property.
- Cllr Bryant enquired whether there were any plans to do anything in the village to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.