

**Hemingby Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
**Village Hall Hemingby at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllr D Rodwell (Chair), Cllr C Bryant, Cllr J Harrison, Cllr B Roles, Cllr W Grover, Cllr I Robson and Cllr J Watson

**In Attendance:** Mrs. A. Bushell (Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public and County Cllr W Aron

**1. Chairman's remarks**

There were no remarks made.

**2. Apologies for absence and reasons given.**

All members were present.

County Cllr Aron had informed the Clerk that he would be running late.

**3. Declaration of Member's interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

Cllr Harrison declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 although this had already been declared to the Monitoring Officer.

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. Request from members for a dispensation on any items on the agenda**

There were no requests for a dispensation.

**5. Notes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January to be approved as the minutes.**

It was proposed by Cllr Robson, seconded by Cllr Harrison 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.**

The Clerk reported that she had passed a bank change of signatory form to Cllr Rodwell to complete and return to Lloyds Bank. The form had been filled in to add both Cllr Rodwell and the Clerk as signatories to the Parish Council bank account.

The Clerk read out a response from East Lindsey District Council regarding the post of the dog waste bin outside the village hall.

The Clerk was asked to report that a weight restriction sign was down on Fulletby Road at the Farthorpe junction.

**7. Reports from District and County Councillors**

There were no reports given due to both the District and County Councillor being absent.

*County Cllr Aron arrived late to the meeting and gave his report after agenda item 10.*

**8. Reports from the Village Hall and Play Area Committees**

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Robson gave details about forthcoming events taking place in the Village Hall.

Play Area Committee: Cllr Bryant explained that the committee had not met for a while, but the AGM would be taking place soon. Cllr Bryant informed the Parish Council that there was a shortage of committee members and people interested in becoming members, and he encouraged people to join the committee. The Parish Council was reminded that if the committee folded then the responsibility of the play area would go to the Parish Council.

**9. To receive the full speed survey results for Main Road and consider Highways response to the suggestions made by the Parish Council to improve the safety along Main Road**

The Chairman explained the history of this matter and pointed out that the speed survey revealed that more than 50% of traffic through the village was travelling above the speed limit. The meeting was reminded that Highways hadn't objected to reflectors being placed on the fence of 'Hillview', but members felt that since the fence was a meter from the road then it might make the matter worse, so it was agreed not to progress any further with this suggestion. Councillors were informed that Highways were under no commitment to do anything and it was agreed that the new White lines had improved the road and made the bend more visible. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED that there was nothing further that the Parish Council could do, but would keep monitoring the situation.

**10. Update on the Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Cllr Harrison reported that things had progressed a little bit, but there was an awful long way to go and still a lot of negotiations to be had between the Environment Agency and the land owners, because there had been a definite lack of communication by the Environment Agency with the local farmers.

*County Cllr Aron arrived at 8.00pm.*

Cllr Bryant pointed out that the Parish Council had not been informed about the scheme by the Environment Agency and it was only the goodwill of the local landowners to share information which was keeping the Parish Council updated on the matter. County Cllr Aron agreed to keep the Parish Council informed on any information that he found out and he informed the meeting that the lack of communication had been discussed at multi-agency meetings.

*The Chairman invited County Cllr Aron to give his report since he had missed agenda item 7.*

Cllr Aron encouraged a member of the Parish Council to attend the Horncastle Area Committee meeting the following week to listen to the Environment Agency presentation on the Horncastle Flood Alleviation scheme. Cllr Harrison confirmed that he would be attending. The Chairman informed County Cllr Aron that Andrew Baron from the Environment Agency would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**11. Correspondence**

**a. To consider items of correspondence received since last meeting**

Members were informed that the following items of correspondence had been received since the last meeting and were available to read on request:

1. Community Lincs letter requesting the Parish Council to sign the petition and show its support to Community Lincs regarding the withdrawal of funding for the ACRE Network
2. Confirmation that the funding to the ACRE Network has been secured

3. Invitation for the Clerk to attend an election briefing at ELDC offices during w/c 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – *Amanda was unable to attend but received information and nomination papers via the post*
4. Clerk and Councils Direct magazine
5. HMRC guidance for completing the 2014/15 payroll year end.
6. Safety Code of Practice CPE1 – Verge mowing by parishes - *Copy sent to Andy Jackson*
7. Election posters – *These had been displayed on the village notice boards.*

**12. To resolve whether to enter the Best Kept Village competition at a cost of £15.00.**

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

**13. Financial Matters**

**a. To resolve to pay the Clerk's wages for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to pay the Clerk her wages of £420.00.

**b. To resolve to pay HMRC the sum of £58.40 for PAYE**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to pay HMRC the sum of £58.40.

**c. To receive a financial report**

The Council received a financial report showing that its bank balance currently stood at £1,253.02. The Clerk confirmed that there was £195 in an earmarked reserve for the Village of the Year winnings. The Chairman signed the financial report and bank statement.

**d. To appoint an Internal Auditor for financial year ending 31 March 2015**

The Chairman had spoken to Mr Phillips and he had agreed to carry out the internal audit again this year. The Chairman explained that Mr Phillips had been the internal auditor in the past, but for the past two years, the current Clerk had carried out the internal audit to act as a training exercise for the previous Clerk.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Mr Phillips of School House, Main Road, Hemingby as the Internal Auditor for year ending 31 March 2015.

**14. To review the Parish Council's risk assessment**

The Council ran through the document and it was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to accept it as it was.

**15. To confirm arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April**

The details of the meeting would be published in the next issue of the Parish Magazine to try and encourage residents to attend. It was confirmed that Andrew Baron from the Environment Agency would be attending to give a presentation.

The Clerk explained what items there would be on the agenda and the Chairman confirmed that refreshments would be served at the meeting.

**16. Items for the next Agenda**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, this would be the Annual Parish Council meeting and the following items would be on the agenda:

- To review the Standing Orders
- To review Financial Regulations
- To review the Code of Conduct
- To approve the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

- To receive the internal auditor report
- To complete the annual return form
- Update on the flood alleviation scheme

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed 8.24pm**

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

- A resident informed the Parish Council that he didn't think that the village should enter the Best Kept Village competition and he explained why
- The Parish Council was informed that the drain outside Danesmoor, Green Lane was still full and the Clerk was asked to contact Highways again.
- The members of the public spoke about the flood protection scheme.
- The Parish Council was made aware that there had been a visit to the pumping station at 11pm one evening but nobody was sure why. It was suggested that the Parish Council should contact Anglian Water and enquire if they were still having issues with the pumping station and ask if they had been consulted by the Environment Agency on the flood alleviation scheme for Horncastle.
- Members were reminded about the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Before the meeting started the annual auction of the herbage of parish lanes took place for 2015/16.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

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