

Minutes of the **Parish Council** meeting held on Monday **14<sup>th</sup> January 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, R Nixon, J McKellar-Main, J England, G Day, Mrs J Briggs, J D Mountain & T Foster; 6 members of the public and the Clerk.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Lewis addressed the members to present facts relating to the bar opening hours of Pooley's and requested that the information be forwarded to North Lincolnshire Council. It was noted that accompanying correspondence would be dealt with in the agenda. *Councillor Poole declared his personal and prejudicial interest and left the room prior to the comments by Mr Lewis.*

Mr Rands commented on trees overhanging from a property on Wendover Road and complained that the overhang of approx. 20ft is considered dangerous. It was noted that accompanying correspondence would be dealt with in the agenda.

Mr Radford commented on the continued problem of dog fouling. It was noted that accompanying correspondence would be dealt with in the agenda.

#### **126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors M Caley, P Wright, M Proctor and Mrs G Sherwood

#### **127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) N Poole – Min 119a. Personal and prejudicial as the owner of the business
- b) Mrs B Todd – Min 119a – Personal as patron of the business
- c) J England – Min 119a – personal as patron of the business
- d) Mrs J Briggs – Min 119a – personal as patron of the business

#### **128. POLICE MATTERS**

December and January issues of the Neighbourhood Policing newsletter were received and circulated to all members and the crime statistics noted.

#### **129. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. The minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **130. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **a) Min 119a Pooley's Tea Room**

*The Chairman left the room prior to discussions.*

Response received from Harry Metcalfe of Parking Enforcement to advise that PCNs could not be issued until a vehicle has been observed for a period of time and that obstructions outside No. 44 could only be dealt with at the time of the obstruction if notified by the property owner. It was agreed to refer the parking issues to the police.

Further correspondence received from Mr Lewis relating to the bar and tea room opening hours of Pooleys between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013, indicating that the tea room was open for 9 days in that period and the bar open for 34 days. It was agreed that the time taken to resolve this matter is unsatisfactory and that Mr Lewis' letter be forwarded to the Chief Executive of NLC with a request to be kept informed of the conclusions.

##### **b) Min 119c Brigg Road Speeding**

Response from Roy Hindmarsh advising that Brigg Road has now moved to No. 44 on the priority list which will now qualify for the flashing speed sign for a 3-month period together with Police enforcement. It was agreed to action the speed sign as soon as possible.

- c) **Min 119d Play Area**  
The Clerk reported that work had not started to date. Agreed to contact NLC for a start date.
- d) **Min 119e Wendover Road Pot Hole**  
It was noted that the pot hole has now been repaired satisfactorily.
- e) **Min 119i Branches rear of Nisa Store**  
It was noted that the branches have not been removed. The Clerk reported that she had not received a specific response from either of the two contacts at North Lincolnshire Homes despite reminders. Agreed to contact again.
- f) **Min 120a Holme Meadow Drainage**  
Councillor Walker reported that the drainage work had not started as the ground conditions are not suitable at the present time, but it was noted that the standing water appears to be reducing. Councillor England reported that the NLC Community Grant application had been approved for a total of £2300.
- g) **Min 121a 2013/14 Precept**  
The Clerk advised that confirmation had been received with regard to the council tax base etc. and that the precept application had now been forwarded to NLC.
- h) **Min 124e Pedestrian Crossing**  
Response received from Neil Norvock advising that all pedestrian crossings are to be reviewed but suggested that extending the zigzag lines to the Green Tree may help. It was agreed that this action would not address the problem sufficiently. Councillor England advised that the Ward Councillors are currently lobbying for a 'pelican' crossing like the one installed at Catchwater Crossroads.
- i) **Min 119h Dog Fouling**  
Correspondence received from Mr Radford advising that the problem on the West Green footpath to High Street continues and suggested that CCTV cameras be placed to observe the culprit(s). It was agreed to forward this suggestion to Safer Neighbourhoods and Neighbourhood Services. The Clerk reported that a number of residents are starting to object to the pavement graffiti surrounding areas of dog fouling.

### 131. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012

The minutes were circulated to all members prior to this meeting. Following an amendment to the wording of Min 389a to read *Mr M Walker reported that overhanging apple tree branches from Mr Tuplin's allotment have been chopped by Mr Ross's machinery*. The minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

### 132. ACCOUNTS

#### a) Passed for Payment:

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk's salary & allowance (cheque 1 <sup>st</sup> February)	£965.92
2.	Mrs K Hall – play area attendant	111.25
3.	G East – handyman	43.38
4.	D Jacklin Ltd – mole control	72.00
5.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	206.00
6.	H Simpson & Son – compost	10.00
7.	Scunthorpe Lawnmower Repairs – Strimmer and mower service	109.20
8.	W Elsome – Expenditure for churchyard drainage project	304.96
9.	H M R & C – quarterly PAYE	740.69
10.	CPRE – Membership renewal	29.00
11.	HWRCC – Voluntary Car Service donation	100.00 *
12.	Yorkshire in Bloom – entry fee	65.00

13.	Npower – Memorial electricity	53.60 d/d
14.	Npower – Holme Meadow electricity	89.19 d/d
15.	Digitch Business Equipment – photocopier copy charge	23.98

\* As agreed in the 2013/4 budget but approved for immediate payment.

### 133. PLANNING

#### a) Planning Applications before NLC

2012/1464 Bawden, 82 Kealholme Road – erect first floor extension. NO OBJECTION

*Councillor England took no part in discussion or voting on the above application.*

#### b) Planning Decisions by NLC

2012/1411 Anderson, Low Farm Cottage, Brigg Road – non material amendment to PA2009/0795 to install upvc wood effect windows instead of wood. APPROVED

### 134. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NLC
1. S Coulman re. Dog Exclusion Order 2008 review. Agreed to ask for additional sign for stock if possible.
  2. Pete Hewson re. Self Service Portal Demo for Clerks. The Clerk reported that she had attended the demo and felt that this service would make reporting faults etc more efficient.
- b) ERNLCCA
1. Newsletter – noted
  2. Neighbourhood Planning Seminar – noted
  3. Member/Officer Protocol. Agreed to include in the new Standing Orders when reviewed.
  4. Advance Chairmanship Training - noted
  5. Code of Conduct (Declarations of Interest) – noted.
- c) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – copy correspondence for information re 1) Parish Drain; 2) Middleton Close sewage problems.
- d) JULIE CHAPMAN – Holme Meadow hire enquiry for weekend dog agility show. Agreed to invite to the Leisure & Recreation committee meeting to discuss further.
- e) NORTH LINCS PCT – Introduction of Ian Reekie and request to attend PC meeting. Agreed to invite to the February meeting.
- f) MR T RANDS & MRS B DULSON – complaint re. overhanging trees on Ashlin Court footpath. Agreed to refer to all relevant departments at NLC and stress the urgency. It was also noted an overhanging tree from the same property on Wendover Road footpath.
- g) MESSINGHAM PLAYING FIELD
- 1) Request to use the handyman to cut the perimeter of the field where the regular grass cutters cannot reach. It was noted that this decision rests with the handyman but it was agreed that if he is agreeable the Parish Council will pay him and re-invoice the Playing Field. Councillor Elsome explained that the request had arisen due to the lack of volunteers.
  - 2) Request to place additional sign on the play area fence with reference to parking at rear of pavilion. Agreed.
- h) MR D RADFORD – Complaint re. lack of minutes available in Library and website in December. The Clerk confirmed that she had omitted to put the minutes in the library or the website in December but that this had been rectified and copies also emailed to Mr Radford at his request. She explained that as a general rule the minutes are placed on the website within a couple of days of them being approved and placed in the library as soon as practical given the opening hours.
- i) W ELSOME – Letter sent to the Chairman with regard to a damaged gravestone at the churchyard during the course of the drainage project. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be given the power to take action as appropriate when required.

**135. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS**

- a) **HOLME MEADOW** – Councillor Walker asked that both the landowners be urgently requested to clean their dykes on the north and east boundaries to assist the proposed drainage measures. It was agreed that the spoil from the dyke should be led away.
- b) **NORTHFIELD ROAD** – Councillor Mrs Todd reported that the verge outside no. 9 is badly damaged due to the persistent parking of a van outside the property. To be referred to Highways.
- c) **WENDOVER ROAD** – Councillor Mrs Todd reported that the grass verge at the junction with High Street is a muddy mess. It was noted that Highways had previously agreed to have this area tarmacked so it was agreed to follow this up.
- d) **TWIGMOOR SIDE ROAD** – Councillor Elsome reported a quantity of asbestos and also a large quantity of tree cuttings dumped. To be referred to Neighbourhood Services. It was noted that the asbestos had been previously reported and that a specialist company were needed to remove it.
- e) **HIGH STREET** – Councillor Foster reported that the A-Frame advertising board outside the Crown Inn is obstructing both the footpath and visibility for motorists leaving Park Street. The Clerk asked for guidance on who to report this particular issue to as she had been unable to find out.
- f) **TWIGMOOR SIDE ROAD** – Councillor Nixon reported six bags of food waste flytipped in the dyke. To be referred to Neighbourhood Services.
- g) **BRIGG ROAD** – Councillor Mountain reported that residents have complained that the dustbins are not replaced outside the right homes after emptying. To be referred to Neighbourhood Services.
- h) **BRIGG ROAD** – Councillor Mountain reported that the dyke that runs from 107 Brigg Road needs cleaning out. To be referred to the landowner, Mr Foster Thornton.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed 8.55pm