

Minutes of the **Parish Council** meeting held in the Village Hall on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009** commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, R Nixon, G Day, M Proctor, J Mckellar Main, J England, Mrs G Sherwood (part meeting – left at 8.30pm), Mrs J Briggs, J Mountain, T Foster, P Wright & M Caley, one member of the public and the Clerk.

**131. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None received

**132. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None received

**133. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) It was noted that the abandoned car on Wendover Road has now been removed by DVLA.
- b) Ridge Ward crime statistics received from PC Teal and circulated to all members. Noted.
- c) Speeding on Brigg Road reported to be continuing problem. It was agreed to refer this to Roy Hindmarsh at the Road Safety team and ask for a speed analysis to be carried out.

**134. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

The minutes were circulated to every member prior to this meeting and were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**135. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Min 113i Butterwick Road Trees**

Further correspondence received from Colin Horton and Flora Harding to clarify their initial response. It was noted that work has been carried out on the overhanging trees.

**b) Min 113j Holme Meadow Rats**

The Clerk reported that the pest controller, David Jacklin, has advised a further month of bait. This was approved.

**c) Min 113l Wendover Road Blocked Drains**

The Chairman reported that work is currently being carried out on the drains.

**d) Min 117c Twigmoor Side Road/Brigg Road**

Response received from Highways advising that remedial works are to be carried out in the near future.

**e) Min 113f Twigmoor Side Road Tipped Soil**

The Clerk reported that she had only had an acknowledgement of her letter to the Chief Executive advising that further investigations are to be made, It was agreed to ask NLC for the protocol in relation to responses between NLC and Parish and Town Councils.

**f) Min 118a In Bloom Flowerbeds Northfield Road**

Councillor England reported that the flowerbeds had been done by NLC and that Mr & Mrs Staff have agreed to maintain them. It was also noted that a surplus of daffodil bulbs had been planted on the grass verge by the bus stop and the rest at the Holme Lane junction. It was reported that a quantity of polyanthas had been taken from the flowerbeds at the Co-op.

**136. MINUTES OF LEISURE & RECREATION MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

The minutes were circulated to every member prior to this meeting and were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**a) Matters Arising**

1. **Min 121a Play Area Surfacing**

Revised quotations received from Wicksteeds – it was agreed to go ahead with the first phase of work around the roundabout and the large swings, to be monitored before going ahead with the final phase.

**2. Min 121b Holme Meadow Litter Bin**

The Clerk reported that Neighbourhood Services had offered an LBV20 Litter Bin at a reduced cost of £277.89 including fitting instead of the normal price of £496.59, which after discussion with the Chairman, she had ordered. This action was approved.

**3. Min 124a Zig Zag Twister**

The Clerk reported that the Wicksteed engineers had attended and repaired the equipment. It was agreed to ask for a report on the work carried out.

**4. Min 122c/4 Holme Meadow Drainage**

Councillor Walker reported that the clearance of the dyke should have solved the standing water problems. It was agreed that an action plan be drawn up – to be referred to the next meeting of the Leisure & Recreation Committee.

**137. MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING 30<sup>TH</sup> November 2009**

The minutes were circulated to every member prior to this meeting and, following an amendment to Minute 129d/1 to *record that Councillor N Poole left the room prior to discussion*, were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**a) Matters Arising**

**Min 129c/5 Grass Cutting**

The Clerk reported that on further investigation she had discovered that the Play Area had not been cut by Veolia during 2009 but had been charged at a total cost of £429 + VAT. She advised that this amount had been deducted from the current invoice and that a credit note has been requested. It was agreed that a system of monitoring the grass cutting needs to be undertaken. Councillor Walker agreed to monitor Holme Meadow and the Village Hall, and Councillor Elsome agreed to monitor the Playing Field and Churchyard.

**138. PLANNING**

**a) Planning Permission Refused by NLC**

2009/1147 Sembiante, Act Fast – Land adjacent Bottesford Beck, North Moor Lane – vary conditions for opening hours.

**b) Planning Application befor NLC**

2009/1443 Robinson, 4 Hilltop Gardens – carry out work to oak tree covered by Tree Preservation Order. NO OBJECTION provided all recommended procedures are adhered to. *Councillor England did not take part in discussion or voting on this application.*

**c) Planning Application 2009/0915 Messingham School**

It was noted that the report of the NLC planning meeting in the Scunthorpe Telegraph had been misleading and that all three Ward Councillors had spoken on the application at the meeting and requests for a site visit and a specific traffic management plan had been refused. Members reiterated that at no time had the need for a single site school been rejected only that the Briggate Drive site was not suitable for all the reasons given. It was agreed that the lack of communication and consultation with the Parish Council from the Local Education Authority was disappointing.

Following a suggestion made by Councillor Sherwood, it was agreed that a footpath on the southern side of the northern boundary be recommended for the safety of the children. It was also agreed to write to Highways to request a traffic management scheme, preferably including no stopping ordesr for West Green, School Drive and Briggate Drive.

**139. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NLC
1. Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement – Revision – consultation comments due by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
  2. Byelaws for Atkinson Warren Local Nature Reserve. Noted
  3. N Lincs Labour Group – request for copies of all 2009 minutes. The Clerk advised that she had sought advice from ERNLLCA with regard to this request and had been advised that as the request was from a Group, rather than an individual, it should be referred back advising that the request would need to be made under the Freedom of Information Act. Agreed.
  4. NowThen – request for volunteers. Place notice on notice board.
  5. Anita Greener – ref. Kealholme Road Open Space advising that Mr Price and Thealby Development are happy to have a footpath created but requesting information of the landowner of the northern boundary. It was agreed to check the records for the year of the development to find this information.
  6. Register of Electors
- b) ERNLLCA Newsletter. It was noted that self-employment of the Clerk is not recommended and as the Clerk is self employed it was agreed to seek further advice.
- c) RIDGE WARD COUNCILLORS – Copy correspondence for information re:
1. Catchwater Crossroads – recent accident and request for barrier. It was agreed to write to Highways to request that the signage be updated and to ask for the latest statistics.
  2. Butterwick Road – recent accident and request for regular salting. The damage to the gates to the allotments was noted and a quote had been received for £400 to reinstall them. Councillor Walker advised that he and Mr Ross were prepared to try and rectify the gates themselves.
  3. Events on Field adjacent to Bottesford Beck. It was noted that a small number of events are permitted for the owner's private use.
- d) HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – complaint with reference to the locking of the playing field gate to the churchyard and also a request for a salt bin to be installed near the church gate. It was noted that arrangements are now in place for the opening of the playing field gate during daylight hours, which it was agreed, is a reasonable compromise. It was agreed to refer the Vicar to Highways for the salt bin.
- f) RNLI – Land at Fairfield Drive bequeathed to RNLI no longer required and offered to the local authority. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not accept responsibility for the piece of land and that the letter should be referred to North Lincolnshire Council.
- g) MRS D TEBB – Letter in support of a one-site school, plus comments regarding the playing field. Copies of this letter were circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was agreed that in view of the approval of the planning application for the school, the comments should be noted. It was further agreed to forward the letter to the Playing Field committee for their information.
- h) ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – Winter advice. It was agreed to reproduce this as an article for the village magazine.
- i) YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM – It was agreed to enter again in 2010.

**140. ACCOUNTS****a) Passed for Payment**

1.	Mrs J Walker – Clerk’s Salary & Allowance – standing order	£950.34
2.	Mrs K Hall – Play Area Attendant	125.00
3.	Mrs J Walker – broadband account	15.65
4.	G East – Handyman	124.20
5.	D Jacklin Ltd – Pest control	149.50
6.	Messingham Village Hall – monthly rent	250.00
7.	H Simpson & Son –compost	4.95
8.	North Lincolnshire Council – spring bedding plants	632.97
9.	Harrison Jewitt – materials for play area seats	28.66
10.	Green Thumb – memorial grass treatment	35.00
11.	Veolia – Grass cutting October/November	660.68 *
12.	Voluntary Car Service – donation	100.00
13.	Npower – Memorial electricity – direct debit	64.27
14.	Npower – Holme Meadow electricity – direct debit	84.39
15.	HMRC – PAYE	25.80

\* Including £493.35 deducted from total invoice for overpayment of Play Area cuts.

**b) Monies Received**

Allotment Rents 2.00 cash

**141. VILLAGE COMPLAINTS**

- a) BRIGG ROAD – 15 blocked gullies plus blocked gully at the junction with Ashberry Drive
- b) BRIGG ROAD – dyke blocked by No. 107
- c) ORCHARD CLOSE – snicket requires cleaning
- d) CLINIC/LIBRARY CAR PARK – complaint that the area is poorly lit at night – agreed to suggest an additional street light.
- e) BUS SERVICE 103 – BRIGG ROAD – Request that bus stops be identified.
- f) EAST GREEN – request for footpath across grass verge for direct crossing to Wendover Road.
- g) SCOTTER ROAD – Dyke past the Manor Farm estate full of water and not maintained. NLC to be contacted.

**142. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) DOG FOULING – particularly near the school. It was agreed to use the village magazine to encourage people to pass on evidence and information to the Streetright team and the dog wardens.
- b) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – request from Mr Crossman for three signs for the new Neighbourhood Watch area on Church Street. This was approved.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING