

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3
JULY 2007 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE
AVENUE**

Prior to the meeting, Mr Peter Lowe of the Woodland Trust spoke to the Council about problems involved in their maintenance of their woodland in Woodhall Spa and put forward some suggestions as to how they might be managed locally, by a group of enthusiastic people. It was noted that Mr Piotr Kalinowski, who had been in touch with the Woodland Trust was willing to head such a group. He also referred to a piece of land near the Spa Baths for which they would like the Parish Council to take responsibility. He said that he would send plans of the land in question.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Pestell (Chairman), A Midgley (Vice Chairman), G Baker, D Clarke, P. Franklin, D Hill, D Robinson, N. Storey, D Waring.

5218 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Reasons for absence were accepted from Cllr Astill, Cllr Nelstrop and Cllr Roy.

5219 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations at this point.

**5220 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
5 AND 20 JUNE 2007**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that both sets of minutes be signed as a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5221 CLERK'S REPORT

5202/5192/ Request for a grant towards building works: St Peter's Church. Details of the break down of costs, as requested, had been received, but not in time for the agenda. The clerk distributed copies and the matter would be put on the next agenda.

5207 Britain in Bloom: Mr Keegan had sent a message via Cllr Nelstrop that if 6 planters could be acquired, there could be a good display.

5208 Lighting in Royal Square: clerk had spoken to Mr Bennett, who would be pleased to attend. It was agreed that councillors would give suggestions for preferred dates at the end of the meeting.

5209 Sign Writers for the notice board: Mr Cleaver had been given the go ahead to produce and erect the notice board. Clerk would approach sign writers once it was in situ.

5212 Reports/environmental issues: the boles on the lime trees considered to be most dangerous had been trimmed promptly. The rest would be done according to schedule. It was noted that the trees on the south side of Witham Road also needed to be trimmed. A survey was being done on the locations of dog bins and suggestions would be put forward as to where additional ones were needed. Cllr Hill pointed out

that the District Councillors were being given small budgets to be spent on local improvements and this should be suggested to them.

5222 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/215/01374/07 P.P. Rear single storey extension and alterations to existing dwelling to provide a cloakroom, kitchen, dining room and garden room on the site of an existing conservatory which is to be removed and erection of detached single garage: Bellevue, 158 Witham Road. The Council supported the application.

5223 THE ROLE OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP

The Chairman defined this as a support group for emergency occasions, such as

- when there are a number of plans to be dealt with at one time;
- when a plan arises that is very controversial and needs site visits or a detailed investigation in order to present to the whole council a clear picture of the issues for Woodhall Spa.

The Chairman emphasised the need for councillors to arrive at council meetings at 7.00 pm in order to have sight of all plans before the public session at 7.15 pm.

5224 THE ROLE OF THE FINANCE WORKING GROUP

The Chairman explained that this was a support group, which would work with the clerk and the council to enable the council to be fully aware of their responsibilities with regard to financial control. The group should liaise with the clerk as to ways in which this could best be achieved and to agree terms of reference.

5225 TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Cllr Midgley referred to a previous procedure, which had worked well, when the Council invited written applications and oral presentations from local groups at a set time each year. Their requests for grant aid were then taken into consideration when agreeing the budget and setting the precept. It had not precluded late applications, which were dealt with as and when received.

It was agreed that the finance committee should draw up a draft policy for awarding grants, to be presented to the full council at the next meeting.

5226 UPDATE ON QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS

The clerk informed the council that once the quarterly newsletter had been published and the auditor's report received, it should be possible to tick all the boxes on the application form and submit the portfolio of evidence.

5227 UPDATE ON CORONATION HALL

The Chairman informed the council that the Youth Club were very concerned about the lack of progress in the repairs to the roof, floor and windows of the Coronation

Hall and were considering applying for a grant themselves. There was frustration at the knowledge that the County Council had set aside a sum of money for the repair (£170,000) but there had been no final agreement to spend it. The cost was larger than originally estimated because of the discovery of asbestos. However the County Council had taken on a full repairing lease in 1974 and so were responsible for maintenance and repairs.

The County Council would be writing to the new trustees with information about their responsibilities and liabilities.

In the meantime the Youth Club had asked the Parish Council to write a letter to the County in support of their request that the repairs be carried out.

Cllr Hill acknowledged that he did not agree with so much money being spent on repairs to an old building and thought that the trustees should hold out for a new building.

Cllr Clarke suggested that the trustees should do what they thought best, but that the Parish Council should make its own decision about supporting the Youth Club by sending a letter as requested.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to write to the County Council and ask them to undertake the repairs.

5228 TO CONSIDER THE INVOLVEMENT OF STUDENTS AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY IN THE DRAWING UP OF A DESIGN STATEMENT

Previous discussions about the future development of Woodhall Spa had indicated that it would be advantageous to do a Design Statement, in addition to the Village Plan, and this might be a viable project for a group of university students.

The Chairman said that she had a contact in the Architecture and Planning Department and it was agreed that she should pursue this and find as much information as possible.

5229 REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE FOOTWAY BETWEEN MILL LANE AND CLINTON WAY

It was agreed to write to Highways in support of a local resident's request that this footway be extended.

5230 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

Cleaning £13; Clerk £474.08; Inland Revenue £155.63; Grass Cutting £200; Lindsey Blind Society £500; Powergen £125.48 (Royal Square) and £58.13 (office).

5231 CORRESPONDENCE

LCC: details of Free Trees for Parishes Scheme.

LSP for East Lindsey: invitation to their Assembly on 16 July.

BT: re quarterly billing charge or pay by direct debit.

LALC: details of training events.

ELDC: tree correspondence re trees at Pine Cottage, Green Lane. These had been looked at by the members of the Tree Group, who supported the requests for trimming but not felling.

ELDC: details of Area Committee Meeting – Tues 17 July at 7.00 pm at Wragby Village Hall.

5232 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

LEG CLUB

Cllr Baker reported that this was going well. Advice on preventative care was given and when necessary treatment would be given at the surgery.

TWINNING

Cllr Baker reported that 4 teenagers would be going to France, accompanied by Mr & Mrs Horton.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Cllr Storey reported that of the 17 designated significant sites 6 were now on the web.

ELD COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hill reported that Cllr Leyland is now the District Council representative on the Youth Club Management Committee.

FRIENDS OF JUBILEE PARK

It was reported that Mark Humphreys and Clive Yates of ELDC had attended the meeting to give an operations report. There were some issues regarding Aquacise Sessions and concerns that the ladies changing rooms remain private not communal. They were recommending that Mark Humphreys be allowed to prepare a brief to look for potential investors. If none were found, then the £1.5m would be spent as planned. Thanks to be recorded to the Friends of Jubilee Park for all their work and the close working relationship that enabled issues to be addressed promptly.

5233 DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Planning Meeting: Tuesday 24 July at 7.00 pm, to include a decision re St Peter's Church application for a grant.

Finance Group Meeting: Wed 25 July at 5.15 pm.

August Planning Meeting to be called when necessary.

Scheduled Meeting; Tuesday 4 September at 7.15 pm.

5234 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Planning applications; grant for St Peter's Church; payment of accounts; correspondence.