

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2007 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE AVENUE**

Prior to the meeting PCSO Spike Elliott drew attention to problems relating to the finding of alternative premises for the Youth Club during the closure of the Coronation Hall for refurbishment. The cricket pavilion and the café in the park had been considered but there were problems with both and they would be approaching Bainland Park. There were concerns over the length of the closure and it was suggested that the County Council should be made aware of the concerns. The Chairman said that as she was on the Youth Club Management Committee, she would get in touch with Youth Club personnel.

Mr Brian Olive addressed the Council on behalf of the Rotary Club. They would like to take over the maintenance of the Millennium Garden, including general tidying, weeding and replacement of shrubs when necessary. It was possible that they might deal with repairs to the seats. In future they might like to put up a plaque.

**PRESENT**

Councillors A Pestell (Chairman), D Robinson (Vice Chairman), C Astill, G Baker, P Franklin, D Hill, A Midgley, S Roy, N Storey, D Waring

**5265 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Reasons for absence were accepted from Cllr Clarke and Cllr Nelstrop. Cllr Storey informed the Council that he would have to leave the meeting at 9.00 pm.

**5266 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none at this stage of the meeting.

**5267 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4 AND 18 SEPTEMBER 2007**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that both sets of minutes, the draft of which had been circulated to all councillors, be signed as a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**5268 CLERK'S REPORT**

5246 Clerk's report on Planning Application re the Railway Sidings: the Chairman had spoken at the ELDC Planning Meeting. Planning permission had been granted with conditions that addressed some of the Parish Council's concerns. However she felt that the issues involved should be discussed at a planning meeting to raise awareness of the situation.

5251 Grant Application Forms and Housing Registration Forms: a number of each had been distributed. Clerk said that she would put up posters when the date of the meeting to hear the applications had been decided - agenda item 15.

5254 Review of Polling Stations etc: the clerk drew attention to the fact that councillors needed to look at the website to see what was recommended for this area. Comments need to be at ELDC by 19 October. The matter would be discussed at the planning meeting.

5255 Financial Matters: Mrs Ritson would do an interim internal audit at the end of October/beginning of November.

5257 ELD Councillors' Reports: Cllr Leyland had agreed to fund half of the required dog bins out of his allowance. East Lindsey had agreed to include them on their emptying route.

### **5269 MAINTENANCE OF THE MILLENNIUM GARDEN BY THE ROTARY CLUB**

It had been explained to the Council that the Rotary Club would like to take on the maintenance of the Millennium Garden including general tidying and weeding. They would pay for replacement shrubs when necessary and possibly repair the seats. They might wish to put up a plaque in future.

It was proposed by Cllr Midgley, seconded by Cllr Waring and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Council accept the offer with pleasure and send a letter of thanks and appreciation.

### **5270 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

S/215/01732/07 P.P. Extensions and alterations to existing take away shop to provide an office, storage room and wc and provision of 2 roof lights: 17 Station Road. It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

S/215/01816/07 P.P. Erection of a golf buggy store, one bin store and alterations to the parking provision: Fairlawns, The Broadway. It was **RESOLVED** to support the application and to request that any further development should be comparable with the existing design.

S/215/01685/07 P.P. Erection of buildings for use as a boarding cattery comprising 20 pens each with cat runs, 1 office and an isolated unit and change of use of a self contained holiday cottage, provision of parking and use of land as a wildlife area in accordance with amended plans received by the LPA from the applicants on 17 September 2007: The Chestnuts, Stixwould Road. It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

S/215/01868/07 P.P. Extension and alterations to existing bungalow to provide an enlarged kitchen and one additional bedroom, with alterations to existing vehicular access: Manitou, Tattershall Road. It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

S/215/01958/07 P.P. Detailed particulars relating to the erection of a house with a single integral garage, construction of a vehicular access (outline planning permission reference S/215/226/06 for the erection of a dwelling) Land at Syke House, Green

Lane. The decision was deferred until the planning meeting to give time for more councillors to examine the application.

S/215/2129/07 P.P. Erection of a garden fence and furniture: 2 Fairmead Court, Stanhope Avenue. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

### **5271 APPRAISAL OF THE CONSERVATION AREA**

The appraisal was conducted using the questions supplied by the consultant from Qube, Jenni Neilson.

Councillors suggestions were collated by the clerk to be sent to Ms Neilson. These would provide her with some initial ideas of what the Conservation Area meant to the Council.

Councillors were given details of the walk around Woodhall Spa with the consultant, which would take place on Tuesday 16 October, starting at 4.30 pm at the Council Office.

The Planning Meeting would start at about 6.00 pm to enable the consultant to attend.

### **5272 EXTENSION OF THE CAR PARK BEHIND THE SHOPS TO INCLUDE A CYCLE PARKING AREA**

It was agreed that the clerk should contact ELDC and set up a site meeting with an officer to consider the improvement of the whole of this area to provide more car parking spaces as well as cycle places. The District Councillors were to be asked to float the idea at ELDC and to provide the clerk with a contact name.

Attention was drawn to the funding fairs which could provide a source of grants for the project.

### **5273 TO CONSIDER FURTHER INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE WOODLAND TRUST**

It was acknowledged that the Woodland Trust was mainly interested in allowing the Council to lease the land rather than purchase it. However it was RESOLVED to ask for further details of the value of the land and the wording of any covenants.

### **5274 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The clerk explained that there were potential problems regarding the erection of the Christmas lights in Royal Square as the electricity supply was deemed to be unsafe and had to be disconnected by ELDC. They might be willing for the Parish Council to pay for it to be upgraded and reconnected. Until this was done, it would be difficult to decide on a new scheme of lights, as had been suggested previously. In the time allowed it might be easier to continue with the existing lights for this year, providing the electricity problems could be solved in time.

It was agreed that the clerk should pursue the matter with the District Council.

## **5275 WATER MATTERS INCLUDING DRAINAGE SUMMIT, FLOOD POLICY COMMITTEE, FLOOD WARDEN, EMERGENCY PLAN**

The Chairman informed the Council that Anglian Water was willing to attend a drainage summit in the New Year, probably February. They together with the Drainage Board and the Environment Agency would be sent specific details of the problems experienced in Woodhall Spa, which included regular on-going problems as well as ones caused by the flooding earlier in the year. Thus they could be well prepared for the summit.

She also explained that the Environment Agency was working on an emergency flood plan for Lincolnshire. Cllr Clarke had volunteered to produce a local emergency plan in accord with the official ELDC and LCC plans. He had confirmed that St Andrew's School was willing to store sand and bags for local people in the event of a future emergency.

The Flood Policy Committee would wait for the outcomes of the Task and Finish Group at ELDC so that they could then see how they could feed into it.

It was noted that the local flood warden had retired from his post and it was agreed to ask for volunteers to be flood wardens in the newsletter. Any responses would be passed on to the Task and Finish Group when required.

## **5276 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid: B.T. £66.95; LALC £38.50; Cleaning £13; Grass Cutting £140; Clerk £474.08; HM Revenue & Customs £155.63; Powergen (office) £47.37; M Sargeant £2.12 (postage to English Heritage). Also the cost of 2 wreaths from the Royal British Legion.

## **.5277 CORRESPONDENCE**

ELDC: offering a presentation by the Waste Services Team, focusing on the importance of recycling, what has been achieved so far and what happens to the materials that are collected for recycling. It was agreed to accept the offer.

Parochial Church Council: letter of thanks for the donation towards the cost of their building programme.

Lincolnshire Limewoods: notice of a one day workshop on Wed 17 October.

NALC: copy of the Local Council Review. This makes interesting reading if anyone would like to see it.

North Kesteven District Council: Notice of Adoption of their Local Plan.

ELDC: another funding surgery to be held on Wed 14 November at the Franklin Hall, Spilsby. Appointments available from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Appointments could be booked with Suzanne Cole on 01507 601111 ext 217.

Richard Enderby: Draft of his Annual Report.

## **5278 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

### **AGM of COMMUNITY LINKS**

Cllr Roy reported that she had attended this meeting at which there had been two very good presentations by Richard Enderby and Richard Wills, on what is needed to be done in Lincolnshire for the next 20/30 years. It had been the best AGM that she had ever attended.

### **HORNCASTLE AREA MEETING**

Cllr Robinson reported that the meeting had been interesting in places. It seemed that the smaller parishes might have been intimidated and out-voiced by the larger councils.

### **CYCLE PATHS**

Cllr Storey gave an update of progress on cycle paths. He reminded members of a public meeting that had been held in Horncastle summer 2006 to investigate the possibility of upgrading the Spa Trail for cyclists, wheelchair users etc. It had been agreed by those present that a study should be carried out. The Lincolnshire Waterways partnership had subsequently picked up the mantle and commissioned a group of consultants to carry out a feasibility study, which had taken place in April 2007. The recommendation from the Feasibility Study was that the work should be done in phases with the first phase being the section in County Council ownership (Sandy Lane to Woodcock Lane) – improving the drainage and surface. LCC had submitted an Expression of Interest to East Midlands Development Agency on behalf of the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership for Phase 1 in September 07. There were 70 bids and 27 of those had been asked to put in a full bid, one of which was the Spa Trail, called Waterways X11. However there was no guarantee that the 27 bids would be successful. The results would not be known until 19 November.

Cllr Storey left the meeting at this point (9.10 pm) and did not return.

### **TWINNING**

Cllr Baker reported the following:

- three teenagers visited France this summer;
- the next trip to France would be in August and would include adults and youngsters;
- Mr Jack Baker would be standing down as chairman at the AGM so a new chairman was needed;
- they were seeking new members.

## NEWSLETTER

Cllr Midgley reported that the newsletter was in the process of being compiled. There was plenty of information and would include among other matters a questionnaire

about Jubilee Park and reminders of significant dates such as Remembrance Day and the Christmas Carol Service and Street Fayre.

## ELD COUNCILLORS

Cllr Leyland reported that Mr Clive Yates of ELDC would attend the Friends of Jubilee Park meeting at the end of October and would give feedback on the season. There had been a request from Mr Keegan for a plan of Woodhall Spa. The clerk confirmed that this had already been provided.

Cllr Harness said with reference to the Area Meetings that he was proud to report that of the two councils that had provided items for the agenda of these meetings, Woodhall Spa was one of them. He personally could not see any future in the Area Committees continuing. Woodhall Spa and Alford were outstanding for doing things themselves.

## **5279 DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Planning Meeting: Tuesday 16 October at 4.30 pm for the walk and 6.00 pm for the meeting.

Finance Meeting: 23 October at 5.00 pm.

Main Meeting: Tuesday 6 November at 7.15 pm.

Grants Meeting: Tuesday 27 November at 6.00 pm. Interviews to be at 10 minute intervals. Application forms to be in by Friday 16 November.

## **5280 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Review of the Jubilee Park Season

Wet lay-by in Spa Road