

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16
OCTOBER 2007 BASED ON NOTES TAKEN BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Present.

Sheila Roy, A. Pestell, C. Astill, G. Baker, P. Franklin, D. Hill, N.Storey, D. Hill,
D.Waring.

5281 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Reasons for absence were accepted from Councillors D. Clarke, A. Midgley, J. Nelstrop,
D. Robertson, and the clerk, W Radford

5282 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none at this stage of the meeting.

5283 APPRAISAL OF THE CONSERVATION AREA

The walk around the village Conservation Area with the consultant from Qube, Jenni Neilson and Parish and District Councillors was in the pouring rain but it did emphasize the points raised in the Parish Council's initial response, pointing out the erosion of large gardens as they were given planning permission for building. The view of the golf course showed the importance of the surrounding area not included in the Conservation Area. The Kinema and the Spa Baths showed the need to preserve buildings that were a vital part of Woodhall Spa and part of its history and the very reason for its existence.

Jenni Neilson opened the discussion with an explanation of what the appraisal would be endeavouring to find out. East Lindsey District Council had designated the Conservation Area and therefore had a duty to hold an appraisal after a set time to discover how it was working and if any changes/ improvements were necessary. It was designed to allow change but in a sympathetic way.

Many of the points the consultant had raised such as the need for quality building both in the Conservation Area and in areas close to it, need for a long term plan and the need to preserve the buildings and areas that were important to the ambience of the village were answered by the Parish.Council and the Heritage Committee in their preliminary report and these would also be put to the community in a public meeting.

Other areas included in the appraisal were Horncastle, Alford, Louth etc.

A question was asked about the importance of a design statement and how it would key into the Conservation Area. She said it would sit alongside the Conservation Area and go into more detail.

The appraisal would be drawn up on a broad statement. New buildings were acceptable in the Conservation Area as long as they were of quality and fitted into the existing designs. It could suggest ways forward for development of the Spa Baths and although limited could help with a council approved document. Conservation Areas do give councils extra control.

There were many questions regarding other areas of the village that needed to be included in the Conservation Area.. Jubilee Park and the Golf Course could be included.

Jenni Neilson said that she would be writing up formal notes on her visit and would send the Parish Council and Robert Walker a copy. The latter had already visited Woodhall Spa with her.

It was a good initial meeting and the Council was thanked for its support.

5284 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Erection of a house on land at Syke House, Green Lane: it was unanimously RESOLVED to support the application.

Introduction of disabled parking spaces at Iddesleigh Rd: it was RESOLVED to approve this in principle subject to further plans being submitted.

5285 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER FROM THE WOODLAND TRUST

After long and hard discussion it was decided to ask the Woodland Trust for a copy of the lease agreement to discover if the terms would allow for it to be sub-let to the Kinema.

5286 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS FOR THE REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES.

Coun. David Hill stated he had been in touch with East Lindsey as the letter regarding this request was ambiguous. East Lindsey stated there was no intention to change representation it was purely about the suitability of the polling station.

It was unanimously agreed that the present arrangements at Coronation Hall were very satisfactory especially when all the improvements were completed.

The meeting finished at 7 p.m.