

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2007 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE AVENUE

PRESENT

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

Before the Chairman opened the meeting, Cllr Waring declared, with reasons, his intention to resign from the Council with immediate effect. The Chairman expressed regret and thanked him for his long and loyal service. He then left the meeting.

5313 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Reasons for absence were accepted from Cllr Hill.

5314 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5315 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6 AND 20 NOVEMBER

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

5316 CLERK'S REPORT

5290/5273 Flood Wardens: Mr Purnell volunteered his services as a tree warden not as a flood warden. Mr T Curtis of Maple Avenue was also interested in joining a working party for maintenance of the woodland with P Kalinowski.

5291 Planning applications: Plot adj to 1 Oak Cottages, Green Lane. This application was refused.

5291 Brackenwood Cottage Mounument Road. This was granted planning permission with the suggested condition attached.

Brackenside Stables, Kirkby Lane was also granted planning permission but every concern raised by the Parish Council had become subject of a condition.

5300 Correspondence re Micro-Chipping Event: the Chairman had written to ELDC asking for more details.

5300 Correspondence-invitation to the Flood Fair: the Chairman attended this event. The Chairman also reported that she had written to NKDC requesting more information about their affordable housing scheme and they recommended speaking to Simon Machen about it. Cllr Midgley gave a brief explanation of the scheme.

Cllr Nelstrop arrived at this point in the meeting.

5306 Planning Matters-Invitation to the planning department at ELDC. The Chairman thanked those who had volunteered to attend and it was suggested that they consult each other about sharing cars at the end of the meeting.

5306 Planning Matters: Samantha Neal had informed the Chairman that arrangements were being made for Roy Ormsby to attend the Parish Council meeting in the new year to discuss concerns about the area meeting cluster.

5306 Article IV Directions: Robert Walker had agreed to attend a planning meeting to discuss this with Parish Councillors.

5307 Planning Applications: Chimneys, Kirkby Lane. This was a retrospective application. By the previous week the roof had already been put on, though the tiles were not in place. The stove was lit and the houses on Kirkby Lane had suffered from the smoke, because the chimney, being on a single storey building was on a level with the houses. Residents had written to EL about this.

5317 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/215/02816/07 P.P. Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling to provide a living room, kitchen, utility, store, porch, conservatory and an attached double garage on the site of an existing porch, utility and garage which are to be removed and construction of a new vehicular access: Redway, Kings Walk. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

S/215/02988/07 P.P. Erection of a boundary fence to a max height of 1 metre and to include the siting of a timber shed and arbour- 2 Fairmead Court, 27 Stanhope Avenue. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

S/215/02988/07 P.P. Alterations to existing restaurant: Little Dorrit's, 8 Station Road. This had just arrived and it was agreed to circulate it between meetings and discuss it properly at the Planning Meeting.

5318 SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR 2008

The following were put forward for consideration:

- maintenance of the War Memorial
- to pay for extra opening hours at the park for final 2 weeks in June
- to pay for a skip twice a month for leaves during late autumn
- to buy new Xmas Lights and associated cabling for Royal Square
- completion of cycle track network
- make over for Royal Square

5319 REVIEW OF JUBILEE PARK

Cllr Storey, who had attended the Friends of Jubilee Park meeting, went through the power point presentation that had been given on the evening, copies of which had been provided for Councillors.

5320 UPDATE ON ROYAL SQUARE AND THE CAROL SERVICE

The clerk reported that the order time for the hardware for the new lights was at least six weeks so nothing would be done before Christmas. The carol service would therefore take place in the centre of the village as suggested by the Xmas Fayre committee. The PA system organised by Rotary could be used. There would be a reduced band again this year but they hoped to be able to provide a full band next year. Councillors were reminded that they needed to take collection boxes and carol sheets. The collection would go to Notts/Lincs Ambucopter Appeal.

The new Christmas Lights in Royal Square would not be able to use the same cabling as the new lamps and columns but would need their own. This could be done from the existing electricity supply as before, but would need new poles, cables, and switches above ground.

The clerk had been given the names of two contractors who were experts in this sort of work and also the name of someone at East Lindsey who was up to date with all types of Xmas/decorative lighting and who would give unbiased advice when choosing a new system.

5321 TO RESPOND TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: CORE STRATEGY- ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Copies of the consultation document had been circulated among councillors. It was agreed to deal with this in the planning meeting to allow Councillors more time to read all the information.

5322 TO CONSIDER EXAMPLES OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY AND VOLUNTEERS POLICY

Copies had been circulated to councillors. It was noted that the Volunteers Policy needed to be amended and personalised to suit the Parish Council's requirements. The Chairman volunteered to prepare a new draft for consideration.

5323 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to release the cheque for £1000 to the First Responders. Cllr Baker declared a personal interest as she was a First Responder.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to release the cheque for £500 to the East Lindsey CAB. Cllr Roy declared a personal interest being an unpaid member of the management team.

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

Cleaning £13; Salary £474.08; Revenue and Customs £155.63. The clerk noted that the grass cutting bill had not been submitted.

5324 TO RECEIVE REPORTS INCLUDING THE REPORT ON GRANTS FROM THE FINANCE GROUP

FINANCE GROUP

Cllr Clarke gave a full report (copies of which were available) on the grants meeting, including:

the conduct of the meeting;
the names of all organisations that had applied;
the amounts that had been requested and why;
and the recommendations that they were putting to the council for ratification.

The Council discussed the process and the recommendations.

The Council accepted the report and it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the following grants be paid:

- Cricket Club £2000 towards protective wicket covers
- Cottage Museum £2440 for the design, production and distribution of promotional leaflets
- Country Show £1000 contribution towards costs
- Croquet Club £100 to purchase material for protective stop boards on sides of lawns.

The Finance Group were thanked for their work on the awarding of grants.

CORONATION HALL

Cllr Robinson reported that a meeting would be held in January to discuss further progress on the Trustees. The new roof was on and had been signed off. The remainder of the work would be carried out in May 08.

BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Cllr Nelstrop reported that in the Spring things would start to happen. The planters would cost £30 each and the Golf Hotel had agreed to be sponsors. They were considering trying to attract other sponsors with varying levels of sponsorship e.g. gold, silver and bronze level of support. The £120 for water bowsers would be needed in May.

TWINNING

Cllr Baker reported that the association was experiencing some problems due to the planned resignation of the Chairman in April and the fact that no one had yet volunteered to replace him. There had also been some problems with attendance at meetings. However a trip to France in June was being arranged. She asked whether any councillors would be prepared to sit on the committee. It was agreed to include an item in the next news letter.

WEBSITE

Cllr Storey reported that the website had reached its second anniversary and was going well. Last year the site had 8000 visitors, whilst this year visitor numbers were 31000. The cost was about £150 per annum. Cllr Storey was thanked for his work on maintaining the website.

TREE COMMITTEE

The group had met and there were some very useful members. They had considered applications to fell a conifer in Victoria Avenue and the felling of trees near the Coronation Hall, because of problems with the fire door.

ELD COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Harness reported that the graffiti at the end of Church Walk was being dealt with. The pump box would be painted to hide the graffiti. The other building was in private ownership and therefore out of the Council's control.

He advised that we should ask the Council for information regarding landscaping details for planning applications.

Cllr Leyland said that they were looking forward to seeing the Parish Councillors at the planning visit. He would be pursuing which policies in the existing Local Plan had lapsed.

5325 CORRESPONDENCE

Lincolnshire County Council: re Capital Grant Aid – application packs were available for village halls etc.

AB Campaign for Clean Air: copy of their newsletter.

Lincolnshire Assembly: a poster advertising how they would find out the projects/issues which were important to residents and business people in Lincolnshire.

Mrs Ritson of Victoria Avenue: a copy of her letter to the bus company re problems with buses in Victoria Avenue.

Dept for Culture, Media and Sport: letter outlining why they had not changed their mind about listing the Spa Baths.

Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust: notice about free help for communities with smokers who wished to stop.

Lincolnshire Limewoods Project: letter asking if any organisation wished to run an event.

Lincolnshire Police: a warning about a scam originating in Belize purporting to come from the Parcel Delivery Service.

5326 DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Planning Meeting: Wed 12 December at 7.00 pm

Precept Meeting: Tuesday 22 January 08 at 7.00 pm

Area Meeting: 14 January 08 at Horncastle College

5327 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA AND THE AREA MEETING AGENDA

Area Meeting: Enforcement in general and with particular reference to caravans and log cabins.

Parish Council Agenda: reports from other committees.