

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19
FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE
AVENUE**

PRESENT

Councillors A. Pestell (Chairman), D Robinson (Vice Chairman), D Clarke,
P Franklin, D Hill, A Midgley, J Nelstrop, S Roy and N Storey (arrived at 7.10 pm)

Also in attendance were officers from ELDC : Mr R Walker, Mr R Ormsby and Mr D
Cressey.

5367 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Reasons for absence were accepted from Cllr Astill and Cllr Baker.

5368 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none at this stage of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the guest speakers from ELDC and introductions were
made.

5369 ARTICLE IV DIRECTIONS

Mr Robert Walker, Conservation Officer at ELDC, explained that Article IV
Directions were a means by which Conservation Areas could be given additional
protection from some aspects of normally permitted development if they were
considered to be eroding the character of the Conservation Area. Prime examples
were the installation of plastic windows and doors and change of roofing tiles, which
under normal circumstances did not require planning permission.

Cllr Storey arrived at this point.

In these circumstances a Parish Council could request the District Council to consider
an Article IV Direction of which there were two types:

- (i) An all-embracing process which had to be approved by the Secretary of State
- (ii) A process that protected the fronts of buildings and the parts that face the
highway, rivers and railways.

An Article IV Direction (i) would require an official walk around the area by a
GOEM officer, which in Woodhall Spa's case could be done as part of the Qube
Consultation. Mr Walker said that he would confirm details of the exact process.

The Chairman thanked him for his most useful presentation.

5370 CLUSTER AREA MEETINGS

Mr Ormsby explained that the area meetings were being examined for effectiveness and pilot models were currently running to trial some of the suggestions put forward by town and parish councils.

Examples of these were:

- the Neighbourhood Management Scheme at Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe, Sutton on Sea, Chapel St Leonards and Ingoldmells. This was considered to be the most deprived area and the District Council had put resources into this pilot, which had a wide range of different partners.
- Cluster Groups of similar councils which enabled police and other officers to talk to a number of councils at the same time about common issues. A town/parish clerk took the minutes and the District Council had put in a small amount of funding for administration.
- Community Cabinet comprised of District Councillors from the area, a representative from the Neighbourhood Management Group and one representative from each Cluster Group, who would meet to put joint pressure on the District Council regarding common issues e.g. street lights; speeding problems. With this model the members would have to meet regularly over a period of time in order to get used to each other and be able to work together effectively when a serious issue arose.

Comments from the Parish Council were:

- Woodhall Spa could become part of an issue based cluster.
- The District Council would have to provide support and leadership to drive this forward, with time and resources being given to District Council employees. There was no action or feedback in the current system.
- Representatives of Parish Clusters could sit and work together at the East Lindsey Assembly and exchange information and views which would lead to identifying their common issues.
- It was unfair to expect communities to fund their own clusters.
- There would have to be support from the District Council for clerks and an electronic link needed to be provided.
- Cross boundary partnerships seemed to work well in some areas.

Mr Ormsby replied that lines on maps do not necessarily work and the Parish Council should decide what was right for it. With regard to funding he said that resources were not there on the service side and in the Cluster Model parishes would have to lead on it themselves.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ormsby and Mr Cressey, who had come to observe, for attending the meeting.

5371 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/215/00217/08 P.P. First floor extension to existing dwelling to form a bedroom: 5 Heather Close. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support the application.

S/215/02695/07 Detailed particulars relating to the erection of 15 dwellings, the erection of an earth bund to a max height of 1 metre with 2 metre high fencing, construction of an access, provision of parking and turning area: Land South of 193 Witham Road.

The clerk had asked the District Council for extra time to consider this and thus consideration of this plan was deferred to the next meeting on 4 March.

Cllr Midgley put on display a preview of the plans for the Petwood Hotel. No decision was required.

5372 TO CONSIDER THE LCC CONSULTATION DOCUMENT: JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

Cllr Roy declared a personal interest as she chaired the Waste Policy Development Group at LCC.

Copies had been circulated to councillors at the previous meeting. Each question was considered in detail and responses and comments were voted on

5373 TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE EXTRACTION OF SAND AND GRAVEL AT PARK FARM TATTERSHALL THORPE

A draft letter of response had been circulated to all councillors and the Chairman provided a further letter in which reference to the County Council's Mineral Plan Policies had been added.

It was suggested that the A153 should be specifically mentioned as a more appropriate route and that the Norton Disney plant should supply the needs of developers on the south side of Lincoln.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the letter should be sent with these additions. It was agreed that the Chairman could issue a press release summarising the council's response.

5374 REQUEST FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL'S VIEWS ON PLANNING ENFORCMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR CONSIDERATION BY ELDC'S SCRUTINY A COMMITTEE ON 17 MARCH

The following comments were put forward:

- enforcement should be strong, effective and used in appropriate circumstances;
- lack of enforcement encourages people to flout the rules;
- recourse to the law needs to happen in appropriate circumstances;
- if the enforcement officers are not prepared to do this, the whole thing becomes a farce;
- any further application following enforcement action should go to committee;
- enforcement should be meaningful.

The Chairman said that she would try to attend the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

5375 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO HAVE AN ETCHED PHOTOGRAPH ON A NEW HEADSTONE IN KIRKBY LANE CEMETERY

Written details, drawings and a photograph were available for inspection. The clerk explained that this was an unusual request and the cemetery administrator had asked for guidance. The etching would no bigger than 5 x 5 inches. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the etching be allowed. For future reference, etchings of this type and size would be approved.

5376 URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

MAP CASE

The clerk reported that due to wind damage, the map case in the centre of the village needed an urgent, costly repair to make it safe. A new basic frame was needed and would take about 6 weeks to complete. It was agreed that the finance group should look at the budget to see if it could be managed and to give the go-ahead in principle if the money were available. They would report back to the next meeting.

GRANT APPLICATION

An application had been submitted by the incipient Short Mat Bowls Club for the purchase of equipment. In the first instance they were applying to ELDC for funding but would ask for their application to be put forward for consideration by the Parish Council if they were unsuccessful at East Lindsey. The District Council's application form required a signature of approval from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the clerk should sign it.

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