

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1
APRIL 2008 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE
AVENUE**

PRESENT

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

5400 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies from Parish Councillors. Cllr Harness (ELDC) tendered his apologies.

5401 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none at this stage of the meeting.

**5402 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4 & 18
MARCH**

Cllr Nelstrop's name was added to the attendance list in the minutes of 4 March and removed from the apologies in minute number 5377. After this had been done, it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the minutes of 4 and 18 March be signed as a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**5403 UPDATE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A
NEW CLERK**

The chairman reported that 6 applications had been received and 4 of the applicants would be interviewed on Friday 11 April by the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and Cllr Midgley as the senior Councillor. Cllr Hill asked if the interview panel had been appointed by resolution, as previously it had been agreed that it should consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the Chairman of the Finance Group. The Clerk explained that since the Vice Chairman and the Chairman of the Finance Group had become the same person, a third member needed to be appointed. It was then proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the panel should consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and Cllr Midgley.

**5404 TO CONSIDER FUTURE CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE KIRKBY LANE CEMETERY**

The clerk explained that ELDC would like the Parish Council to take over the administration of the cemetery at Kirkby Lane, in September, as that would be when the Horncastle office would be re-locating to the library. The number of hours the administration would require varied from nil to 5 hours a month. East Lindsey would be able to provide more details and advice on what the job entailed. An immediate response was not required but a decision would have to be made in the next couple of months.

It was agreed to get more facts from the District Council and ask for an official breakdown of times/ costs etc.

5405 RESOLUTION TO BRING FORWARD AGENDA ITEM 9 RE THE TREE REPORT TO ACCOMMODATE PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to change the order of the agenda so that the tree report could be given earlier.

TREE REPORT

Cllr Robinson gave a detailed progress report on the situation regarding local management of the pinewoods as requested by the Woodland Trust, who had offered a 99 year lease on various woodlands around the county including Boston.

The local Tree Committee would like to take on the long-term management of the pinewoods with Mr P Kalinowski, who was very keen on the idea, as project leader. They had asked for a copy of the Boston lease to see the terms of the agreement and this would be brought to the Parish Council for approval.

There were some reservations about the Council being involved and concerns about what would happen if key people moved away or out of the scheme. It was noted that in the past the Woodland Trust had injected some money into local schemes to help with set up costs.

It was agreed that thanks should be conveyed to the tree committee for their work so far. Cllr Robinson said that she would forward copies of the lease as soon as it was available and the matter would be discussed at the following meeting.

5406 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS

APPLICATIONS

S/215/01618/07 O.E. of 8 dwellings and 4 blocks of double garages(with details of the lay-out, scale and means of access to be considered) on the site of existing building which is to be removed, in accordance with the amended plans received by the Local Planning Authority on 3 March 2008: E Skinns Ltd, Witham Road. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to object strongly to the application on the grounds that:

- it was in the heart of the area where there had been serious drainage/sewage problems for many years, which had still not been sorted out and were likely to be exacerbated if more houses were erected.

- the access to the site was dangerous as it was close to the foot of Kirkstead Bridge where visibility was poor. There had been a number of accidents at this junction over the years and the road had become increasingly busy in the last year because of the opening of the Sustrans Water Rail Way, which was a popular cycling route used by many people.

- The layout of the roads, houses and garages was strange and the density was too great. There was no demand for additional housing in Woodhall Spa which was over-provided for with sufficient housing until the year 2021.

PLANNING APPEALS

The clerk reported that there were two appeals going forward: 48 King Edward Road and Land to the rear of 154 Horncastle Road, Roughton Moor.

Also an enforcement notice had been served on the unauthorised development at 7 Station Road, which had to be complied with by 15 May. The applicant could appeal against the notice.

5407 ENTRY TO THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It was agreed to discuss this at the Annual Parish Meeting to see how much local interest there was. The Britain in Bloom committee should also be consulted to see if they could make Woodhall Spa a village worth entering.

The clerk advised that the cost was £25 to join CPRE, which included free entry to the competition; or £15 to enter the competition only.

5408 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS INCLUDING INSURANCE PREMIUM

The clerk reported that the renewal of the existing insurance was £ 989.85 with an additional £105 for terrorism cover. It was agreed that the finance group should look at other sources.

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

Mrs Johnson £13; Clerk £473.86; HM Revenue & Customs £155.85;
ELDC (rates) £893.10; LCC £29.85; Chairman's Allowance £250;
Mr Hare £150. NALC £ 29.38 (not £25 as previously reported); Stamps £102, CAB £600.

5409 CORRESPONDENCE

ELDC: Notice of the Town and Parish Assembly on Friday 2 May at Kenwick Park Hotel 10.00am to 4.00pm. Chairman and Vice Chairman said that they would go.

ELDC Notice of Election: scheduled for 24 April but it was uncontested so there would not be a poll.

Community Lincs: copy of their publication Rural Links.

EMDA: Copy of EMDA News.

Local resident: re irresponsible dog owners and the need for more bins.

Audit Commission: Clement Keys appointed as auditor.

ELDC: invitation to the Standards Committee Meeting on Monday 7 April at 10.30am.

5410 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

TREE REPORT

This was made earlier in the meeting.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Pestell reported that Cllr Storey had volunteered to take on the drawing up of a Design Statement, into which he had done some research. He proposed to produce a draft in consultation with the Tree and Heritage Committees. It was important to form a clear idea of what should or should not be allowed in Woodhall Spa. A large scale map would be needed.

Cllr Hill advised that if the Design Statement was to be approved by the District Council, it would have to meet planning requirements. He himself would be happy to work on it.

TWINNING

Cllr Baker reported that the 20th anniversary of Twinning would be celebrated in Roeze in August. There had not been enough seats reserved to hire the coach, on which a deposit had been paid, resulting in a loss of £500. Numerous fund raising activities had been organised to make up the loss. She asked if any Councillors were interested in sitting on the committee, as it would be a shame if it were to fold in its 20th year. The Chairman suggested that anyone interested should speak to Cllr Baker at the end of the meeting. It was also suggested that an appeal should be put out for new members in the newsletter and at the Annual Parish Meeting.

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Leyland reported that there had been some positive news from East Lindsey, who were putting out tenders for the stainless steel liner. Cllr Harness had sent an email drawing attention to an advertisement for grants in the County News.

YOUTH CLUB

Cllr Pestell reported that the Coronation Hall was closed for refurbishment so the Youth Club was unable to use it at present and was meeting out of doors.

CORONATION HALL

Cllr Hill reported that a start had been made on the remaining work, which would result in the hall having a new ceiling, windows and floor. The trees which had been identified as needing to be felled had been taken down. The area under the ownership

of the new trust was large. There was slow progress on the setting up of the new Trustee Body, which, it was hoped, would take over full responsibility for the hall by 1 October.

NEWSLETTER

The Chairman drew attention to draft copies of the newsletter which were in the Council Chamber. Any comments/additions were needed as soon as possible.

5411 DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Site meeting re former Hotchkin Estate: 2 April at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber

Standards Committee: 7 April at 10.30 am in Committee Room 1 at Tedder Hall

Interview Panel: 11 April at 1.30 pm

Planning Meeting: 15 April at 7.00 pm

Annual Parish Meeting: 16 April at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Hall

East Lindsey Town and Parish Assembly: 2 May Kenwick Park Hotel

5412 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Powers of PCSOs

Tree report