

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15  
APRIL 2008 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE  
AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Councillors: A Pestell (Chairman), D Clarke (Vice Chairman), G Baker, P Franklin, D Hill, A Midgley, D Robinson, S Roy

The Chairman informed members that Cllr Astill had tendered his resignation from the Council owing to pressure of work and for other reasons which she would follow up later.

**5413 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Reasons for absence were accepted from Cllr Nelstrop and Cllr Storey

**5414 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hill declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item number 5415 regarding the planning application relating to Bainland Park as he lived nearby.

**5415 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

S/215/00950/08 P.P. Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling to provide a ground floor living room and a bedroom and extension to provide a pitched roof over existing roof: 24 Arnhem Way. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support the application.

S/215/00836/08 P.P. Single storey extension to existing dwelling to provide an orangery, one additional bedroom with en-suite and an integral garage on the site of an existing detached garage which is to be demolished: Franklyn House, Tattershall Road. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support the application.

S/141/00784/08 P.P. To use land for the siting of caravans both static and touring, and excavation of land to form 3 lakes and construction of associated internal road layouts and hard standings: Bainland Country Park, Horncastle Road, Roughton Moor.

Cllr Hill declared a prejudicial interest as he lived nearby and left the Council Chamber.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to object strongly to the application because:

- the change in use from mainly touring to static caravans was not as sympathetic to the amenity of Woodhall Spa as the previous arrangement;
- static caravans could easily become permanent residences for a large part of the year with a significant impact on services and infrastructure;

- local residents in this area already had problems with drainage and sewage at peak holiday periods;
- whilst there would be a decrease in the number of touring vans using the highway there would be an increase in regular car users to and from the site all the year round;
- 172 static caravans could not be described as a tourist development of an appropriate scale for Woodhall Spa so the proposals were contrary to East Lindsey Local Plan Policy T1(a);
- improvements to landscaping and the introduction of fishing lakes were not sufficient to compensate for the effect of the proposals in general;
- if 172 static caravans were allowed here, they would adversely affect the tourist profile of Woodhall Spa. The current use of the site fits in well with the amenity of the village and does not detract from its character.

Cllr Hill returned to the Council Chamber.

S/215/00976/08 P.P. Extension to existing dwelling to provide a porch and erection of a detached double garage/store: 12 Horncastle Road. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support the application.

S/215/00945/08 P.P. Extension to existing dwelling to provide a dining room, an enlarged kitchen, hall and boot room on the site of part of the existing dwelling which is to be demolished: Summer Court, 12 Victoria Avenue. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support the application.

## APPEALS

The clerk reported that appeals had been lodged on the land behind Brookside, Tattershall Road and land East of 18 St Leonard's Close.

## **5416 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK**

The Chairman reported that the interview panel recommended the appointment of Mrs Amanda Bushell, who had 5 years experience as a clerk and had just gained her clerk's qualification, the salary to be at point 19 on the LC1 scale.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept the recommendations and appoint Mrs Amanda Bushell at the stated salary.

Cllr Baker asked for thanks to the current clerk to be recorded in the minutes.

## **5417 THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Final details were confirmed. Cllr Clarke went through the power point slides which he would be presenting on the evening. Presentations on the various agenda items would be followed with questions from the floor.

## **5418 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE LIBRARY SITUATION**

Cllr Hill reported that he had spoken to County Councillor Poll and felt that some progress might be made. Some additional use by the community might be negotiated and the problems concerning the primary school children's use of the library could be solved by allowing them to use it out of hours. It could also be available for other groups to use.

Cllr Leyland, with the Chairman's permission, reported on the public meeting that he had attended at Branston Community Library, where a presentation on the Fundamental Library Review had been made, which seemed very logical because of the way it had been presented. Their aim was not to close libraries. He had drawn Cllr Poll's attention to the availability of the Laura Fowler shop to extend library premises in Woodhall Spa.

Cllr Roy reported that she had spoken with Mr John Pateman and had explained that Woodhall Spa was not an entirely affluent place. They had discussed the possibility of the mobile library being allocated time at Oaklands Park, outside the Community Room in Alexandra Road, in the development off Witham Road and in Woodland Drive.

The lack of consultation with Parish Councils was still a matter of concern and it was suggested that a public meeting should be held in Woodhall Spa. It was agreed to defer making a decision on possible action until after the Annual Parish Meeting which would be held the following evening.

## **5419 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE REVIEW OF THE CONSERVATION AREA**

Copies of the review document were distributed at the meeting for consideration at the next meeting.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council, the Heritage Committee and the public would all get an opportunity to comment on the document. The public presentation and consultation would be held in the library with Jenni Neilson of Qube in attendance. She had asked if she could receive the Parish Council comments before the public consultation took place.

Mr Robert Walker of ELDC had attended the Heritage Committee meeting where the document was briefly considered and there was a request to seek Mr Walker's views.

It was emphasised that it was important for the Parish Council to form its own view.

## **5420 TREE COMMITTEE REPORT AND TREE CORRESPONDENCE: TO CROWN REDUCE A BEECH AND A THORN AND TO FELL A SYCAMORE: LONGWOOD, THE BROADWAY**

Cllr Robinson reported, in relation to the pinewoods, that the committee were no longer of a mind to take this project forward and sign a lease. This was because Mr

Kalinowski, who had been the leader of the project, had resigned from the committee because of business commitments. In future their work would be involved only in the monitoring of local trees.

With the regard to the proposed tree work at Longwood, The Broadway, she reported that the committee recommended that it be done.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support the application.

The clerk referred to a problem with a large lime tree at 4 Cromwell Avenue. This was causing serious damage to drains on a regular basis and the owner had incurred a lot of expense in putting the damage right. She had applied to East Lindsey for permission to fell the tree as over the years she had done all that had been recommended and the problems were still occurring.

**5421 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO INCLUDE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE AND PURCHASE OF A BOWSER FOR THE BRITAIN IN BLOOM COMMITTEE; ALSO PROVISION OF PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE.**

**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

E-On £63.99 (estimated reading).

**BRITAIN IN BLOOM**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to give the Britain in Bloom Committee a grant of £80 to purchase public liability insurance.

It was proposed seconded and RESOLVED to purchase a bowser on behalf of the Britain in Bloom Committee, with the Parish Council retaining the ownership of it.

The clerk explained that one of the sponsors of the flower displays had dropped out. The committee were seeking a new sponsor. They had asked if they could apply to the Parish Council for a grant for this if they were unsuccessful in finding a new sponsor in time for this year's displays.

The clerk confirmed that there was money specified in the budget for this and it was agreed that they should apply for a grant if necessary.

**PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE**

The finance group had compared, on a like for like basis, the existing cover and cost of Zurich Municipal Insurance with the quotation given by Norwich Union via Came and Company. Came and Company had answered satisfactorily all the queries raised by the Finance Group and would provide the same cover for about £200 less if the Council signed up for three years.

Cllr Hill, on behalf of the Finance Group, recommended that the Council accepted the three year quotation.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to purchase insurance from Norwich Union at a premium of £866.24, which included £105 Terrorism Cover for a period of three years.

#### **5422 ORGANISATION OF THE ARCHIVES**

The clerk asked if the Council would agree to her sorting out the archives during the summer when, as a result of her retirement, she would have time to put them in good order. It was agreed that she could do so.

#### **5423 ANY URGENT CORRESPONDENCE**

- Consultation document on the Future of Services provided from Louth County Hospital. Copies of the document were distributed. A public information event would be held at the Woodhall Spa Hotel on Tuesday 3 June from 10 am until 2pm.

- Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund: Expressions of Interest to be submitted by 13 June.

- LALC: copies of courses distributed.

- Manor Crest Homes: request for dates for a site meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.