

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9  
SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE  
AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Councillors: A Pestell (Chairman), D Clarke, D Robinson, P Franklin, E Mace, N Storey,  
A Midgley, E Pickavance, G Baker, W Saunders

**5511 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Reasons for absence were accepted from Cllr Nelstrop and Cllr Hill.

**5512 THE SIGNING OF 'DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE'  
FORMS BY NEW COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Pickavance and Cllr Saunders signed their forms which were witnessed and signed  
by the Clerk.

**5513 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Midgley declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she lived near Jubilee Park.

**5514 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 15 JULY TO BE APPROVED AS THE  
MINUTES**

These were accepted as being a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**5515 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5226 The Clerk told the Council that it had been awarded Quality Status and could have  
its certificate presented at the LALC AGM and conference on 11<sup>th</sup> October or at another  
time the Council thought appropriate. The Council agreed that it would be presented with  
its certificate at the LALC AGM.

The Council had received a letter of complaint from a Witham Road resident about the  
owner of 108 Witham Road selling furniture outside of their property. ELDC Planning  
Enforcement had been informed and had investigated the complaint and would be writing  
to the gentleman concerned asking him to cease this activity immediately.

5502 The Clerk and Cllr Hill had had a meeting with the lady who currently carries out  
the administration of Kirkby Lane cemetery and were shown what was involved. The  
Clerk told the Council that she would be willing to take on the extra work that would be  
necessary.

5491 The Clerk asked the Councillors who were members of the Car parking Working Group if they had had their meeting yet. They had not met yet but were hoping to meet before 7<sup>th</sup> October so that parking could be an item on October's agenda.

## **5516 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

S/215/02184/08 and S/215/02185/08 - Land East of 18 St Leonards Close and Land behind Brookside, Tattershall Road: Both these plans were discussed at the same time as it was commented that they were in fact only one plan but submitted by the applicant as two. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to object to these applications and submit the original objections that were submitted when responding to applications S/215/002846/07 and S/215/002847/07. The following points would be submitted:

- Environmental impact on the wildlife from culverting the 'Sewer' and impact on the amenity of the area for existing residents. Footpath along side the stream will be affected.
- Access problems for St Leonards Close residents and increase hazard with more cars exiting onto Tattershall Road
- Potential danger from additional cars parking in the area
- Flooding issues and better drainage needed
- No mention of low cost homes
- Less dense number of properties would be more suitable
- Historical impact as nearby archaeological site
- 9 metre maintenance strip still required alongside watercourse.

S/215/02366/08 – Land adjacent to 56 Turnberry Avenue: It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to object to this application on the basis that they would be accessing the property from Green Lane and LCC Highways have already objected on this point. Green Lane is not a suitable road for this purpose and if permission was granted it would set precedence for others to use the lane for access purposes.

S/215/02434/08 – 3 Spa Road: It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support this application.

S/215/02229/08 – 4 Cromwell Avenue: It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support this application.

- To remove a spruce tree at 11 Tor-O-Moor Gardens which has a Tree Prevention Order: It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to object to this as it seemed to be unnecessary.

## **5517 TO RESOLVE HOW TO DEAL WITH THE LARGE WATER BILL**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the finance group would meet with a gentleman from the 'New Linx Housing Trust', and ask them to take responsibility for the bill resulting from the period that the leak was reported to them until the date at which it was repaired.

## **5518 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**

### **FINANCE GROUP**

It was agreed that the group would hold a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the following issues:

- To update the asset register and assess the impact that it has on the Councils insurance. -
- Kirkby Lane Cemetery: Issues relating to the Council taking over responsibility for the cemetery and the impact it would have on the Clerks hours and wages for carrying out the administration; the cost of burials to be reviewed; grounds maintenance to be investigated as to whether the Council could take it over and get it done better and cheaper.

- Anglian Water Bill

- Meet with 'New Linx Housing Trust' representative to discuss the Progress of the work being done to the floor in the office and establish who is responsible for the building.

- Review working practices and procedures.

They would report back the outcome of this meeting at Octobers Parish Council Meeting.

### **HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

They had a LWP presentation at last meeting to discuss sign formats, etc... Work on the Spa Trail should start next year. Potential for signs in Woodhall Spa similar to water railway and funded as part of the Spa Trail improvement.

### **TWINNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Baker reported a very successful trip to France to celebrate the 20 year anniversary of the Twinning between the two villages. Families from Roeze Sur Sarthe would be entertained here next May to celebrate the anniversary.

### **YOUTH CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

There had not been a meeting since the last report the next meeting is taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### **CORONATION HALL**

Cllr Robinson reported that the Trust Deed was hoping to be signed and sealed at the end of the month and the committee would then take over the running of the hall. The following people had been elected within the committee: Chair – Isabel Clarke, Treasurer – Bev Cox and Secretary – Daphne Robinson. Peter Jackson was providing a quote for the kitchen and had offered to fit it for free. They would be meeting next week and the Chair asked Cllr Robinson to thank the Committee for all its hard work on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Cllr Clarke reported that two meetings would be taking place with Lincolnshire County Council. The Group had 20 members and were looking into junior membership. A review of the library would be taking place by Lincolnshire County Council in May/June next year and if the Library doesn't meet its targets it could be very vulnerable.

#### TREE GROUP

Cllr Saunders reminded the Council of the national tree planting week in November and a tree planting day had been organised for 29<sup>th</sup> November. A tree bank had been set up at Crowders Garden Centre and posters would be put up shortly along with an article in the next newsletter. The group needed suggestions for location to plant new trees and several were received from Councillors. ELDC had set up a plant tree scheme and Richard Littlewood from LCC was very keen to attend a tree group meeting and assist the group as much as possible. The village would be receiving 250 new trees from LCC in January.

#### BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Comments were made about how great the tubs looked and hanging baskets were also planned for next year. A question was asked as to whether the tubs would be replanted for the winter with winter pansies and the Chair offered to contact Graham Keagan to ask him. It was asked if the Council could send a thank you letter to the lady who lives on Tor-O-Moor Road who had been watering the tubs throughout the summer to show the our appreciation for her hard work. The Clerk agreed to do this.

#### FRIENDS OF JUBILEE PARK

District Cllr Leyland reported that there had been a difficult meeting with ELDC to discuss how the 1.54 million investment on the swimming pool would be spent. The group wanted a stainless steel liner which would prevent technical issues such as cracks over a much longer period of time than the preferred option of mosaic tiles by the ELDC Technical Department. District Cllr Leyland asked the Parish Council if they felt the group should push for the stainless steel liner and it was agreed by the Council that this was the best option as the pool was the most important area for the money to be spent on and it was so important to get the pool right. It was RESOLVED that the council would contact ELDC to support the stainless steel liner option. It was asked if the Parish Council could see the proposed details for the pool, so that they could be discussed at the planning meeting. District Cllr Leyland felt that it would be better for the council to discuss this matter after the next meeting with ELDC when other details had been decided. It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask for these details and discuss them at the same time as the End of Season Review of Jubilee Park at the November Parish Council meeting.

#### **5519 REPORTS FROM ELD COUNCILLORS AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

There were no items reported.

## **5520 CLOSURE OF JUBILEE PARK CARAVAN PARK**

*Cllr Midgley declared a prejudicial interest and left the room*

The Chair gave a re-cap of the situation with the caravan park and read out a statement about the situation. It was suggested that a special meeting be arranged for this subject and a small working group be formed to bring suggestions to the special meeting. It was asked if the Parish Council could have any affect on the District Councils decision to close the caravan park and District Cllr Leyland provided the Council with the facts. He commented that time was running out and the decision had already been made by ELDC and it would be very difficult for the Parish Council to affect it. Due to this it was agreed that a special meeting would be pointless and it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that a letter be written to ELDC expressing the Parish Councils disappointment that the caravan site would be closed and urging them to consider keeping it open for as long as possible, at least another season to give them time to consider any new plans and also to have a handover period between this site closing and any new sites opening, so that the village would not be without this facility.

*Cllr Midgley re-joined the meeting.*

## **5521 RUBBISH BINS**

- a) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Council would provide a bin in Mill Lane at a cost of £35 with ELDC taking responsibility for emptying it.
- b) A survey would be carried out to establish the need for a concrete bin on the park.
- c) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Cllr Pickavance and Cllr Mace would carry out a survey on rubbish bins. They would establish areas where extra bins were needed and look at the state of the existing bins so that the council could agree an action plan for replacing worn out/tatty bins with Heritage style bins and provide extra bins in areas where there were necessary.

## **5522 TO RESOLVE TO HAVE THE FLAGPOLE CLEANED IN ROYAL SQUARE AT A COST OF £30**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to get Mr Hare to clean the flagpole at a cost of £30.

## **5523 TO PURCHASE NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Cllr Robinson explained that they were still investigating which lights to purchase and asked for this item to be put as an agenda item for the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

## **5524 FEEDBACK TO TREE COMMITTEE ON TREE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

Several councilors made comments on how good the information was and thanked Cllr Saunders for compiling it. Cllr Saunders answered the other councillors questions and spoke about the Tree Groups plans for monitoring tree replacements.

#### **5525 FEEDBACK AND ANY ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING WITH ELDC TOURISM DEPARTMENT**

Cllr Midgley had taken notes at the meeting and e-mailed a copy to all councilors. It was important that any important issues would be included in the Local Development Framework and the Council should have its own policy on caravans. Comments should be made when responding to the amendment consultation document for the Regional Spatial Strategy. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that LDF policies would be an agenda item at Octobers Parish Council meeting.

#### **5526 TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FROM PEST CONTROL COMPANIES TO CONTROL RABBIT POPULATION IN CEMETERY**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that this matter would be discussed by the Finance Group who would bring their recommendations back to the Council at Octobers meeting.

*Cllr Storey left the meeting at 9.15pm*

#### **5527 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had given each councilor a list of correspondence that had been received (attached) which was available to view on request.

- a) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to respond to Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Councils request to jointly attend a meeting by the National Probation Service on 'Local Crime, community sentence' by expressing the interest of a few councillors to attend a meeting, but not interested in holding the meeting.
- b) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to recommend that ELDC issue a permit for the Inner Wheel Club to carry out a street collection on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008.
- c) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact ELDC to ask them to remove the verge signs from Stixwould Road.
- d) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Clerk would write a letter to the resident that requested that the Council purchase water butts at a reduced price and pass the discount onto residents explaining that the Parish Council does not have the facility to store Water butts and couldn't take the risk of purchasing them and nobody wanting to buy them.
- e) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Clerk would attend the LALC AGM at Horncastle College on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at a cost of £18.50.

#### **5528 PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS**

- a) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve the following payments that were made in August: £166 (A Riddel, 2 x skips); £61.84 (British Gas); £586.15 (Laptop, printer & other I.T equipment); £180 (grass cutting); £112.60 (BT); £5381.09 (ELDC Royal Square Lighting); £1113.90 (Short Mat Bowls Club Grant); £492.95 (Clerks wages); £52.50 (Tax & N.I)
- b) It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: £15.92 (reimburse clerk for stationery, bolt for office, cleaning products and lock for laptop); £93.66 (Anglian Water); £13 (Cleaning); £220 (Grass Cutting)

The Chair expressed her concern that the grant had been paid to the Short Mat Bowls Club and she believed that they had not yet secured all their funding. The Clerk explained that the club had provided her with a letter from ELDC pledging the money.

#### **5529 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Christmas Lights
- Car parking behind Broadway shops
- Anglian Water Bill
- New working practices/procedures
- Arrangements for business improvement summit
- Jubilee Park end of season review and update of pool refurbishment plans
- Kirkby Lane Cemetery
- LDF policies
- Items to be included in next newsletter
- Litter in Pinewoods

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm.