

# NOTES

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## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE AVENUE**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: D Clarke (Chairman), D Robinson, P Franklin, A Midgley, E Mace, G Baker, J Nelstrop, D Hill, E Pickavance,

The Chair proposed that the order of the agenda be changed so that the Caravan Policy and Stixwould Road Caravan planning application were discussed at the end of the meeting to ensure that all the other agenda items had sufficient time to be discussed. This was seconded and RESOLVED that agenda items 4 and 5a be moved to the end of the meeting.

### **5559 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Reasons for absence were accepted from Cllr Saunders, Cllr Pestell and Cllr Storey

### **5560 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hill, Cllr Robinson and Cllr Clarke all declared a personal interest relating to Coronation Hall, minute number 5565 as Cllr Hill and Cllr Robinson are Trustees and Cllr Clarkes wife is a Trustee.

### **5561 REPORTS FROM CLERK AND COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

5246 The Clerk reported that outline planning permission had been granted for the former Railway Sidings log cabin development

5548 The Clerk reported that 'Pestforce' had laid mole traps and started shooting rabbits in the cemetery

5548 The Clerk reported that she was meeting with Brenda Everton at Horncastle Town Hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October to learn the administration work of the cemetery

5226 The Clerk told the Council that she had collected their Quality Status certificate and had placed it on the mantle piece in the Council chamber

The Clerk had arranged a meeting with the Highways officer for the area to discuss any Highways issues with him. She asked if councillors could e-mail her with any issues that needed mentioning to the officer.

## **5562 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- S/215/02757/08 – It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support this application at Claremont, Tattershall Road.
- S/215/02758/08 – It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support this application for conservation consent to demolish an existing lean to building at Claremont, Tattershall Road
- It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support the application to fell a tree at St Hughes School, Cromwell Avenue
- It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support the application to fell one Silver Birch tree and reduce another by 20% at 44 Woodland Drive

## **5563 TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL FOR NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:**

Cllr Nelstrop gave each councillor a copy of the proposal and briefly talked the Council through the details of it. Cllr Robinson explained the locations of the trees and electric points in Royal Square and the Clerk was asked to contact ELDC to ensure that all the electric points had been checked and are safe and connected to the electricity meter. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support this application which came to a total of £1009 and allow an extra £50 for any run over on the estimated parts of the proposal.

## **5564 ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

Details were given about the rehearsal and timings for the day. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Hare to ask him to clean the memorial on the corner of Stixwold and Witham Road. The Clerk and Chair agreed to speak with someone from the British Legion to ensure that everything had been organised and it was suggested that the Clerk should take a careful note of what happens this year, so that they can be a template for next years arrangements.

The Clerk asked councillors to let her know if they required a seat reserving in the Church.

## **5565 GRANT REQUEST FOR CORONATION HALL**

Due to two of the three members of the Finance Group having to declare a personal interest, the grant application was considered by Cllr Franklin and Cllr Midgley. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to provide the Coronation Hall Trustees with a grant for £1200 to purchase tables and chairs for the hall. The council gave approval for the cheque to be written and signed at the end of the meeting.

## **5566 CLERK TO JOIN LCC PENSION SCHEME**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED for the Clerk to join the Local Government Pension Scheme. The Council agreed to contribute as the employer, which will cost 19.3% of the Clerks payroll.

#### **5567 ANY URGENT CORRESPONDENCE**

- Resident from Spa Road enquiring whether planning permission was ever granted for youth shelter in Spa Road. Councillors were unsure about this and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate this further.

- Countryside Consulting asking to meet with Clerk and a Parish Councillor to discuss the work of the Lincolnshire Waterways partnership on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm – The Clerk would e-mail Cllr Storey to see if he would be available to attend the meeting with Cllr Hill and herself.

- ELDC change of tree warden from Mr David Wheat to Mrs Pat Wheat. The Council agreed to this change and the Clerk would contact ELDC to let them know.

#### **5568 PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to make the following payments:

£20 (E Pickavance – gloves for litter picking); £42.63 (W Radford- 5 hours work in June); £102.60 (HM Rev & Cust); £620.38 (A Bushell); £48.14 (OER - ink cartridges)

#### **5569 TO ADOPT A POLICY ON CARAVAN SITES**

Each Councillor had been given a copy of the draft policy prior to the meeting. The Chair told the Council that he had hoped that the draft policy would have enabled the Council to judge each planning application within a framework and the suggested policy did not do this.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the working group which would consist of Cllr Baker, Cllr Hill, Cllr Mace and Cllr Saunders would take another look at this and try and create a document that contained more guidelines. They would aim to get a draft ready to be considered at the Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **5570 PLANNING APPLICATION**

-S/215/02471/08: Change of use of land to form a touring caravan site with 80 pitches at land on Stixwould Road.

The Chair read out a statement from the Managing Director of Woodhall Estates ensuring the Council that they had not intentions to further expand their proposed development for the next 10 years.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Council should ask ELDC to carry out an independent Environmental Impact Assessment due to the amount of public pressure and defer making their decision on this application until the results of the Assessment had been considered.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact District Cllr Leyland and District Cllr Harness and ask them to ask for the decision for this application to be made by the Planning Committee and not delegated to an individual planning officer.

After a lengthy discussion Cllr Midgley proposed that the Council should object to the application on the following grounds:

- The location of this proposed development is outside the development boundary and there are great concerns that if this development is permitted then the development area will creep further and further out of the village.
- The proposed piece of land is adjacent to a conservation area. It's felt that it has environmental importance for the village and is part of the character and uniqueness of Woodhall Spa and therefore should be preserved.
- The impact it will have on the environment and the existing wildlife.
- Cumulative impact. At present there seems to be the right balance of caravan sites, log cabins, hotels and guest houses within or on the outskirts of the village to attract tourists.
- It is a Greenfield site and the only unspoilt approach to the village. It is quiet and unspoilt countryside and should remain that way.
- The outlook across the site was identified as a key view in the recent Conservation area review and this site should be subject to an environmental audit as a key wildlife area in the parish.

This was seconded by Cllr Robinson and RESOLVED 5 votes to 4 that the Council would write to the local planning authority objecting to the application on the points that had been made by Cllr Midgley.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.02pm.