MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OLD BOLINGBROKE WITH HAREBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT RAMSDEN HALL ON THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2022 AT 6.30PM

Present: Cllr P Powell (Chair) Cllr D Makins Cllr I Godsell Cllr M Coates

In attendance Jane Slaymaker (clerk)

1.3/22 Chair's welcome

Cllr Powell welcomed everyone to the meeting

2.3/22 To consider and approve any apologies of absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Routh and County Cllr Gray. These were accepted.

3.3/22 To declare of pecuniary interests

Cllr Godsell declared an interest in item 10, due to her ownership of the property concerned.

4.3/22 Open Forum for public participation

There were no members of the public present.

5.3/22 To approve draft notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2022

It was resolved to accept the draft notes as minutes and they were signed by the Chair.

6.3/22 To consider any urgent business under item 15

7.3/22 To record a vote of thanks to Christine Newton (deceased) former clerk

A vote of thanks was recorded for the clerking work of Christine Newton

8.3/22 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Gray had sent a report which will be made available on the Council's website.

9.3/22 Finance

a) To note the financial position

It was noted that the current account balance was £15,672.30

b) To approve any automated, retrospective and future payments to be made It was resolved that the following payments be made:

05.03.22	MDH electrical work	£712.26 (593.55 ex VAT)
15.03.22	Buildbase hall WC fittings	£655.33 (£546.11 ex VAT)
18.03.22	LCC 30mph signs	£50.00
23.03.22	MDH electrical work	£745.20 (£621.00 ex VAT)
24.03.22	Hundleby PC Printing	£15.00
24.03.22	Salary Feb/March	£552.76*annual increase
24.03.22	Lalc Training DNA	£13.50 (£11.25 ex VAT)
April	Lalc subscription	£142.44
April	Lalc Annual Training Scheme	£114.00 (£95.00 ex VAT)

c) To note any income received since the last meeting:

Transfer of £1,760.66 from RMH was noted

d) To note the bank reconciliation report

The bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Makins.

10.3/22 Planning

a) To consider any planning applications since the last meeting

S/018/00194/22 THE OLD MANOR HOUSE, HORNCASTLE HILL ROAD, OLD BOLINGBROKE, SPILSBY, PE23 4HQ Proposal Planning Permission - Alterations to existing dwelling, which is a listed building to include new windows and doors and reroof existing extension.

Cllr Godsell declared an interest and left the room.

Members resolved to support the application and had no objections.

Cllr Godsell retuned to the meeting.

b) To note any planning decisions and/or appeal notifications since the last meeting

There were no planning decisions to note.

11.3/22 To receive and note Neighbourhood Watch report

The Neighbourhood Watch report had been previously circulated and was read out at the meeting. It will be available on the Council's website. Linda Creedy was thanked for the report.

12.3/22 To discuss village issues

a) To discuss the feasibility of taking part in the No Mow May campaign

It was resolved to reduce cutting some grass areas during May (playground grass to be kept short) with other terms of the contract remaining in place. The clerk to contact the contractor and to arrange for the field path and top area to be mown.

b) To note the current maintenance provision for the defibrillators

It was noted that a resident kindly undertakes the monthly checks and annual battery check. The clerk to write a letter of thanks.

c) To consider and approve the purchase of 2 sets of paediatric defibrillator paddles at approximately £90 each

It was resolved to purchase two sets of paediatric paddles under p.18.sch 14 of Local Government Act 1972. The clerk to place the order.

d) To receive an update on funding for two new defibrillators

It was not possible to make contact with ELDC Cllr Grover in order to apply for his annual grant. Other income streams have not been identified although the Village Plan account has a balance of £286.79 from the defibrillator fund which might be available. It was noted that Mr Bowser was happy for a defibrillator to be installed in Hareby.

e) To consider and approve the placement of the 5 new 30mph signs

It was resolved to replace the old signs on Hagnaby Road (facing Hagnaby), Church Lane and near the War Memorial and place the other signs on West Keal Road and Hagnaby Road (facing towards village).

f) To consider the purchase of 30mph bin stickers at 50p each

Alternative suppliers of bin stickers will be investigated

g) To discuss various highways issues, including: updated position re the war memorial triangle setts; roadside reflector posts; drainage bank; convex mirrors; dog waste bins; 'children playing' warning sign

Cllr Makins had resent the minutes information concerning the extent of the War Memorial granite setts and the Council will wait to hear from Cllr Gray. If Highways do not agree to install the additional setts it will cost the Council in the region of £2,600 for the materials, with manpower being supplied by Highways.

It was considered that roadside reflector posts were needed at various sites to help stop the verge/bank sliding into the ditch. The clerk to contact Highways to determine provision.

It was considered that a convex mirror would help visibility at the junction of Hareby Hill/Hagnaby Road. The clerk to contact Highways to see if they can assist with this.

The application for dog waste bins at Hareby and Ramsden Hall will be submitted by Cllr Godsell.

Highways confirmed that the replacement Children Playing warning sign has been programmed.

It was agreed to report to Fix My Street that an overgrown hedge on Back Lane was becoming a problem.

- h) To consider the provision of Neighbourhood Watch and Police signs in the village Members wished to see the faded Neighbourhood Watch signs in the village replaced.
- i) To receive an update on the village newsletter

 Members expressed their thoughts about the importance of a village newsletter. There are no volunteers to be an editor at the moment.
- j) To approve the undertaking of the playground inspection by the Play Inspection Company in July and then review

A credit note has been sent regarding the January inspection which was not necessary. The Council resolved to use the Play Inspection Company for the annual July inspection and then review.

13.3/22 To discuss Internal Parish Council issues

- a) To review the bank mandate and approve internet banking access to an additional councillor It was resolved to add Cllr Coates to the banking mandate and arrange internet banking access to Cllr Powell for the authorisation of payments.
- b) To consider and approve the draft Risk Management document
 It was resolved to adopt the Risk Management document and review in September and then annually.
- c) To review and approve the following policy and agree appropriate review date: Social Media policy

It was resolved to re-adopt the Social Media policy and review in one year.

14.3/22 To receive correspondence and resolve action if required

Email correspondence concerning the donation of benches in the playground area.

15.3/22 To discuss any urgent business

There was no urgent business to consider.

16.3/22 To note any communications from the Police since last meeting

No report had been received. The monthly Police newsletter is placed on the Council's website.

17.3/22 Items for next agenda

Highways issues, defibrillator funding.

18.3/22 If required, to consider excluding the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

This item was not required.

19.3/22 The next meeting which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 26th May at 7pm (following the Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm).