

**Minutes of the Old Bolingbroke with Hareby Parish Council meeting held at 6.30pm on
23rd September 2021 at the Ramsden Village Hall**

Present Cllr P Powell (Chair) Cllr D Makins Cllr I Godsell

In Attendance Jane Slaymaker (Clerk} 2 Members of the Public

1.9/21 Chair's Welcome

Cllr Powell welcomed everyone present. A minutes silence was observed following the death of Keith Harmsworth, a former Parish Councillor.

2.9/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Routh; these were accepted.

3.9/21 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

4/9/21 Councillor Co-option

This item was moved to the next meeting.

5.9/21 Open forum

A parishioner commented about the village newsletter, concerned that articles contributed did not always represent the views of everyone. It was noted that for a balanced view there needed to be more contributions. It was also suggested that the newsletter solely advertise Old Bolingbroke village events. A discussion took place. The newsletter is kindly printed by Operation Wallacea and the Parish Council does not contribute financially. The Parish Council intermittently publish their own newsletter concerned with Council matters.

6.9/21 Notes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29th July 2021 to be signed as minutes

It was resolved to accept the notes of the meeting as a true record.

7.9/21 To receive reports from LCC/ELDC Councillors

The LCC and ELDC Councillors were not present. Cllr Gray (LCC) sent his apologies and provided a report (previously circulated and attached as appendix A on the website). The clerk was asked to find out about outstanding highway issues on Back Lane, Moat Lane, Hagnaby Hill and the setts around the War Memorial.

8.9/21

- a) The financial position was noted: £20,705.54 in the current account.
- b) It was resolved to pay the following items for goods and services. For clarity, payments from April 2021 were also approved (attached in Appendix B).

Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
Play Inspections	300.00	60.00	360.00
M J Wilby	44.58		44.58

A Jackson	150.00		150.00
A Jackson	80.00		80.00
Noticeboards online	10.00	2.00	12.00
Arbor Ash	425.00		425.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	200.00	40.00	240.00
Salary	434.48		434.48
PAYE	162.20		162.20
The Original Factory Shop	4.00		4.00
Total	1,810.26	102.00	1,912.26

- c) Income received and transfers since the last meeting was noted. For clarity, all income received since April 2021 is attached in Appendix B.

King George V Village	650.00
Field SCT	
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ELDC	5,600.00
Total	6,550.00

- d) The bank reconciliation was signed by the Cllr Makins.
- e) Councillors resolved to alter the bank mandate to include the clerk as signatory on the account and apply for internet banking where payments made by the clerk would be approved by an authorising Councillor before funds were released by the bank.
- f) Receipt of the AGAR review report was noted. This will be placed on the website.

9.9/21 Planning Applications

- a) No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.
- b) No planning decisions and/or appeal notifications had been received since the last meeting.

10.9/21 Proposed tree work

There were no objections from Councillors to the proposed removal of a tree at Black Horse Inn, Moat Lane ref 0111/21/TC and ELDC will determine the application.

11.9/21 Neighbourhood Watch report

The report was read by the Chair and will be placed on the website.

12.9/21 To discuss village issues

a) Village Plan

Items from the Village Plan were discussed, and it was resolved that the Council investigate costs for the purchase of Village signs to welcome people into Old Bolingbroke.

b) Defibrillator

The item about the defibrillator to be moved to the next meeting.

c) Rose garden

A request was received to consider the future maintenance of the Rose garden, which is proving difficult to weed and the roses not very healthy. The sign is also bent and unattractive. It was resolved to look at the costs involved in improving the soil and replanting with roses more suited to the site. It was noted that the original roses have local significance and a gift from the town of Provins in France.

d) George V playing field

Cllr Makins has organised the geo-physical and earthwork surveys for George V playing field to start in the next few weeks. The Council is considering appointing a conservation consultant for expert advice prior to any decision being made about the field. Ground Control has confirmed trees and hedging plants will be delivered in November for planting in February. There has been interest in a proposed hedge-laying course to be run at a weekend. There will be a maximum of 8 places available. Dog poo bags will no longer be provided as there is some evidence of owners not picking up after their dogs. The waste bin will remain on situ. An item about the field was placed in the recent newsletter but there has been no further interest. It was noted that any management of the field will involve a cost. This item will be placed on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting for further discussion.

e) Queen's Jubilee 5th June 2022

This item will also be discussed at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting on 21st October at 7pm.

13.9/21 Internal Parish Council issues

a) Clerk reimbursement

It was resolved to provide 50% reimbursement of the clerk's SLCC membership fee and ILCA training costs: £108.

b) Update concerning monies held by former Play Area Committee members

Further investigations are proceeding.

c) Councillor Vacancy Policy

The policy has been reviewed and the Council resolved to adopt the policy which will be placed on the website.

d) Internal Auditor

It was resolved to appoint V Clark as auditor for £50 mid year audit and £30 year end review. The clerk will make contact.

14.9/21 Correspondence and resolved action if required

Email from a resident concerning inspection of the Parish Council accounts and arrangements for placing agendas and minutes on the website. Clerk had responded.

Bus Service Improvement Survey

Local heritage list campaign for assets of local significance.

Email from a resident concerning training for the defibrillator and CPR. Clerk to respond that free training for CPR is planned.

LCC Treescape application form.

15.9/21 Police Report

No report was available.

16.9/21 Urgent business

There were no items to discuss.

17.9/21 Items for next agenda

18.9/21 The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th November in Ramsden Village Hall

19.9/21 Public and press exclusion

No confidential items were discussed

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.40pm

Appendix A

Lincolnshire County Council report from Cllr Gray

Recycling Centres:

From Wednesday 1 September, you do not have to book a slot at our recycling centres for any vehicle. However, you must still register for a free permit to bring some vehicles. Find out more on [our website](#).

'Natasha's Law':

Lincolnshire Trading Standards is encouraging businesses to prepare for upcoming allergen labelling changes. On 1 October 2021 the law on allergen labelling for prepacked for direct sale (PPDS) foods will change. This means that any food business selling prepacked foods for direct sale will have to include full ingredients on the product label with allergenic ingredients emphasised within that list. Prepacked foods can include salads and sandwiches that customers select themselves, pre-wrapped foods kept behind a counter, as well as some products packaged and sold at mobile or temporary outlets.

To register for the prepacked foods webinar, please visit

ppdsbusiness.fsaevents.co.uk/home#register.

[Lincolnshire businesses reminded about allergen law change](#)

Town and Parish Council Newsletter:

Please find below a link to the August Newsletter.

<https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?u=3cf59469d7c06d7f6c53d43c3&id=43af5ad70b>

Lincolnshire Archives:

Will be re-opening to the public on Saturdays, initially once a month, from 4 September 2021. The Archives will be open on the first Saturday of every month between 10am and 4pm, offering access to pre-ordered original documents, together with other resources available within the search room. This is in addition to the existing weekday openings from Tuesday to Thursday.

Visitors will need to book to visit the search room at least a week in advance.

Bookings and document ordering can be done by emailing archive.bookings@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

[Opening the archives](#)

Help improve support for autistic people and their carers in Lincolnshire:

A new project is working to ensure that autistic people in the county get the support they need to lead fulfilling and rewarding lives.

The Lincolnshire Autism Partnership Board is asking autistic people, their families and carers for their views on how to ensure the county is a place that respects all autistic people and offers them the right support at the right time.

The feedback will be used to shape Lincolnshire's new five-year All Age Autism Strategy and action plan, ensuring it addresses the concerns that are most important to autistic people and their families.

[Help improve support for autistic people and their carers in Lincolnshire](#)

Looking after your eyes:

With many of us now taking part in online meetings as well as carrying out our usual work on computers, it's more important than ever that we take care of our eyes.

Here are some useful tips:

1. Plan your work day to include different tasks so you can take regular breaks to reduce screen time.
2. Frequent short breaks from the screen are better than infrequent longer breaks – e.g. 5-10 minutes per hour. You don't even need to leave your desk to give your eyes a break from the screen - just look away from the screen at regular intervals, e.g. out of the window or into the distance.
3. Ensure that your screen is well-positioned and properly-adjusted.
4. Ensure that lighting conditions are suitable to reduce glare and reflection.
5. If you wear bifocals, you may need to switch to a specific type of glasses for Display Screen Equipment work only - if in doubt, consult your optician or GP.
6. Contact lens wearers may find the drier air produced by computers and other equipment is uncomfortable on their eyes. Try blinking more frequently, or using tear substitute drops to increase moisture to the eye.

Thinking about going drink-free?

Cutting back on the booze can be a really effective way to improve your health, boost your energy, lose weight and save money.

Any reduction in your weekly alcohol intake will be beneficial and our healthy lifestyle partner One You Lincolnshire is there to support you OneYou website -

www.oneyoulincolnshire.org.uk/lincolnshire-residents

You could take on One Year No Beer's 28 day challenge to stay dry and experience all the benefits that come with going booze free for a month. You can take the challenge from the comfort of your own home with the One You Lincolnshire team on hand to guide you through your journey. One You Lincolnshire also has an app to enable you to track your alcohol consumption against recommended intake and make changes to your drinking habits. With helpful tips along the way as to how you can bring your drinking down to a safer level, the app is a great option for those looking to make long term sustainable changes. If you're interested in either of these initiatives, please [sign up](#) .

Their top tips are available [here](#).

Help and advice is also available on the NHS Better Health website. Here you can download the [Drink Free Days app](#) . This enables you to update and track your drink-free days, gives you simple and practical tips to help you control your drinking and celebrates milestones when you reach your targets. [Healthy body, healthy mind!](#)

Grab-a-jab coronavirus vaccinations still available:

Walk-in opportunities are being offered to people aged 16 and over on a 'first come, first served basis' at the PRSA Mass Vaccination Centre, Boston and the Lincolnshire Showground Mass Vaccination Centre seven days a week from 8.30am -7pm.

For more details on this and information about the opening times of other sites across the county, please see <https://lincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/grab-a-jab/>.

Alternatively, if you want to make a pre-booked appointment you can [book an appointment online](#) or call 119.

Lincolnshire County Council Climate Summit:

Please find a link below.

[County Council hosts first ever Lincolnshire Climate Summit](#)

Appendix B

Supplier		Net
Andy Jackson		165.00
Clark's Clerical Service		25.50
Salary		495.88
Halton Hologate Parish Council		35.10
Zurich		666.83
C Newton		9.42
Boston seeds	1.00	5.99
Boston seeds		68.00
Tongs	4.25	25.48
Agri-Gem Ltd	6.18	37.06
Kompan	9,986.13	59,916.76
B & M		26.17
ICO		35.00
Ramsden Memorial Hall		3,000.00
Total	9,997.56	64,512.19

Supplier		Net
ELDC		5,600.00
HMRC	772.10	772.10
FCC Funding		49,930.63
Ramsden Memorial Hall SCT		4,000.00
King George V Village Field SCT		223.87
Ramsden Memorial Hall SCT		1,810.00
HMRC	9,991.37	9,991.37
Ramsden Memorial Hall SCT		26.14
Total	10,763.47	72,354.11