

MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2022, 6.30PM, AT THE RAMSDEN VILLAGE HALL, OLD BOLINGBROKE

Present: Cllr Powell (Chair) Cllr Routh Cllr Makins County Cllr Gray

Also present: clerk, Jane Slaymaker

1.1/22 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.1/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Coates, Cllr Godsell and L Creedy. These were accepted.

3.1/22 Declaration of pecuniary interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

4.1/22 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

5.1/22 To approve draft notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd November 2021

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

6.1/22 To consider any urgent business under item 15

No urgent items were declared.

7.1/22 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Gray presented his report, a copy is available on the Parish Council's website. Cllr Grover was unable to attend the meeting.

8.1/22 Finance

a. To note the financial position.

The balance in the Treasurer's account is £18,377.97

b. To approve any payments since the last meeting

It was resolved to pay the following:

27/01/2022 Salary Dec/Jan £542.88

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

26.11.21	Transfer from RHM Committee to adjust previous accounting error	0.03
26.11.21	Transfer from Ramsden Trust Field AC re grass cut and field topping	180.00
26.11.21	Transfer from Ramsden Trust Field AC re balance on tree work	5.00
26.11.21	Transfer from Ramsden Trust Field AC re surveys	1675.00
Total		1860.03

d. To note Quarterly figures for payments and receipts and actual figures against budget

The information, previously circulated, was noted.

e. To note the bank reconciliation report

The report was noted and signed by Cllr Makins.

9.1/22 Planning

a. To consider any planning applications since the last meeting

The planning application reference S/018/00042/22 for Wychways, West Keal Road, extension and alterations to existing dwelling to provide additional living accommodation was considered by the Council and it was resolved to support the application. The clerk to notify ELDC.

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

There are no outstanding planning decisions.

10.1/22 Proposed tree work

The application to fell a tree at the Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane ref 0004/22/TCA and subsequent 6 month Tree Preservation Order notice were discussed by the Council and it was resolved that the Council would not want to see the tree felled but would support an application for tree work to make the tree safe. The clerk to notify ELDC.

11.1/22 To receive and note Neighbourhood Watch report

The Neighbourhood Watch report was received and will be placed on the Council's website. L Creedy was thanked for submitting the report.

12.1/22 To discuss village issues

a. To discuss the future maintenance of LCC owned grass areas

It was resolved that the Parish Council continue to maintain these areas to ensure they remain in good condition. LCC will continue with 2 annual safety cuts to verges within the Parish.

b. To discuss replacement Speed Signage

It was resolved that the clerk order a minimum of 5 signs.

c. To receive an update concerning highways issues

Cllr Gray updated Members on the current position regarding highway issues, many of which are scheduled for completion by the end of February: Back Lane, Moat Lane (levelling work); blocked gullies on West Keal Road and Horncastle Hill Road The Chair reported that hedges overhanging the highway verge and stones placed on the highway verge had been removed. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the work to the War Memorial Green. The stone setts were installed only at the apexes of the Green whereas Members had expected the stone setts to go round the Green similar to those on the Rose Garden island. The work was agreed some time ago between the former County Councillor and former Highways Area Manager. Cllr Gray will investigate further and if Highways are unable to complete the work under the original scheme Cllr Gray will see if it can be completed under a Councillor Voluntary Scheme, where the work is undertaken at no charge to the Parish Council but the cost of materials is met by the Parish Council. The cost of the granite setts would be confirmed before proceeding with this option. Cllr Coates had commented that the patching work on Hareby Hill was deteriorating. Cllr Gray made a note of this issue.

d. To receive an update on the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The band have confirmed the booking. Cllr Powell to obtain quotations for the hire of a marquee.

e. To receive an update regarding the defibrillators

Cllr Routh reported that the British Heart Foundation funding is suspended at the moment. Cllr Gray suggested some other funding sources which will be investigated by Cllr Powell and the clerk.

f. To receive an update concerning the Parish Council newsletter

It was noted that the Village Newsletter is seeking volunteers to write the newsletter. The Parish Council newsletter will be produced shortly.

g. To determine a date for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on the 26th May 2022 at 6pm in the Ramsden Hall to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

13.1/22 To discuss Internal Parish Council issues

a. To receive and approve the draft asset register

It was resolved to approve the asset register which will be placed on the Council's website. It was noted that the property owned by the Parish Council operating as Sole Charity Trustees is recorded as nil value on the asset register. The acquisition cost of assets is recorded and £1 is recorded when the actual cost is unknown. A separate asset register is required listing the assets held by the Parish Council as Sole Charity Trustees.

b. To receive the draft asset register inspection report

The inspection report was received and following amendment will be placed on the website.

c. To review and approve the following policies: Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints; Complaints; Financial Reserves and Publications.

It was resolved to review and adopt the policies. To be reviewed next year.

14.1/22 To receive correspondence and resolve action if required

Information from LIVES. Lincolnshire Wolds village guide; the clerk to contact the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service to include the play area and village hall in the listing for Old Bolingbroke.

15.1/22 Urgent business

There was no urgent business to discuss.

16.1/22 To note any communications from the Police since last meeting

No reports had been received from the Police.

17.1/22 Items for next agenda

Defibrillators, newsletter, Risk Management document, 'No Mow May' participation

18.1/22 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.

It was not necessary to exclude the public.

19.1/22 To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 24th March at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm