

Minutes of the Old Bolingbroke with Hareby Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 7pm in Ramsden Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Pam Powell (Chair) Cllr Isobel Godsell Cllr David Makins
County Cllr William Gray District Cllr William Grover

Member of the Public present: 3

Also in attendance: J Slaymaker - Parish Clerk

Open Forum for public participation

A resident reported that empty cans of alcohol are being discarded on the Hagnaby Road. A resident is clearing these up. Littering is a District wide issue. Cllr Gray spoke of the newly formed ELDC Pride Team that can be asked to look at tackling 'hot spots'. A resident reported that the Rose Garden had been tidied and pruned today.

1.3/23 Open meeting

The meeting opened at 7.09 p.m

2.3/23 To note apologies and accept valid reasons of absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Routh. These were accepted.

3.3/23 To declare pecuniary interests for any items on the agenda and to consider requests for dispensations

No pecuniary interests were declared.

4.3/23 To receive and approve the draft notes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2023

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held 19th January 2023 and they were signed by the Chair.

5.3/23 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor

District Cllr Grover reported that the closing date for any applications for Coronation Street Parties was 31st March. The Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival runs from 20th May to 11th June. It is centred around South Ormsby Estate. The £200 District Cllr grant has been approved. The elections are on 4th May and the deadline for registering to vote is 17th April. Registering for a postal vote is 18th April. Photo identification is needed to vote.

County Cllr Gray read his report (previously circulated and to be placed on the website).

Cllrs Gray and Grover were thanked for their updates.

6.3/23 Finance

a) To formally note financial position

The current financial position was noted: £5,097.78 in current account. £10,000 has been transferred to the 32-day interest account where the Council will receive interest.

b) To formally note the bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was noted, checked and signed by Cllr Makins

c) To approve scale progression for the clerk's salary to SCP8 (£11.84/hour) from 1st April 2023

It was resolved to increase the clerk's salary to £11.84/hour from 1st April 2023.

d) To formally approve any automated, retrospective and future payments to be made

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

23.01.23 Scorer Hawkins Architects Ramsden Memorial Hall architect fees under LGA 1972 s.133 £1,519 (£1,265.83)

23.01.23 ELDC Planning fee under LGA 1972 s.133 £149.20

- 27.01.23 London Hearts defibrillator under Public Health Act 1936 s.234 £1,241.00
- 27.01.23 Sainsburys (I Godsell) dog waste bags under LGA 1972 s.111 £2.50
- 02.02.23 ELDC further Planning fee £114.00
- 03.02.23 Lyndhurst Garden Centre (D Makins) Christmas Tree under Local Government Act s.145 £79.99
- 17.02.23 MDH Electrical Ramsden Village Hall electrical work under LGA 1972 s.133 £503.00 (£419.17 ex Vat)
- 23.03.23 Viking Raja Group Office supplies under LGA 1972 s111 £29.86 (£24.88 ex Vat)
- 23.03.23 MDH Electrical defibrillator installation under LGA 1972 s111 £217.58 (£181.32 ex Vat)
- 31.03.23 Salary under LGA 1972 s.112 £302.38
- 30.04.23 Salary under LGA 1972 s.112 £307.84

e) To note any income received since the last meeting

The following income was noted:

- 26.01.23 Mrs Jacklin Donation for bench £430.25
- 03.02.23 St Peter and St Paul OCC towards Christmas lights £50.00
- 06.02.23 Donation towards Christmas Lights £165.00
- 13.03.23 ELDC Cllr Grant(towards Hareby defibrillator) £200.00

7.3/23 Planning

- a) **To consider any planning applications received since the last meeting: ref: S/018/00270/23, section 73 application to vary condition no. 2 (approved plan) imposed on S/018/2297/20 which was for the erection of a detached house at land at Elm House, Church Lane, Old Bolingbroke**
No comment was recorded for application ref S/018/00270/23
- b) **To ratify informal decision made between meetings for tree work (ref 0010/23/TCA) at Old Rectory Cottage, West Keal Road, Old Bolingbroke and tree work at (ref 0020/23/TCA) Bolingbroke Castle, Moat Lane**
It was resolved to ratify the informal comments for proposed tree work at Old Rectory Cottage – no objection and Bolingbroke Castle – support.
- c) **To note any planning decisions and/or appeal notifications since the last meeting**
It was noted that planning permission had been granted for ref: S/018/02358/22, Lamplight, Moat Lane.

8.3/23 To discuss village issues

- a) **To receive a Neighbourhood Watch report**
Linda Creedy read the previously circulated Neighbourhood Watch report. The report will be placed on the Council's website. Linda was thanked for her contribution.
- b) **To receive an update on highways matters**
Cllr Gray reported that the granite setts for the War Memorial are now in stock and that the County Council agreed that the costs of the setts and some steps to access the War Memorial will be in the County Council budget. It is hoped that work will be undertaken before the Great Cowcher Project.
The running water on Hagnaby Road has been investigated by the County Council and was found to be an Anglian Water pipe.
The application to remove the National Speed Limit sign on Back Lane is waiting assessment. A resident mentioned that Back Lane road markings had disappeared and the running water was still an issue and Cllr Gray noted these. The poor road surface at Knight's Farm and slipping Hagnaby Road verge bollards were also noted by Cllr Gray.
- c) **To receive a report concerning the siting of a storage container at the Black Horse Public House**

It was agreed that Planning Enforcement be contacted to clarify the situation.

d) To receive an update concerning village entrance signage

It was noted that a former resident wished to be involved in designing suitable Village entrance signs and it was hoped to progress this matter.

e) To consider a request for funding from St Peters and St Pauls Church towards the renewal of the Church gates

It was agreed that £100 be granted towards the renewal costs of the Church gates under Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9-10 and Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970 s1.

f) To discuss the condition of the dog waste bin on Hagnaby Road

It was agreed that the condition would be logged with East Lindsey District Council. Cllr Grover also noted the details.

g) To consider design, costings, approvals and location of a freestanding noticeboard for Old Bolingbroke under Local Government Act 1972 s111

It was agreed to verify the ownership of a possible location near the Church layby and establish approval requirements. There was a concern that a wooden noticeboard would require regular maintenance. It was noted that the ELDC interpretation sign frame was looking dilapidated and the Clerk was asked to contact the Pride Team.

h) To discuss fencing for the Play Area and consider action

It was agreed to proceed with a low level fence and signage that would keep dogs out of the play area.

i) To discuss unfinished building projects in the village and resolve action

Following discussion Cllr Grover asked for a list of the unfinished building projects. He also suggested that a letter from the Parish Council might assist.

j) To discuss the village internet service

Cllr Gray suggested that Upp.com be contacted as they had a Government contract to upgrade the infrastructure and had undertaken work in Woodhall Spa and Horncastle. The Clerk to progress.

9.3/23 To discuss internal Parish Council issues

a) To consider costings for a formal management agreement for the play area of £425 ex Vat with Wellers Law Group

It was resolved to instruct Wellers Law Group to draft a management agreement to formalise arrangements for the play area.

b) To review the Social Media policy and website accessibility statement and consider adopting the Equality and Diversity policy and determine a review date

It was resolved to re-adopt the Social Media policy, adopt the Equality and Diversity policy and website accessibility statement. To review in 2024.

10.3/23 To receive correspondence and resolve action if required

A enquiry was received concerning co-option, next Roundtable meeting with Spilsby Town Council on 17th May at 6.30pm, letter from Play Inspections who are restructuring, confirmation from ELDC that there will be no charge to the Parish Council receive planning advice, letter from solicitors concerning a historic boundary enquiry – they have closed the case and will return outstanding monies to the Parish Council.

11.3/23 Clerk and Councillor Reports

Items for the next agenda: co-option

12.3/23 To note the date of the next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7pm (Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm).

The meeting closed at 8.32pm