



Minutes of the Saltfleetby Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2018,
which started at 7.05pm in the Marshland Community Centre

Present: Cllr L Dover (Chair)
Cllr B Stapleton
Cllr Rick Smith
Cllr Robin Smith
Cllr S Harrison
Cllr S Dykes
C Owen - Clerk

There were 2 members of the public present. There were no questions raised by the residents in the public forum.

Statutory proceedings commenced at 7.06pm

00719 Apologies for absence – Apologies from Cllr Clark have been received.

00720 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **9th January 2018** had been circulated. Page 140 under item 00712 the paragraph that quotes; 'Cllr Stapleton reported that the cost to hire the crane to remove the box would be £180 and only 3 hours' notice is required.' has been changed to 'Cllr Stapleton reported that the cost to hire the crane to remove the box would be £180 for 3 hours.' It was resolved to accept the minutes after this adjustment p Cllr Stapleton, s Cllr Harrison. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

00721 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

00722 **District Councillor Report** – Cllr McNally reported that the footpaths (referencing a residents email regarding the state of the grass verges and footpaths) are maintained annually however, due to the work in Louth unessential maintenance has been pulled.

Cllr Stapleton stated that the state of Three Bridges Lane and the timescales for the work to be undertaken is completely unacceptable. The work was due to be completed in August 2017 and there has been no communication since when the work has been rescheduled to be completed. A discussion around a potential 'protest' ensued with statements about Saltfleetby being left behind and that villages to the east of Manby Crossroads being forgotten, whilst Theddlethorpe road maintenance had been completed. Discussion around contractors leaving the road as was and the history of the EK Wind Farm work took place.

Cllr Harrison reported that there is grass growing over the footpaths and these used to be sprayed. This is partly causing crumbling of the footpaths. Cllr McNally noted this and will report back on the spraying of weed killer on the footpaths.

Cllr McNally reported that there is a drop in session at Saltfleet Methodist Church on 27th February where the Environment Agency will be available to explain the background on the consultation which has been carried out regarding 6 optional schemes to replace the beach

re-nourishment scheme along the beaches south of Mablethorpe. He will send more information to the Clerk to distribute.

Cllr Dover asked about speed guns and whether the new scheme, reported in the press, to provide speed guns to communities has begun. She has spoken to a local PC and the Clerk at North Somercotes about this and nothing has been communicated as yet. Cllr McNally stated that the speed guns and equipment would need to be purchased by the Parish and that they are not provided free of charge. The Scheme is still on. Cllr Dover requested that feedback be given as to the lack of timely communication and Scheme details.

Cllr McNally reported that the Police Panel had met and that the precept for 2018/19 has been increased by £12 per year per household to ensure that the police force remains stable. He added that there would be a new intake of PCSO's in June/July and this increment would secure this recruitment. It was also mentioned that PCSO Billy Spence is leaving his post and this would leave only 2 PCSO's to cover Skegness, Alford and Mablethorpe areas.

00723 County Councillor Report – Cllr McNally responded to concerns regarding the state of the roads throughout the village with particular emphasis on North End Lane (large sunken dip just beyond Greyfleet Bridge – north bound) and the B1200; referencing a residents email regarding an incident of a car being damaged by a pothole near to St Clements Church and the number of accidents occurring by the s-bend on A1031, by stating that all incidents of cars leaving the road should be reported to the police. There was discussion around the LCC Portal Reporting Tool and several emails that had been received by Highways. Cllr McNally suggested the Clerk send a detailed email of all outstanding issues to the contact at Highways.

Rumble strips and 20mph signage were suggested to slow traffic down around the A1031 s-bends and Cllr McNally pointed out that the signage is adequate on the approach and on the bends of the road. Cllr McNally stated again that all incidents need reporting to the police.

Cllr McNally reported that North End Lane issue has been logged and that Highways had visited the site. The issue is that it is a EK trench that has collapsed (north of Greyfleet Bridge). There is still the problem with a BT trench on the junction of North End Lane and Ings Lane.

Cllr McNally reported that the issue at Three Bridges Lane is in progress. Once the list of works and whose responsibility the tasks lie with are agreed, work will commence.

The requested Annual Walk About, the Clerk will report later on in the meeting.

00724 Councillor Vacancies – No requests for co-option onto the Parish Council for the four current vacancies.

00725 EK Wind Farm Community Fund – Cllr Dover asked for this item to be added to the March agenda for discussion.

00726 Policies – Council to consider the draft Expenses Policy p Cllr Rick Smith s Cllr Dykes. It was resolved to adopt the Expenses Policy. Council to consider the draft Freedom of Information Policy p Cllr Stapleton s Cllr Rick Smith. It was resolved to adopt the FOI Policy. Council to consider the draft Media Policy and draft Social Media Policies p Cllr Rick Smith s Cllr Dykes. It was resolved to adopt both of these policies for use by the Council.

Cllr Harrison requested that the Code of Conduct be added to the next agenda.

00727 Financial Matters -

a. Accounts to be paid/authorised - Clerks salary and expenses for January 2018, it was resolved to authorise for payment p Cllr Robin Smith, s Cllr Stapleton. LALC's Annual Training Scheme - £60 for 2018/19, it was resolved to authorise for payment p Cllr Harrison, s Cllr Stapleton.

b. Citizens Advice East Lindsey Financial Grant - Donation of £150 p Cllr Harrison, s Cllr Stapleton. Council resolved to authorize payment.

c. Monthly Councillors Report - For the month up to January 2018 was presented by the Clerk to the Council. It was resolved to accept the report, p Cllr Rick Smith, s Cllr Harrison.

d. Bank Reconciliation and Income & Expenditure Report to end of January 2018 - was presented by the Clerk to the Council. It was resolved to accept both documents, p Cllr Rick Smith, s Cllr Harrison.

e. Internet Banking - to be added to the next agenda for March 2018.

00728 EK Financial Matters -

a. Accounts to be paid/authorised - Louth Town Football Club £15 for the hire of the hall for the EK Panel Meeting on 12th December 2017. It was resolved to authorize for payment, p Cllr Harrison, s Cllr Stapleton.

b. Bank Reconciliation and Income & Expenditure Report - there is currently no bank statement to reconcile and the figures are the same as the last meeting. This will be added to the next agenda in March.

00729 Planning - N/145/00018/18 - Elder House, Main Road, Saltfleetby, LOUTH, LN11 7TP; Proposed change of use of existing stables building into two holiday flats - Council resolved to support the application p Cllr Stapleton, s Cllr Dykes.

00730 Highways/Footpaths - Cllr Stapleton suggested that the village consider mounting a 'protest' regarding the lack of ELDC/LCC support in getting the village highways maintained to a suitable standard. It is felt that other villages have preference over Saltfleetby. It was discussed approaching the Louth Leader and Look North to attend to publicise the issues more widely.

It was suggested to advertise this 'protest' in the Village Newsletter and for the Clerk to contact the editor of the Newsletter to find out the publication deadlines.

It was also suggested that the Clerk contact the local Police Department to ask their advice on a potential 'protest' in March or April, to contact the Parish Council's Insurers around any insurance implications and add the item to the next agenda.

00731 Maintenance of Benches – Cllr Stapleton reported that the benches at All Saints and the Blacksmith shop corner have been cleaned and refinished. There was discussion around possible relocating of Mr & Mrs Aegerter Memorial Bench. Cllr Stapleton and Mr Chapman will meet to look into options for relocation and securing them.

00732 Village Signs – Cllr Clark has completed a lot of work on this and he is unfortunately not present. Cllr Stapleton reported that the cast iron signs in the village of Aby may be an option and that he would get a blacksmith to investigate.

00733 BT Telephone Kiosk Disconnection – It was reported that there is now adequate paperwork evidence of the disconnection of the electricity supply to the box. There are several trees that potentially need to be removed to get the machinery in to lift the box. Mr Chapman will get quotes for the hire of a jack hammer. Cllr Harrison will pass on the contact details of the current landowners so that the Clerk can write to them for permission to potentially remove the trees.

The Clerk is to contact the Parish Council Insurers to check the policy for covering volunteers acting on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Stapleton agreed to be present when any work is being undertaken.

There was discussion around the possible sites of the BT Boxes and Marshlands Community Centre and All Saints Church may be options to be considered.

Other considerations are the security of the boxes; potential concreting in place and the costs of renovating. This item is to be added to the April 2018 agenda for further discussion.

00734 Reports from outside bodies – None

00735 Correspondence –Email from a resident regarding the state of the village grass verges. This has been discussed as part of Cllr McNally's report within section 00722 and it has been agreed that Cllr McNally will investigate the spraying of the verges to help reduce the damage.

The Clerk reported that information received regarding footpaths will be detailed on the next agenda for the March meeting.

00736 Councillor Reports – Cllr Dover reported that she contacted a local legal firm and they have stated that it should not be too costly to get a contract drawn up between Louth Town Football Club and 'the Village'. The two legal firms will communicate and will inform Cllr Dover on the outcome. If they are able to complete the work then they will provide a quote however, there will be no charge if they are unable to do the work required.

Cllr Dover reported that she needs to check that this is definitely the case that EMAS will provide details of the defibrillator on an emergency providing that the Council agree that this is what is required.

Cllr Dover has already provided an update on the speed guns in section 00722 as part of the discussion with Cllr McNally.

Cllr Robin Smith reported that relocating the defibrillator to the Snooker Hall should not be an issue and this will be added to the next agenda for discussion in March.

Cllrs Dover and Harrison attended the Joint Parish Meeting at Little and Great Carlton village hall on 30th January 2018. Cllr Dover gave a summary of the meeting which included how Gayton had built in passing places within their village and The Carltons had match funded a huge footpaths project using EK funding and EU grants. The next joint meeting is planned for September 2018 where there will be discussions around a 3 parish event run across all 3 villages.

Cllr Stapleton will look at the Lych Gate at St Clements Church and report back.

There was a discussion around Lusby's Yard/garage where residents have expressed a concern that the roof may not be secure and there may be a potential risk to the public under Health and Safety. The Clerk will write to the landlord requesting the securing of the roof.

00737 Parish Clerks Report - attendance at the next area forum. The Clerk to arrange the booking for Cllrs Harrison, Dover, Dykes, Rick Smith & Robin Smith.

00738 Items for the Next Agenda:

- Code of Conduct review
- Footpaths - potential match funding
- A3 all in one printer, scanner & copier costings
- EK application simplification of documents
- Highways (Protest) update
- Legal advice regarding Marshlands Community Centre
- Speed guns
- Internet banking for Council business
- Marshlands Community Centre Wifi

The meeting closed at 9.55pm. Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.00pm

Chairman

Date 6/3/18

Clerk

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