

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF WILLOUGHBY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD 20TH FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Cllrs Eyre (Chair); Pridgeon; Talbot-Jones; Aston; White; Havell & Hale
Mrs J. Cooper (Parish Clerk)
3 members of the public

Prior to the meeting a few moments silence was held in honour of two residents who had recently passed away.

During the public session councillors received the news that broadband was now up and running in Sloothby.

101 APOLOGIES

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr Fairfield, and these were accepted.

Cllr Davey (LCC) also sent his apologies

102 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

103 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16TH JANUARY 2020

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign these as a correct record. He wished his thanks to be recorded for the nomination for the Garden party.

104 UPDATES

The Clerk confirmed having sent the precept request off to ELDC for £7200 as agreed.

105 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Davey had referred flooding matters to his Department Director, and the report was now out relating to the flooding at Wainfleet.

106 FLOODING CHURCH LANE/BONTHORPE ROAD

The Chairman updated members following a site meeting between Parish Council (Chairman and Clerk attended) LCC and Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board and two local residents. Following inspection of a surface water manhole which was full, the local farmer was contacted to ask if the nearby dyke could be cleaned, however it appears that the surface water should run under the road to a chamber. LMDB have contacted LCC asking them to investigate and clear any pipe under the road. Chairman and a nearby resident to lift another surface water drain cover to see if water was reaching it which may indicate the position of any blockage in the system. LCC officers noted the flooding outside the Willoughby Arms and on the school corner whilst on site.

107 VILLAGE GREEN FURNITURE

It was agreed that Cllr Aston & Cllr Pridgeon would meet and inspect the seats on site, 1 new seat was fitted and 1 stolen from storage at the public house, a picnic bench had been replaced.

Clerk to check prices of recycled seats.

108 PLAYING FIELDS & EQUIPMENT

Wicksteed had inspected the equipment and their report was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to ask Wicksteed for a quote to carry out the repairs noted including labour costs, and to quote for replacing some of the surface tiles.

109 FINANCE

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the following accounts be paid:

Clerks Salary & PAYE (Feb)	£153.16
Wicksteed inspection	£108.00

110 EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Talbot-Jones updated members on the progress to date with the Emergency Plan. He is waiting for information and mapping from the Emergency Planning Department at Lincoln and had been in contact with the Cllr at Welton le Marsh who was leading their Emergency Plan.

There was no set procedure that the Emergency Plan could follow in the event of an outbreak of coronavirus other than helping neighbours with supplies of food and essentials if necessary.

111 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

112 PLANNING

There were no applications or decisions to note.

113 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

It was provisionally agreed for 7th May, however this depended on the Police Crime Commissioners election date. It was agreed to ask the Police & Crime Commissioner to the public meeting.

114 ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA

- Cllrs Eyre and Aston to look at moving the grit supply from the store in the Willoughby Arms.
- Cllr Aston has the 5 lime trees ready for planting – it was agreed to look at locations and possibly plant when looking at seats on Village Green.
- Cllr White advised of the possibility of the Village Hall entering competition, needs photo of a community event.

115 CLOSED SESSION –

It was agreed it was not necessary to move into closed session.

116 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Talbot-Jones had undertaken some preliminary reporting on the current state of the allotments and felt the following needed addressing:

- Needed a notice on gate giving principal contact, details of ownership and nearest first aid.
- The gate could not be closed, this needed looking at
- The boundary needed better definition.
- Two plots had been advertised as being for sale with nearby property, the Clerk confirmed she had already written to the tenant. It was agreed that further correspondence to fully clarify the situation was necessary.
- Some plots were not being adequately maintained
- One plot has some cockerels in a shed which were causing concern to adjacent allotment holders – tenant to be advised.
- It would be useful to look at reinstating the ditch to help drainage from the allotments/playing fields.
- Rent to remain at £18 (Clerk to send out letters)
- Red lidded bin required and allotment holders asked to place any suspect asbestos pieces in there for analysing.
- Lady who initially requested plot now shut off to be offered another as soon as one becomes available with some concession.
- Cllrs White and Talbot-Jones to do walk around allotments to try and define boundaries.

117 NEXT MEETING

This was set at 19th March 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm