

WILLOUGHBY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
21st NOVEMBER 2019

Present: Cllrs Eyre(Chairman); Pridgeon; Fairfield; Aston; Havell; Hale; Talbot-Jones; white

Mrs J. Cooper (Parish Clerk)

8 Members of the public

During the public session a resident reported that another car had left the road and gone through her hedge in Sloothby; flooding on Church Lane/Bonthorpe Road was still an issue but the Council was thanked for their assistance in trying to get the issue resolved – Cllr Eyre asked that residents took photographs of the flooding next time it occurred. A resident from Alford Road advised that he was concerned at traffic speeds leaving Willoughby and reported there had been two accidents after that bend in 2019 and asked if the speed limit could be reduced; a further resident asked about the speed limit at the Sloothby crossroads. It was also reported that some cabling was left on the Sloothby road, presumably by OpenReach.

68 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

70 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17TH OCTOBER 2019

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held 17th October 2019 as a correct record.

71 UPDATES

There were no updates

72 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There was no representative from LCC.

Cllr Eyre (ELDC) gave a brief update on ELDC matters, including the road sweeper which had been through twice.

73 FLOODING CHURCH LANE

The Clerk updated members on e mail received from LCC Flood Officer, the matter had been discussed at a meeting of all agencies on 5th November. The gully emptier had been on site and cleaned and jetted the drains, however it is understood that the drain running under the road was blocked or possibly collapsed. Clerk to contact LCC for further updates.

74 PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk confirmed the Playing Fields were covered under the Council's public liability insurance, and gave update on possible costs of having the equipment inspected. These ranged from £225 plus VAT to £45. It was agreed to ask Wicksteed to inspect the equipment as the supplied it in the first instance. There was also potential for applying for grant aid towards the cost of new equipment through national Lottery Awards for All.

75 FINANCE

a) Accounts:

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

Clerks salary & PAYE (November)	£153.16
LALC – Conference fee	£ 24.00
Welton Garden Services	£150.00

b) Draft budget

The draft budget/precept was circulated and noted. It was agreed a budget head should be added for the playing fields.

76 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Talbot-Jones has a sample of the possible asbestos and it was agreed that he send this for analysis at a cost of £19 (approx). Once it was confirmed the type it was possible that LCC may be able to assist in its disposal. If necessary the Clerk to contact the insurance company to ascertain if clearance costs could be covered by insurance.

77 DEFIBRILLATOR AT SLOOTHBY

Cllr Havell updated members on the fund raising to date, £790 raised by the community and he had set up a "Go Fund Me" page. Cllr Eyre and other members agreed this was encouraging.

78 EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Talbot-Jones intends to populate the template, and call a meeting of the Emergency Plan group to fill in local knowledge. He would like to resurrect the newsletter to get information to the public, as well as organising a group of core volunteers to assist in an emergency. There would also be a need to purchase some equipment – torches etc., and as there were several elements to the parish potentially three sets would be needed. It was agreed that there needed to be a budget head for Emergency Planning.

79 FREE TREES WOODLAND TRUST

It was agreed not to pursue this as the number of trees/hedging would be greater than the available land held under the Council's control.

Clerk to contact LCC in December in respect of the free trees to replace the lime tree removed from the edge of the village green earlier in the year.

80 SPEEDING

Cllr Talbot-Jones had done some research into speed limits and felt the Parish Council should initiate a 20mph zone around the school. This would encompass the sharp bends near the green and as such it may be possible to extend the current 30mph zone in the village. There are no pedestrian crossings near the school which he feels should be considered as well. It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Council look into the possibility of a 20mph zone near the school. There was one concern that such a reduction may cause problems with impatient drivers making it more dangerous.

81 CORRESPONDENCE

- Citizens Advice Bureau – request for funding – it was agreed not to donate
- Clerks and Councils Direct – circulated
- Request for donation towards plants for the trough outside Village Hall. It was agreed to put this back on the next agenda and the people advised to seek consent from the Village Hall, who originally gave the Garden Club permission to site it provided it was maintained.

82 PLANNING

Application N208/1373/19 – Crossing Cottage, Dawber Lane – change use land to provide domestic curtilage. It was agreed to support.

Decision – N208/1373/19 – Habertoft Farm – Storage Building. This was conditionally approved (to be in accordance with plans)

83 ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Aston advised that the building at the Willoughby Arms which currently stores the sand was sold, Cllrs Eyre and Aston to look to see how much sand was there and where it could be moved to.

There is a loose kerbstone on Station Road – Clerk to report

Trees interfering with telephone lines in parish – Clerk to report

Pothole on Claxby corner – Clerk to report

Self sown sycamore damaging residents fence – contractor to trim.

Next agenda:

Budget (including new budget heads Emergency Plan and Playing Fields)

Request for donation for maintenance of plants in Village Hall trough.

84 NEXT MEETING

As there is no meeting in December the next meeting is scheduled for 16th January 2020.

The Chairman took opportunity to wish all an (early) Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm