

WILLOUGHBY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
17th OCTOBER 2019

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

Mrs J. Cooper (Parish Clerk)

13 Members of the public

During the public session serious concerns were raised regarding the flooding on Bonthorpe Road/Church Lane, understood to be from blocked or broken drains and gullies which have been in poor state of repair for several months. Residents were experiencing flooding into gardens, and some sewage was also being incorporated into the flood waters across the pavement and into gardens. Residents had reported the issue several times but were displeased with the lack of action taken by the County Council on this matter and requested the support of the Parish Council. The Clerk read out e mail from Flood Risk Manager at LCC regarding flooding of gardens, who had also requested action from the Highways Team. The issue had also been reported by the Parish Council via "Fix my Street". One resident was asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act and was advised to approach the relevant authorities (County and District as appropriate) for this. Concerns were also raised that the system could not cope at present and any future development accessing the system would add to the problems. It was agreed the Clerk write to County Councillors conveying the urgency of action needed, and forward the information supplied to Parish Councillors from local residents.

The Parish Council meeting then commenced.

54 APOLOGIES

Apologies and valid reasons for absence were received from Cllrs Eyre and White, and these were accepted.

55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

56 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that these be signed by the Chairman as a correct record, and noted that during the public session the overgrown conifer trees had been reported to Cllr Davy who had agreed to look into the problem. This had been missed off the minutes.

57 UPDATES

The Clerk updated on feedback from Fix my Street reports, however it was confirmed that Hasthorpe Road still had a large dangerous pothole taking up a large section of the lane. To be reported again.

58 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There were none

59 PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk confirmed having written to three Trustees listed on the Charity Commission website, and had received a response that the Committee had been disbanded some two years ago when the Playing Fields should have been handed back to the Parish Council. The Clerk had searched the files and there was no record of any correspondence to that effect. She had advised the Trustees that they need to arrange to dissolve the Charity as this was not something the Parish Council could do.

Following further general discussion it was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Parish Council take back control of the Playing Fields. The Clerk to arrange for an independent inspection of the equipment and to contact the Lead listed in the Charity to advise of this decision and to contact the Council's insurance company.

60 FINANCE

A) Accounts for payment:

Clerks salary and PAYE (October)	£153.16
ELDC Election (2 "wards")	£ 97.00
Welton Garden Services	£906.00

As only one cheque signatory was present it was agreed that the Clerk seek counter signing of the cheques when either Cllr Eyre or White were available.

B) Income/Expenditure to 30th September

The report was circulated and noted.

61 ALLOTMENTS

Mr Bhat (ELDC) had visited the site and appeared to confirm the presence of asbestos and advised it was the Parish Council's responsibility to have the particles analysed and removed safely. Cllr Talbot-Jones volunteered to arrange for a sample to be analysed. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

62 DEFIBRILLATOR, SLOOTHBY

Cllr Havell updated members, he recommended the equipment supplied by London Heart Foundation at £995, which included a locked cabinet and servicing. Battery life was approx 5 years and cost approx £30 to replace. To date the Sloothby Community had raised some £500, and he was arranging an account to hold the funds. Any surplus raised would go towards maintenance (ie. Pads etc). The unit supplied by London Heart Foundation was a dual unit for children and/or adults. Cllr Havell was also organising a "Go Fund Me" type internet system.

63 EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Talbot- Jones was taking the lead on this, he had received a blank template for the Emergency Plan and advised on the possibility of a table top exercise to test local plans once populated, followed at a later date by a "live" exercise. He suggested further input from Sloothby and Claxby members who knew their areas, and advised on the need to identify problem areas first. The plan should also cover dealing with persons displaced from, for example, the coastal area.

64 CORRESPONDENCE

BT – plan to remove telephone kiosk on Church Lane – no objections raised to this.

65 PLANNING

There were no applications or decisions to note.

66 ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA

Next Agenda:

Update on Allotments

Update on Flooding issue

Speed Limits through Willoughby (Cllr Talbot-Jones)

67 NEXT MEETING

This was set at 21st November 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm