

Venue STICKFORD Community Centre

Meeting held 6th MARCH 2018 starting 7.30pm

THE MINUTES

Number of Residents present, Two

Official attendees read Y for attending N for non attendance

Chairman Councillor Mrs Pamela Bryant Y

Vice Chairman Mr Graham Bradley N

Councillor Mrs Lesley Reeson Y

Councillor Mr Robert Morley N

Councillor Mr Clive Kingswood Y

Councillor Position Vacant

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Parish Clerk Mr John Spencer Y

ELDC Councillor Mr Jim Swanson Y

Lincs County Councillor Mrs Wendy Bowkett N

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming everybody. The Chairman stated that there is an additional item to the agenda noted as 8a Correspondence.

Apologies for absence. There were three apologies for absence. See above

There were two residents at the meeting, issues raised:--

The fencing near Paddock View,----- replacement of damaged wood to be arranged.

Amount of rubbish being dumped along Fen Road,----- being investigated

Pot Holes were mentioned ----- Highways aware

There was a declaration of interest on item 9 Planning from Councillor Lesley Reeson

Our Lincs County Councillor Mrs Wendy Bowkett did not attend but did send a report:--

The report was sent by email a summary is :-- The Lincolnshire budget for 2018 /2019 will be £455M including money for young and old support, plus £3M for pot holes, the tax rise will be 2.95% plus 2% for adult care = £4.95% rise. The government had given an extra £9M for pot holes, (an extra 2 man team), also in Stickford, work on Back Lane drainage and Black Drove for carriageway reconstruction, also offered assistance on any local LCC issues.

Our ELDC Councillor Mr Jim Swanson

Councillor Swanson stated that the final tax for the coming year should be about 3.75%, but the final meeting is due next Thursday 8 March. There was the possibility of a small allowance of £1500.00 being reinstated to ELDC Councillors in support of local needs and projects.

A review of the past 2 meetings for approval as accepted, this was agreed.

Meeting 5 December 2017 -----Proposed by Councillor Lesley Reeson

Seconded by Chairman Pam Bryant

Meeting 9 January 2018 ----- Proposed by Chairman Pam Bryant

Seconded by Councillor Lesley Reeson

Matters arising from the two meetings as at item 7 above:--

For Farming Allotments see item 11 below

For War Memorial Clock see item 12 below

For Statutory Documents see item 13 below

For village verges and pathways, after discussions it was agreed to discuss the possibility of using North Sea Camp residents to undertake some of the work. Enquires to be made with the Community Engagement Officer.

The memory plaque for the new bench, it was agreed to investigate costs

Highways new format of reporting pot holes and other highway problems on the new web site is not working. Highways hope to have the problem sorted within the next two months.

8a Correspondence.

The council have had a report from the local police about incidents in the village:- There was a lorry overturned on the A16. 05/02/2018.

There was a male seen riding a bike carrying a rifle. No other information was given.

East Lindsey District Council Executive Decision Notice. Public Toilet refurbishment – Construction phase works and appointment of contractor.

Community-led housing: What is it and what can it offer your local authority.

Information on <https://www.bshf.org/our-programmes/community-led-housing>

The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council Minute Books and other documents have been deposited with the Lincolnshire Archives. A receipt of the deposits was given and the official paperwork of the deposited books will be sent in due course. This is due to only one Archivist working at the Archives at the moment.

Planning

Wright Eggs Ltd. Planning Application S/204/00210/18. Land at Poplar Farm, Mill Lane, Keal Cotes

Application to vary condition no. 8 regarding passing places on highway as imposed on planning permission reference no. S/204/01679/16

Parish Council were asked by ELDC to comment on the proposed reduction of the number of passing places from 3 to 2. The Parish Council consulted Lincolnshire County Council and was told by Highways they do not consult with the Parish Council regarding where the passing places were to be situated. This made it impossible for the Parish Council to comment on the proposal and was mentioned in the submitted reply. Lincolnshire County Councillor Wendy Bowkett to be notified of the situation.

Financial Matters.

The RFO has not sent out any letters regarding any grants that may have been awarded by the parish council in their application for the precept. The reason is that the council may not get its proposed amount, therefore it was considered not to send letters until precept application was guaranteed to be paid in full. If for any reason full precept is not paid, the council will have to revise any grants applied for.

The RFO presented 3 pages of account detail up dated

There were two bills to pay:-

Community centre rent £48.00

Clerk Expenses £34.97

The RFO reported that there will be changes to the way we claim VAT but we are still waiting for the detail.

Farming Allotments update

After a meeting inviting all allotment holders to discuss the three-yearly review of the allotments. It was formally agreed during the meeting the clerk will send a letter confirming the details of the proposed changes, in 2019. The issue of drainage was discussed and the cost to resolve the problem. It was suggested a site meeting with Wester Power would be helpful. Who has to pay for the drainage will be discussed at a later date.

War Memorial Clock update

Both the Chairman of the Council and other interested parties are attempting to find the solution into getting the clock working again. The Chairman contacted another clock repairer who declined as he did not repair turret clocks. Another repairer in Woodhall Spa will be contracted to find out if he provides a free estimate.

The Parish Council will be advertising for a Volunteer Gardener for the War Memorial Garden.

Signing and approval of Stickford Parish Council Statutory Documents.

There are 7 documents for approval by councillors and signing by the Chairman.

Standing Orders 2018

Financial Regulations 2018

Code of Conduct 2018

Publication Scheme 2018

Equality Act adopted by council as LTN 78, 2018

Freedom of information adopted by council as LTN 37, 2018

Data Protection adopted by council as LTN 38

All adopted documents will be updated if and when changes occur. All the other documents can be amended by the agreement of the FULL COUNCIL ONLY.

All listed documents above will be placed on the council web site soonest and the clerk will keep a hard copy, together with any associated documents quoted within each.

Environmental update.

Councillor Lesley Reeson found no major problems. There was the cycle post near the path to Church Road from the A16 still badly corroded, also some over overhanging tree branches along Hagnaby Road ---- clerk to contact Highways.

There were no other issues raised by councillors.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm stating the next statutory meeting will be the Annual meeting of the Parish on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.30pm here at the centre.