

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 31st August 2010 at 7pm in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Boor, Bloomfield, Carlile, Cooke, Eckhardt, Foreman, Knowles, Lange, C Lindley, W H Lindley, Maw & Whitehead.
 Also Present: 2 residents.
 Chairman: Cllr Knowles presided.

Before the meeting was opened Mr Franks gave a brief history of Tom Preston and his war grave which is located in the closed churchyard. Before Mr Preston joined the army his profession was a post man. Mr Edlin of Newark who has been investigating and collating data on postmen in the area under the direction of the Post Office is currently contacting the relatives of the late Mr Preston regarding the repair of the grave which could be funded by the Commonwealth War Commission. Cllr Knowles pointed out that the Commonwealth War Commission would only replace with a Portland standard headstone which was agreed by all would not suffice. The headstone could possibly be pinned, which will all be investigated by the PCC who will in turn inform the Council.

Cllr Knowles asked that a paper trail be available on the attempts to contact all Mr Preston's relatives.

Mr Franks informed the Parish Council that if a faculty was required the PCC would deal with it.

The Council will now await an update from the PCC.

Mr Franks left the meeting and the meeting was opened.

Procedural

249. Apologies for absence received from Cllr Booth & Smedley.
 250. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2010 were approved as a true and correct record.

Proposed Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Foreman. All in favour.

251. No declarations of interest declared.

Planning

252. To receive the decisions made by North Lincolnshire Council and to consider the following planning application and any further planning applications received where comments have to be submitted before the next meeting.

The following planning applications have been granted full planning permission by NLC.

2010/0719 – Haxey Parish Council – change of use of land into Parish Cemetery & Memorial Garden at Sunningdale, 7 Church Lane, Haxey.

2010/0723 – Mr Smithy, 21 Thinholme Lane, Westwoodside – replace an existing workshop (re-submission of 2010/0344)

The following appeal has been submitted to NLC.

2009/1520 – Mr D Snowden, 70 Doncaster Road, Westwoodside – planning permission to erect a detached dwelling and domestic garage. 2010/0301 was submitted and granted permission in May; this was a re-submission of 2009/1520.

The following planning application received by NLC was discussed by the Parish Council.

2010/0862 – Mr P Turland, Crossways, Doncaster Road, Westwoodside – planning permission to erect a detached dwelling to replace existing dwelling to be demolished (re-submission 2010/0348).

Cllr Maw proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Allcock. 12 for, 1 against.

253. **Clerk's Report**

- a) Notification received from NLC that the recent request for information on the public right of way from Owston Ferry through High and Low Burnham across farm land is not on the definitive map and on asking the farmer if he would put it on this, this request was declined. NLC Dave Sanderson suggested that if the Parish Councils want the footpath to be put on the definitive map the process of collecting evidence forms would have to be carried out. It was agreed that the Parish Council want this right of way on the Definitive Map and therefore to begin the process of collecting evidence.
Clerk to contact the Owston Ferry Clerk to ask if the item could be placed on their agenda for discussion
- b) NLC Dave Sanderson also informed the Council that it was a possibility that the reinstatement of the footpath along Mr Frickers hedge joining up Akeferry Road and Langholme Lane would be carried out when the repairs to Akeferry Road take place.
- c) NLC Rob Mackenzie had updated the Clerk prior to the meeting on the following issues:-
 - i. The dangerous grate on Hallcroft Close was still to be investigated.
 - ii. The overgrown hedge on Upperthorpe Road at Goodrood Cottage was still to be investigated but the hedge belonging to Mr Twells which NLC have requested several times to be cut will now submit an official letter requesting the hedge cut or NLC will carry out and bill Mr Twells.
 - iii. The erection of a Commons side street sign on Mr Heath's wall will not be carried out as NLC will not be able to maintain the sign. However, NLC do appreciate the offer. Cllr Foreman raised the issue of the hedge which had been blocking the visibility of the sign. Growth has been removed from the front of the sign but visibility is still impaired from the sides. Clerk to ask that this is re-visited.
 - iv. Although the repairs to the road adjacent to Greenhill Stores have been on a work ticket for 18 months NLC have stated that this is not urgent but will be done in time.
 - v. The concrete blocks adjacent to Coopers Farm, Turbary have not yet been investigated.
- d) The LWP will review the Boundary Review information received from ERNLLCA.
- e) Notification received from NLC on the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – Core Strategy DPD: Submission to the Secretary of State. The information is available either on CD or the following website: - <http://nlincs-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/csmay2010>. Clerk to forward to Cllr Carlile for inclusion on the website.
- f) Notification received from HWRCC on the Consultation on the Big Society – Right to Build to which a response has been submitted.
- g) Notification of receipt of the consultation response to the Environment Agency on the River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan consultation.
- h) ERNLLCA Newsletter received and distributed.
- i) The Clerk informed the Council that a further letter had been sent out to a tenant who had not cut down the ragwort on parish land. On receipt of the letter the request was carried out.
- j) Notification received from NLC on the Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation – revised draft Licensing Policy & Cumulative Impact Policy. Agenda item for the next meeting.
- k) Correspondence received from Mr Parkin regarding his concerns of flooding to his property and the lack of response from NLC. Clerk contact NLC on his behalf and a response has since been received informing the Council that an update has been passed to Mr Parkin.
- l) Annual Report 09/10 for Northern Lincolnshire Local Action Group & Leader Programme received. Noted.
- m) Response submitted to NALC re: Opportunity for Local Councils to feedback information on their involvement with their fire and rescue service.
- n) Walking the Way to Health around Gainsborough information received.
- o) Playing Fields newsletter received and passed to Cllr Lange.
- p) Thank you letter received from Isle of Axholme Physically Handicapped Society for the recent donation.

- q) Countryside Voice newsletter received and noted.
- r) Playground Safety training programme available on 23/09 at North Hykeham Town Council. Noted.
- s) Information received on the 'No Need for Nuclear' motion. Noted.
- t) Fieldwork newsletter received and noted.

Improvements / Projects

254. To consider the next steps for the proposed burial land project and determine action required.
 Planning permission has been granted for the change of use. The offer has been verbally accepted. Cllr Knowles suggested that the LWP continue with the process to purchase the land and engage contractors to tender for the work. **Proposed by Cllr Maw, seconded by Cllr Boor. All in favour.**

Highways – Traffic / Roads / Footpaths

255. To be notified of the response from NLC regarding the B1396 fatal accident and determine any further action required.
 The Clerk read out the response received from NLC with regard to placing a STOP sign at the junction. This is not allowed due to the fact that there is visibility to the junction. NLC are still investigating all possibilities to reduce the risk of any further accidents and are currently working on a scheme at Scotter. Data will be sent to the Clerk when available on this scheme. Once this data was received Cllr Maw to arrange with the LWP to visit the site.
256. To receive comments from NLC regarding the Greenhill state of repair to the road and determine any action required.
 Discussed in the Clerks Report. 253 c) iv.
257. To receive the stats from the two mobile flashing speed signs and determine any action required.
 The publication of the Parish Council hiring the speed signs was advertised well so to see that a member of the public had approached NLC regarding the removal of the signs and not the Parish Council was a concern and reinforced the need for the Parish Council to be able to inform residents of what was happening in the village.
 Now that the data had been sourced the Parish Council would be interested to see what NLC are to do with the stats. The Parish Council to write to NLC and ask what they are to do with the stats and strongly request that more police enforcement is put into situ particularly on Akeferry Road. The general feeling from the Parish Council that the notwithstanding the optimistic assessment of NLC on the results, the signs had had a more marginal affect particularly when considering the cost of the project.

Reports / Updates

258. To receive an update on the block of toilets on High Street, Haxey and determine action required.
 Two calls have been received from residents wanting to keep the toilet block open. Cllr Eckhardt informed the Council that a special meeting was called by NLC to discuss the issue. Defer until further information is received.
259. To receive an update on the proposed employment of a Parish Handyman and determine action required.
 Four Interviews were carried out on 25/8 by the Personnel Committee with the Clerk in attendance, of which 2 local candidates were shortlisted. One candidate was from Epworth at £10 per hour and the other from Haxey at £12 per hour. Both candidates would be self employed and therefore all tax, NI and travel expenditure would be included in the hourly fee. The position would run initially for a trial period of 12 months and would then be reviewed.
It was proposed by Cllr Allcock, seconded by Cllr C Lindley to employ a Parish Handyman. 11 for, 2 against.
 The Personnel Committee recommended that the person from Epworth was a favourable candidate due to his hourly rate and work experience.
It was proposed by Cllr Carlile to employ the candidate from Epworth, seconded by Cllr Boor.

Cllr Maw stated that he would prefer the Handyman to come from Haxey, this was seconded by Cllr W Lindley and was taken as an amendment to the first proposal. 6 for, 5 against, 2 abstentions. For employment of the Epworth candidate there were 4 for and 3 against and 6 abstentions. Therefore the Haxey Candidate would be offered the post at £12 per hour.

260. To receive an update regarding the NLC Library and Information Services on the future of the Library provisions in Haxey and determine any actions required.

Cllr Knowles stated that the cost savings were a national issue and the closing of the library was an easy way to save money.

The consultation process is still underway and the Parish Council will await the parishioner's responses and act on the results.

261. To receive an update on the adoption of the Low Burnham Kiosk and determine any further action required.

Prior to the adoption of the kiosk the Parish Council must obtain a further letter from the land owner for their permission to adopt. Clerk to draft a letter for Cllr Boor to take to the land owner for signing.

262. To receive an update on the parish land rent review and land registration process and determine any further action required.

The Clerk has received details from the land registry as to the costs of registering all parish land. **It was proposed by Cllr Bloomfield and seconded by Cllr Maw to register the land at a cost not to exceed £500. All in favour.**

The Clerk has also informed Land Registry that the Parish Council obtained the land as per the 1803 Awards.

The rent invoices are ready to be distributed to tenants with a covering later stating that the rent review has taken place. The new rental agreement also to be included for signing.

General Items

263. To be notified of the email received from Mr Franks regarding the Tom Preston War Grave and determine action required.

It was agreed to await a further update from Mr Franks.

264. To approve the new model standing orders for Haxey Parish Council.

With the agreed amendments suggested by Cllr Allcock, **it was proposed by Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Allcock to adopt the new model standing orders for Haxey Parish Council. All in favour. Clerk to issue to all members.**

265. To received further correspondence regarding Haxey Carr Caravan Site and determine action required.

Correspondence had been issued prior to the meeting which had been sent from Mrs Cowburn and Cllr Carlile to NLC. Andrew Percy MP is now also investigating. Cllr Carlile to keep the Clerk up to date with any further correspondence received.

266. To consider attendance to the free internet training and mobile internet opportunity for Councillors.

The majority of the Council would like to attend a training session. Clerk to set up.

267. To consider attendance of members to ERNLLCA training courses during the winter of 2010/2011.

Cllr Bloomfield & Cllr C Lindley showed an interest in the Meeting Seminar and both Cllr Knowles and Lange in the Chairmanship courses. Cllr Bloomfield also asked if there was a Financial seminar she would be interested in attending. Clerk to inform ERNLLCA.

268. To consider attendance of members to the SLCC First Aid & Health & Safety training seminar.

Cllrs Foreman and Maw and the Clerk to attend the above SLCC training seminar. **Proposed Cllr Bloomfield, seconded by Cllr Lange. All in favour.**

269. To consider comments in response to the Government Consultation regarding the use of referenda to veto excessive council tax increases.

A submission has been forwarded to NALC prepared and approved by the Council.

270. To consider the adoption of the Power of Well Being Parish Statement and determine any further action required.
With the agreed amendments **it was proposed by Cllr C Lindley, seconded by Cllr Lange to adopt the statement. All in favour.**
271. To approve the Haxey Parish Plan.
It was proposed by Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr C Lindley. All in favour.
272. Request for article(s) for next month's Arrow publication.
- Parish Handyman
 - Power of Well Being
273. To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Dog Bins – Westwoodside
 - Village Hall – Vinehall Road visibility
 - Awards / Website
 - Remembrance Sunday
 - Parish Boundary
 - Newbigg street sign
 - Ropewalk
 - Sheppard's Place
 - Finance Committee
 - Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation – revised draft Licensing Policy & Cumulative Impact Policy

Finance

274. To consider the renewal of the SLCC Membership fee for 2010.
Cllr W Lindley proposed, seconded by Cllr Carlile to renew the membership. All in favour.
275. To be informed of the receipt of the 2nd instalment of the parish precept.
Noted.
276. To receive a copy of the Financial Statement up to 31st August 2010.
Noted.

Grant Requests

277. To consider a grant for Haxey Tennis Club.
It was proposed by Cllr Allcock, seconded by Cllr Maw to grant £1000 to the Tennis Club. 12 for, 1 abstention.

Expenditure

278. To consider the following accounts and any received after the agenda has been sent out and before the next meeting.

Payee	Details	Cheque Number	Amount £
D Hotson	Salary	1659	621.32
D Hotson	Expenses	1659	118.82
H M Revenue	Employers NI	1660	27.43
H M Revenue	Employees NI & Tax	1660	49.78
Arrow Publication	Arrow	1661	94.00
Haxey Memorial Hall	Room Hire	1662	59.00

North Lincolnshire Council	Hire of 2 Community Speed signs	1663	879.84
Cottage Gardens	Grass Cutting	1664	218.00
Mr Towns	Ragwort – Snowdrop Cottage	1665	108.10
SLCC	Health & Safety Training seminar	1666	90.00
SLCC	Membership renewal	1667	118.00
Haxey Tennis Club	Donation	1668	1000.00
Total expenditure 31st August 2010			£3,384.29

Proposed by Cllr Bloomfield seconded Cllr Foreman - Unanimous that the accounts be paid.

279. To confirm the date of the next meeting as being Tuesday 28th September 2010 in the Hood Room, Haxey Memorial Hall.

.....Chairman

Abbreviations

NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs
HWRCC	Humber Wolds Rural Community Council
ERNLLCA	East Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Council Advisors
NATs	Neighbourhood Action Teams
LWP	Land Working Party
Cllrs	Councillors
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
BR	Bridleway
FP	Footpath
LWT	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
NALC	National Association for Local Councils
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
CCC	Caravan & Camping Club

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