

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2009 in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Bloomfield, Boor, Carlile, Cooke, J Eckhardt, Foreman, Knowles, Lange
C Lindley, W H Lindley, Maw, Smedley & Whitehead.
Also Present: 1 resident.
Chairman: Cllr Allcock presided.

100. To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Booth.
101. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2009.
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2009 were approved as a correct record. **Proposed Cllr Knowles and seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.**
102. Declarations of Interest need to be remade and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register.
The following declared a personal interest in agenda item 106 – Cllrs Foreman, Whitehead, W Lindley, Bloomfield & Cllr Maw.
Cllr Lange declared a personal interest in agenda item 114.
103. The following planning application has been granted planning permission:
2009/0101 – Mr G Swinbourne, The Chestnuts, Brackenhill Road, East Lound – full planning permission granted to erect a single storey extension to form ‘granny annexe.
- The following planning application has been refused planning permission:
2008/1714 – Mr J Cook, Jnr, Brackenhill Farm, Brackenhill Road, East Lound – refusal of planning permission to retain mobile home in connection with new farming enterprise.
- The following planning applications were received from NLC and discussed by Haxey Parish Council:
2009/0384 – Mr D Snowden, Uppertorpe Road, Westwoodside, Haxey - planning permission to erect a block of 3 apartments at 70 Doncaster Road, Haxey, Westwoodside. The height of the roof has been lowered slightly but this is still overdevelopment on a small site. There are a number of items on the application which are incorrect. The means of dealing with foul drainage is stated to be ‘unknown’ and this is unsatisfactory. The ‘common sycamore’ is in fact a Horse Chestnut. The plans are not drawn to scale and give a false impression of dimensions of driveway and distance between properties. There are serious surface water problems and soakaways are unlikely to work. The Parish Council have received 11 letters of objections from local residents and therefore **it was proposed by Cllr C Lindley not to support the application, seconded by Cllr Smedley and the comments from the previous objection would be submitted. All in favour.**
- 2009/0366** – Mr David Lancaster, 11 The Nooking, Haxey - outline planning permission for a dwelling at plot adjacent to 11 The Nooking, Haxey. The site is an overdevelopment

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and the NLC structure plan boundary runs through the proposed site. **It was proposed to object to the application by Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Knowles. All in favour.**

2009/0111 – Mr M Duncan, One Acre Cottage, Sandbeds Lane, Westwoodside – planning permission for change of use of domestic premises to mixed use of domestic premises and keeping of family horses, to include retention of additional stable block. The stables are already in situ and have been for some time, therefore in principle the application is supported.

This was proposed by Cllr Maw, seconded by Cllr Knowles but concerns were raised regarding horse boxes causing obstruction when accessing and existing the site and the burning of horse manure. Clerk to include concerns on the planning application response and also contact NLC Environmental department to ask that a plan for the disposal of the horse manure is sought from the owners. **All in favour.**

2009/0347 – Mr J Addie, 25 Low Road, Haxey – listed building consent to erect a conservatory. **It was proposed by Cllr Foreman, seconded by Cllr Boor to support the application in principle but ask that the construction be of wood and not UPVC to be in keeping with the property. All in favour.**

2009/0469 – Mr & Mrs Barker, Standbrook, 107 Akeferry Road, Haxey – planning permission to erect a single storey rear extension. **It was proposed to support this application by Cllr Maw, seconded by Cllr Foreman. All in favour.**

2009/0473 – Mr M Whitehead, land adjoining 4 Haxey Grange – planning permission to erect a three bedroom dwelling with integral garage. This is a back land development and an overdevelopment of the site. **Cllr Boor proposed to object to the application, this was seconded by Cllr Smedley. 13 for, 1 against.**

104. To receive the Clerk's Report - an update on decisions taken at previous meetings and to consider further action.

- a) Information received from NLC on the proposed highways works on the A161, Haxey Lane – phase 2. The works will commence in July and will take approximately 3 months to complete. To be placed on the website. Clerk to contact NLC regarding the height of the cat's eyes on the newly surfaced Haxey Lane.
- b) Epworth L.I.V.E.S responder call out by area information received. This will be placed on the website.
- c) Guidance information received from the Information Commissioners Office regarding Freedom of Information. Clerk to forward the publication scheme to Cllr Carlile to place on the website.
- d) Notification received from the Environment Agency regarding the preparation of a detailed strategy for long term management of the Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Board defences and pumping stations in the Isle. Agenda item for the next meeting and item to be placed on the website.
- e) Information received from Mowing Services. Clerk to inform them of the tender process.
- f) Clerk has created a 'claim for reimbursement of expenses' form to be used by all Councillors.
- g) Notification received from NLC. The Epworth to Doncaster 07:10 bus will continue to run after a quote has been accepted from First South Yorkshire.
- h) Notification received from NLC confirming Neighbourhood Services have been asked to litter pick an area approximately 70m either side of Blackmoor Road Bridge. Cllr Lange informed the Council that this had been done and looked very good.
- i) NATs meeting minutes held on Monday 20th April at Wroot Village Hall. Clerk to forward to Cllr Carlile.

- j) Notification received from Mr Martin regarding the trial bikes at Graizelound Fields. NLC are looking into the allocation of a noise nuisance order. Correspondence also received from the Enforcement Officer at NLC stating that the mounds do not have to be removed at present. A thank you note also received from Mr Martin conveying the thanks to Parish Council of all the neighbours who have been affected by the nuisance.
- k) Notification of the trial to be undertaken at Bonby of moveable speed signs. After the 10 week trial, and if all has goes well renting the signs on a 10 week cycle could be a possibility. Clerk to investigate.
- l) Humbrella newsletter received containing information on the Calor Village of the Year competition. Cllr Smedley to investigate and report back at the next meeting.
- m) Notification received on Public Sector Equality Duties.
- n) Guidance received from NLC for dog owners - Take the Lead. Copy to be put on the website. Clerk to ask if copy could be placed in the Arrow.
- o) After a request for the policy on street cleaning NLC Mick Standish informed the Clerk that Haxey & Westwoodside are on a 12 week cycle. Clerk wrote to Keith Ford head of Environmental Services to ask that this policy be reviewed to give a much more frequent street cleaning service.
- p) A request for a grant has been received from Haxey & District Bowls Club. Clerk to ask for a copy of the latest accounts and place on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.
- q) Posters received for display encouraging the completion of the Rural Housing Survey 2009.
- r) A request for details of the inside of the Haxey High Street telephone Kiosk. Cllr Maw to take some photos and forward to the Clerk. Clerk to send to BT.
- s) The new contract has been received for Mrs Channing to complete. Cllr Boor to take and explain the process to Mrs Channing.

105. To determine and agree date of Annual Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday May 26th.

106. To receive an update on the progress of the Allotments project from the Land Working Party.

Cllrs Knowles and Maw had briefed the Allotment Association on what was agreed at the Parish Council meeting. The Allotment Association had then held a meeting which 18 applicants attended with 3 apologies. It was a unanimous decision to locate the allotments on Cove Road. Further information has been requested and this will be provided by the Association for the next Parish Council meeting.

107. To receive an update from the Land Working Party regarding the request from Mr & Mrs Cowburn, Poplar Farm, Haxey Carr concerning Parish Land.

The Clerk notified the Council that Mr Thomson had advised that the action taken should depend on the Parish Councils Policy on selling land. It was agreed to contact Mr Fullwood and ask his advice on this matter also. Clerk to contact Mr & Mrs Cowburn and ask how much land they own and that we are making further enquires.

108. To receive an update on the progress to create a Parish Plan.

Cllr Smedley informed the Parish Council that funding has been received in the sum of £2,691 from Lottery funding which will allow the continued development of the plan. The post it notes collected at the meetings are in the process of being collated and a report will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

109. Request for article(s) for next month's Arrow publication.
A report has been received from Westwoodside Playing Field Association advertising for volunteers and the report on Northside is to be included in the June edition.
110. To receive an update on the sponsorship of the Low Burnham BT Kiosk.
Item to be deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Boor to give Mrs Channing the new contract received.
111. To receive the letter and accounts from Westwoodside Playing Field Association.
The decision was taken at the last meeting to submit a letter to WREN and to submit the planning application on behalf of the Association. Clerk to contact Richard Carter regarding the completion of the application and submit letter to WREN.
112. To receive comments on dog fouling signs at Upperthorpe and The Nooking and determine action required.
The placing of dog fouling signs on Upperthorpe and the Nooking will be reviewed when the 2,000 signs in the North Lincolnshire area are replaced to include the £1000 fine.
The Clerk has also received costs of new litter / dog fouling bins.
The request for fly tipping signs if on local authority land are free of charge but NLC are not allowed to place on privately owned land and this would require us to contact NLC Environmental Health department to investigate.
113. To receive an update on the Parish Office.
Cllr Smedley informed the meeting that the lid on the new box would be redesigned to fit correctly. When entering the office a smell of gas has been noticeable. Cllr Smedley to investigate and report back to the Council.
114. To be notified of the parking problems on Hallcroft Road and determine action required.
Cllr Lange provided copies of maps and photographs to all Councillors identifying the main issue of the placement of wooden pegs on the verge along Hallcroft Road.
On several occasion the waste recycling lorry has been unable to get down the road due to the positioning of a van by one of the residents outside his home on Hallcroft Road. The owner of the van has been asked to move the van on several occasions to allow access. NLC have now placed verge pegs along Hallcroft Road to ensure the verge is not damaged by larger vehicles passing the van. Residents are now concerned that emergency services would not be able to gain access in an emergency and have signed a petition which they had handed to Cllr Lange and this was given to the Clerk. Clerk to submit letter to NLC detailing residents concerns and enclose the petition.
115. To be notified of the parking problem on The Nooking related to Haxey School and determine action required.
Cllr Smedley updated the Council of the concerns for the safety of the school children. There has been a minor incident where a child was knocked over by a car. The school is sending letters out to all parents to ask them not to park in front of the school but to park 200yds away. The lay-by is being filled in and the post box is being moved.
Parking on the zigzag lines is occurring – Cllr Boor to contact the police and ask that they attend at school drop off and pick up times to review the situation.

116. Update on requirement to install a new grid on the surface water drain at Commonsie.
Clerk has contacted NLC to ask for a site visit, no response to date due to holidays.
117. To receive an update on the Website from Cllr Carlile.
A meeting was held on 26th April on the development of the site and to ensure that data protection guidelines are adhered to. A search engine is being considered to allow items to be archived. There were 40 visits between 13th and 19th April.
118. To discuss the presentation of the Haxey Photographic Competition cups to the prize winners.
The photographs received are being framed and will be available for viewing at the Annual Parish Meeting where residents will be asked to vote for the best entry in the 3 categories. Mr Gilliat who donated the cups has sadly passed away, but agreement that his son present the cups on his behalf – this was agreed. If the winners are not present on the night another date for the presentation will be arranged.
119. To receive comments on north side of Upperthorpe Hill and determine action required.
The Parish Council have been informed of digging work carried out on Good Friday on the north side of Upperthorpe Hill. It is known that water pipes and a mere run close to the area of land that is being dug. Cllr Boor to contact NLC and inform them of the situation.
120. To receive an update on the Awards Map.
The Clerk has been informed that the CD is now available. Cheque to be raised.
121. To receive a report on the ERNLLCA Spring Conference and to receive comments on the ERNLLCA survey regarding the forthcoming new power to appoint persons to a local council.
Cllr Knowles attended the conference and gave a report on proceedings.
The spring conference was held at the Ropewalk, Barton on 4th April and was well attended.
ERNLLCA will be remaining at Haven House for the time being and will have 1 full time officer and 1 part time administrator.
The conference covered ‘working with the Code of Conduct’, ‘handling vexatious enquires’ and ‘Power of Well Being’. The Power of Well Being is being extended to eligible local councils under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and will enable a local authority to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area.
The criteria is a qualified Clerk, 2/3rds of vacancies filled at the last election and 80% of Councillors trained. The power will release the Parish Council from the constraints of S137.
The survey was discussed and the responses received from Cllr Knowles agreed. Clerk to submit.
122. To receive a report from Cllr Carlile from the NATs meeting.
- a) The NATs meeting was held on 20th April at Wroot Village Hall and was well supported.
 - b) The meeting was informed that Sgt. Jackson has moved and they are awaiting a replacement.
 - c) Dog fouling is still an issue and there is a need for the community to act i.e. report incidents.
Part of the campaign on dog fouling is a leaflet which is available on request, it is also published on our web site.
 - d) Crime stats indicate Criminal Damage up in relation with the time of year. Several people spoken to and some arrests. Burglary on the rise but more related to taking from garages and this is not considered under heading of burglary.

- e) Award scheme for people who contribute to the neighbourhood - leaflets are available.
 - f) There is to be an investigation into youths congregating at Hallcroft.
 - g) The Police have also given a commitment to prosecute those creating parking problems at Church Street and Greenhill.
123. To receive comments on the draft Housing Land availability assessment document and determine action required.
The Clerk has viewed the draft document and there are no areas in Haxey or Westwoodside affected.
124. To consider and approve the purchase of a new battery for the Clerks laptop computer.
It was agreed that the Clerk purchase a new battery from Amazon. **Proposed Cllr Maw, seconded by Cllr Boor. All in favour.**
125. To consider the ERNLLCA membership renewal for 2009/10.
It was proposed by Cllr Carlile to renew the ERNLLCA membership, seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.
126. To consider a grant for the Haxey Playing Field Association.
It was proposed by Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Maw to pledge a sum of £3,000 to match funds raised by the Playing Field Association. All in favour.
127. To consider a grant for the Haxey Parish Allotment Holders Association.
It was agreed to defer this item until further information has been received from the Association.
128. To consider the quotes received for flower baskets and troughs and decide which quote to be accepted.
Mr Hagan no longer provides these services. A quote has been received from Mr Hather for the sum of £259 and **it was proposed by Cllr Smedley, seconded by Cllr Maw to accept this quote. All in favour. It was also agreed to ask Mrs Kuchnir to provide flowers for the baskets around the War Memorial and pay the fee of £50.**
129. To consider the quote received for further work required on the church wall.
Cllr Maw to speak with the Vicar and make him aware of the work to be carried out so that the Diocese can be informed. **It was proposed by Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr C Lindley to accept the quote received from Mr R Richardson for £2,200. All in favour.**
130. To receive a report on completion of Accounts by the Internal Auditor for the financial year ending 31st March 2009.
Copies of the report had previously been circulated to all the Councillors.
131. To approve Accounts and Annual Return for the financial year ending 31st March 2009.
Details of the Annual Return had been passed to all Councillors. **It was proposed by Cllr Smedley, seconded by Cllr Knowles to approve accounts and Annual Return for the financial year ending 31st March 2009. Unanimous – All in favour.**
132. To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
Date for the June meeting
Parish footpath leaflet (costings)

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Website
 Awards Map
 Grant request from the Bowls Club. Clerk to request a copy of the accounts
 Isle of Axholme flood risk management strategy

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

Due to the restricted availability of the Memorial Hall and the time constraints a notice for the Annual Parish Meeting was placed into the Epworth Bells for publication on April 23rd 2009. This was authorised by the Clerk with the approval of the Chairman. The cost for the notice is £68.54.

Requires authorisation by the Council. **It was proposed by Cllr W Lindley, seconded by Cllr Maw to authorise payment. All in favour.**

Payee	Details	Cheque Number	Amount £
D Hotson	Salary	1476	574.89
D Hotson	Expenses	1476	115.38
H M Revenue & Customs	NI Employer	1477	19.07
H M Revenue & Customs	NI Employee	1477	16.39
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax Employee	1477	12.80
BT Payment Services	Telephone	DD	16.00
Orange	Telephone	DD	34.26
ERNLLCA	Membership renewal	1478	728.74
Isle Publication	Arrow – May edition	1479	80.00
Haxey Memorial Hall	Hire of Hood Room	1480	75.00
Lincolnshire County Council	Award Map	1481	47.91
D Knowles	Travel expenses	1482	59.29
Aquila Business products	Stationery	1483	94.12
Johnston Publishing	Annual Parish Meeting	1484	68.54
BT Payment Services	Telephone	DD	66.67
Cottage Gardens	Grass Cutting	1485	218.00
Total expenditure for April 28th 2009			£2,227.06

Proposed by Cllr Boor, seconded Cllr Maw - Unanimous that the accounts be paid.

.....Chairman