

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 26th August 2008 in the Hood Room of Haxe Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Carlile, J Eckhardt, Hailstone, C Lindley, Maw, Moyle, Smedley and Whitehead.

Also Present: 1 resident.

Chairman: Cllr. Allcock presided.

191. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Boor, Booth, Cooke, Foreman, Knowles and W H Lindley.

192. To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 29th July 2008.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th July 2008 were approved as a correct record by Cllrs. Moyle and Maw. All in favour.

193. To Receive the Decisions Made by North Lincolnshire Council and to Consider Planning Applications received:

PLANCON/2006/1033 - Land off Footpath 97, Epworth Road, Haxe - Unauthorised siting of a static caravan for human habitation, laying of hard standing area, erection of chemical disposal unit shed, creation of pond and erection of various timber sheds. All have been removed apart from the hard standing which will remain as it does not have a detrimental or injurious impact on the historic landscape.

The following planning application has been granted planning permission:

2008/0877 - Mr B Brooks, Hainstock Cottage, Owston Ferry Road, Low Burnham, Haxe. Install 2 dormer windows.

The following planning application has been withdrawn:

2008/0489 - Mr M Shorland, WBB Minerals Ltd - land adjacent to Cove Farm Quarry, Cove Road, Westwoodside - planning permission to extend sand extraction operations with progressive restoration.

The following planning applications were received from NLC and discussed by Haxe Parish Council:

2008/1218 - Mrs A Palmer, Southolme, 39 Brethergate, Westwoodside - consent to carry out works to a Willow tree protected by TPO Westwoodside 1981.

It was proposed by Cllr Moyle and seconded by Cllr Maw to support the proposal with the condition that a qualified tree surgeon carries out the work - Unanimous Support Approval.

2008/1197 - Mr D Snowden, 70 Doncaster Road, Westwoodside - planning permission to erect three apartments with associated landscaping and car parking (re-submission 2008/0673).

The Parish Council had received 13 letters of objection from residents which were summarised.

It was resolved not to support the development for the reasons in the original objection to 2008/0673 with the addition of some further points of objection. Proposed Cllr Moyle, seconded Cllr Whitehead that the Parish Council objects to this application. Unanimous.

The total objections are:-

The proposed development constitutes overdevelopment of the site.

The proposed dwelling represents an over intensive form of development and would form a discordant feature on the street scene due to its size, scale and massing, contrary to policies H1, H5 and DS1 of the NLC Local Plan.

The loss of sunlight, daylight and privacy on either side due to the size and scale and massing contrary to policies H5 and DS1.

There are serious surface water and sewage problems in this area which have resulted in flooding problems 3 times this year and there is no provision stated for the disposal of foul and surface water which is in contravention of DS14.

Throughout the planning application there are no clear dimensions and the plans in terms of space give a false impression of how the dwelling will look.

There are only 4 car parking spaces allocated for 3 flats.

There is no mention of preserving the horse chestnut tree and this is an exceptional example and under LC12 should be retained.

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

- a) Letter received from NLC regarding a 'rough sleepers' count being conducted by NLC in October. Any known should be reported to the Clerk.
- b) Email received from Mr Martin thanking the Parish Council for hearing residents views on the trial bike issue.
- c) NATs minutes received for the meeting held on 4th August at West Butterwick.

- d) Inspectorate proposal to modify order detailing Footpath 74 Epworth & Haxey 2006(1).
- e) Definitive map modification to Public Bridleway 116, Haxey - Order 2008 (2).
- f) A161 road maintenance update. Details to be placed on the Noticeboards and Website.

195. To receive an update on the Website and Newsletter.

Cllr Carlile informed the Council that there was a new front page layout to the website which now included several new headings. There has been a delay in the updating process due to the Webmasters laptop being stolen which included the upgrades. Cllr Maw requested that all Parish Council Committee representatives should include an article on the committee they are representing.

Cllr Allcock informed the Council that all the July Newsletters have been distributed and he thanked all involved in helping with the delivery.

196. To discuss the next steps to be taken regarding a Parish Plan.

Names of 4 volunteers have been received. Cllr Smedley to arrange a meeting for September 24th at 7.30 (venue to be agreed) and contact the volunteers to inform them of the meeting date. Meeting also to be advertised.

197. To receive an update on the advertising of Parish Land for rent.

The Clerk read out the letter received from Mr White offering to exchange existing land that he currently rents (approx 4 acres) for our piece of land (299)(approx 2 acres). **Cllr Moyle proposed** that the Parish Council ask Drewery and Wheeldon to value the Parish land (299) on the basis that planning permission may be obtained for a dwelling on the site if the land is owned by a person in Forestry or Agriculture. Clerk to inform Mr White. **Cllr Maw seconded the proposal, all in favour.**

198. To be informed of the action taken on footpath 86 opposite Mill Lane.

Cllr Moyle informed the Council that NLC will be spreading top soil on the footpath. The cattle grid has been filled in where the gate is to be placed. The resident has admitted to throwing dog faeces onto the footpath and will not do this anymore.

Cllr Moyle to follow up to ensure this is completed by the next meeting. Cllr Moyle to also ask that NLC look at the barbed wire which is at both sides of footpath 86 and footpath 113 in terms of danger to walkers.

199. To receive an update on the request for Allotments.

To date 16 letters have been received from residents stating that they would be interested in an allotment. Clerk to acknowledge the letters received and to ask if there are any known pieces of land that would suffice to set up allotments. The Parish Council to advertise for any land that may be suitable for allotments and to contact NLC for advice.

200. To be informed of the progress of the Haxey Photographic Competition.

Cllr Smedley showed the Council the poster which will advertise the competition. There are to be 3 categories – Adult, Children and Camera Club members. The prizes being £75 for the Adult and Children categories and £50 for the Camera Club category. The resizing and mounting will be carried out by the Camera Club at a cost of £50.

This will be advertised through the Parish Council newsletter, Epworth Bells, Website, Schools, Pubs, Parish magazine and local shops.

201. To discuss recent flooding / drainage problems in Haxey Parish

The Clerk read out the letter received from Mr Parkin regarding problems of surface drainage and rainwater on the Nooking, Haxey and also a letter received from Mr Nithsdale regarding problems of road surface and drainage problems on Haxey Lane.

Burrell's corner has also been flooded possibly due to the new housing development and interference with the drainage system. Flooding has also occurred at Hunters Croft which has recently had the 2 drains cleared but these are thought to be inadequate and the concerns are that the embankment is being washed away.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr Parkin and Mr Nithsgate to inform them that the Parish Council are to contact NLC Geoff Pople detailing all the current problems of flooding in Haxey and Westwoodside and request an update.

Cllr Whitehead also pointed out that Westwoodside pond is very full and the drainage system which runs to the final outlet to Monkham Drain should be inspected.

In general it was felt that although drain gullies are cleaned out the interconnecting pipe work needs to be flushed as well.

202. To consider representatives in the event of flooding emergencies as part of the Low Burnham Flood Group and for Haxey Parish.

Mr Miller has verbally volunteered to represent Haxey. Clerk to write to confirm. Notice to be placed onto the Noticeboard for a representative for Westwoodside. The Community Emergency Plan to be discussed at the next meeting.

- 203. To receive an update on the maintenance of the BT telephone box, High Street, Haxey.**
Clerk to contact BT with telephone number and an engineer will visit and assess the maintenance issues.
- 204. To receive an update on the overgrown hedge on Akeferry Road.**
Clerk to follow up with NLC Andrea Brocklebank for an update.
- 205. To consider the information received from NLC regarding the grass cutting and adoption of the Ropewalk.**
Cllrs Allcock and Moyle to contact NLC Dave Sanderson to arrange a meeting to discuss these issues.
- 206. To consider a request from Westwoodside Playing Fields Committee for a grant.**
Cllr Maw proposed £4,000, this was not seconded. Cllr Whitehead proposed £2,000 and this was seconded by Cllr Eckhardt. All in favour.
- 207. To be informed of the Active Choices Active Futures Isle of Axholme Neighbourhood Plan.**
Cllr C Lindley will represent the Parish Council at the meeting to be held in Epworth on September 15th.
- 208. To be informed of the East Midlands Regional Plan.**
The Clerk read out a summary of the report. A copy is available on request along with a CD.
- 209. To be informed of the North Lincolnshire Council Local Development Framework – consultation for Gypsy and Traveller sites.**
There are currently 7 sites in North Lincolnshire – 3 authorised private sites and 4 travelling show people yards. There are no proposed sites in the Isle of Axholme. The proposed sites are in Barton, Brigg and Scunthorpe. People who have put forward land for development have also been contacted to see if they would be willing to offer the land for the purpose of housing Gypsies and Travellers. The Parish Council will follow the progress of this consultation.
- 210. To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.**
Allotments
Akeferry Road hedge
Photographic Competition
Footpath 86 opposite Mill Lane.
Parish Land
Parish Plan
Ropewalk
Community Emergency Plan
Active Choices Active Future report
Clerk's contract of employment
Toilets, High Street, Haxey
Village of the Year update
Website
- 211. To discuss action to be taken to deal with / transfer existing Orange contract.**
Cllr Knowles and the Clerk to arrange for existing telecommunication contracts to be transferred to the new Clerk with the Parish Councils new address. **Proposed Cllr Eckhardt seconded Cllr Maw. All in favour.**
- The Chairman requested that the meeting be closed to discuss the following agenda item. Proposed Cllr Maw, seconded Cllr Moyle. All in favour.**
- 212. To receive a report on the appeal hearing for late filing of Annual Return to HMRC.**
Cllrs Allcock and Maw attended the hearing on August 11th at Retford to appeal against the payment due for the late filing of the Employers Annual Return. Following a detailed account to the panel the appeal was dismissed but as a result of the representation the payment due was capped. **It was proposed by Cllr Moyle to pay the payment, seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

The meeting was reopened.

213. To consider the following accounts and any received after the agenda had been sent out.

Payee		Cheque Number	Amount £
D Hotson	Salary	1406	574.59
D Hotson	Expenses – mileage, postage & other	1406	38.74
HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk’s Tax & NI contributions	1407	15.03
HM Revenue & Customs	Haxey PC NI contributions	1407	17.49
Roy Richardson	Demolition of bus shelter	1408	150.00
North Lincolnshire Council	Printing Newsletter	1409	263.00
Aquila Business Products Ltd	Stationery	1410	22.56
British Red Cross	First Aid cover – Over’s 70’s party	1411	20.00
R Allcock	Expenses - mileage	1412	26.78
Orange	Telephone	1413	35.40
HMRC	Late filing payment	1414	900.00
Westwoodside PFA	Grant	1416	2,000.00
Total expenditure for August 26th			4,063.59

Proposed by Cllr Eckhardt, seconded Cllr Hailstone - Unanimous that the accounts be paid.

.....Chairman