

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd December 2009 in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

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

Procedural

400. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Booth, Eckhardt & W Lindley.
 401. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th November 2009 with the agreed matter of accuracy were approved and signed as a true record. **Proposed Cllr Whitehead, seconded by Cllr C Lindley. All in favour.**
 402. The minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 17th November 2009 were approved and signed as a true record. **Proposed Cllr C Lindley, seconded by Cllr Carlile. All in favour.**
 403. Declarations of Interest made:-
 Cllrs C Lindley & Carlile – agenda item 417 – personal.
 Cllr Carlile – agenda item 404, 2009/1470 – personal.

Planning

404. To receive the decisions made by North Lincolnshire Council and to consider the following planning applications and any further planning applications received where comments have to be submitted before the next meeting.
Full Planning Permission granted for the following:-
2009/1197 – Mr S Fordham – demolish existing garage and erect detached double garage at 14 Nethergate, Westwoodside.
2009/1267 – Mr B Riley – retain existing garage and install new pitched roof onto garage at Hill Brow, Low Burnham.
2009/1219 – Haxey Parish Council – retain new access road and hard standing at land adjacent to Park Moor, Cove Road, Westwoodside.
2009/1251 – Mr R Hall – erect a single storey extension to the rear at 30 Park Lane, Westwoodside.
The following Appeal Decisions have been dismissed:-
APP/Y2003/A/09/2111527 – 4 Haxey Grange, Haxey – to construct a new 3 bedroom dwelling and integral garage.
APP/Y2003/A/09/2110498 – Axholme House, 9 The Nooking, Haxey – to construct a 3 bedroom bungalow in the garden.

The following Planning Application were received from NLC and considered by Haxey Parish Council:-

2009/1385 – Mr Searson, plot adjacent to 42 Commonsides, Westwoodside – planning permission to erect a detached four bedroom house and double detached domestic garage. (Re-submission of 2009/0516). Cllr Maw informed the Council that there was one letter of objection on the website but on looking at the documentation there were no windows overlooking any properties and the trees that were being removed were being replaced. **Cllr Allcock proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

2009/1470 – Mr J Cook Jnr, Brackenhill Farm, Brackenhill Road, East Lound – planning permission to retain mobile home in connection with new farming enterprise (re-submission 2008/1714). The Parish Council supported this application when previously submitted. Cllr Maw stated that a business was being run from the location and could not see why planning permission could not be granted and therefore **proposed that the application be supported, seconded by Cllr Foreman. All in favour.**

2009/1492 – Haxey Playing Field – planning permission for the erection of six 8m high columns with floodlights.

The application was registered on 21/12 and therefore no documentation was available to view. The Clerk to ask for an extension to view at the next meeting and to monitor any responses on the NLC Planning Portal.

Cllr Lange informed the meeting that it was the Tennis Club that was seeking planning permission to allow members to play on the courts at night due to the high demand for this sport.

405. Clerk's Report

- a) Update received from NLC Rod Chapman re: Low Burnham surface water drainage scheme. This has been sent to both the Parish Council and the Low Burnham Action Group and is an update on progress with the report jointly funded by NLC and the Internal Drainage Board on the surface water drainage scheme proposed for Low Burnham. It is hoped that funding will be made available from Defra and the Environmental Agency in 2010/11.
Cllr Allcock had attended a site meeting between NLC and the Internal Drainage Board to discuss the proposals and some further ideas requiring extra survey work. This should be completed by Christmas and it is hoped to finalise the proposal at a meeting in January / February within the funding budget.
The Parish Council will be contacted again in the New Year prior to the meeting.
- b) Acknowledgement letter received from NLC re: Toilet Block, Haxey. Noted.
- c) Email received from NLC re: Funding & Business Planning Training. Noted.
- d) Grass cutting services from Green Grass Contracting. Noted.
- e) Letter of thanks received from HWRCC Community Transport for the donation.
- f) Christmas card received from Ian Cawsey MP.
- g) Email received from NLC re: block of land north of Upperthorpe, Westwoodside. Noted.
- h) VANL Newsletter. Noted.
- i) Epworth & Owston Ferry L.I.V.E.S Group responder call out by area information. Clerk to email to all Cllrs.

- j) Response received from NLC re: flooding of Haxey / East Lound Road at Haxey War Memorial. Excavation work is to be carried out in private garden(s) along Graizelound Road to determine causes and solutions to the problem. Drainage work will also be undertaken at Graizelound on Station Road and will be carried out before the end of March 2010.
- k) Information received from NLC re: maintenance to be carried out on the Turbary Road. This is only classed as a Bridleway and will therefore only be maintained to that standard. Clerk investigating further who within NLC supports the students using the Haxey Study Centre as the use of the road has increased due to the amount of vehicles being used to take students to the facility.
- l) NLC are inviting contractors to quote to rebuild FP101 this will be carried out in the New Year.
- m) BR97 will be sprayed in the spring and in the meantime the overgrown hedge and grass will be cleared.
- n) Information received from G Fillingham of Goole regarding works undertaken. Clerk to ask the hourly rate for works carried out.
- o) Police Authority Neighbourhood Panel meeting scheduled for 18th January agenda and posters received. Clerk to email agenda to Cllr Carlile.
- p) The repair on Greenhill is in hand and the Clerk again reiterated to NLC that this request has been outstanding for approximately 10 months.
- q) NLC have written to the owners of the overhanging hedge on Uppertorpe to ask for it to be cut back.
- r) The soakaway on the Nooking has recently been jetted and has been passed to the Drainage Team to investigate a better solution.
- s) The footpath along the Nooking has been placed on the 2010 'Slurry Seal' programme and should be completed in August of next year. NLC have stated the hedge along there too has been cut back. Cllr Lindley informed the Council that the hedge still overhangs the footpath and causes problems for parents walking with buggies. Clerk to chase.

Improvements / Projects

406. To receive an update on the progress of the Allotments project from the Land Working Party and to determine any action required.

The Allotment site is now virtually complete and was officially handed over to the Allotment Association on 3rd December. Representatives from the Land Working Party (LWP), the Allotment Association, Mr Brownbridge, the Contractor and the local press were present. Work left to do is the potential spraying off of the site again – decision to be made between the Chairman of the Association and Mr Brownbridge and the connection of the site to a water supply by Yorkshire Water – probably not expected until after Christmas.

The Association has accepted the regulations on sizes of sheds, greenhouses and cold frames. Also, the restrictions placed on the Pest Controller have been accepted and the Association has advised that the adjacent landowner has given permission for access to their land. The LWP has advised the Association that it will request access for the Pest Controller to the remainder of the Sandpiece. This has been done although a response has not yet been received. The Association has approached the LWP requesting that their Tenants be allowed to use charcoal B-B-Qs on the site, rather than being restricted to gas. Our regulations placed on the Association prohibit fires on the site and the general LWP feeling is that while this request should be given consideration,

at this point (and time of year) the LWP should reserve a decision until the site has been up and running for a while.

On 8th December, NLC advised the Parish Council Clerk that the LAG request for a grant for topsoil and grave boards had been successful. Details on terms and conditions are awaited as to the way forward for the procurement of the topsoil and subsequent delivery and spreading on the site. The proposal to install “green” toilets is still ongoing and the Parish Council will be kept informed of progress on this.

407. To receive an update on the progress of the Leader Programme Grant.

Congratulation was given to the Clerk for her persistence in reviewing and resubmitting the grant and the success in obtaining a grant which will fund the purchase of top soil and gravel boards. The Clerk will now facilitate the financial administration on behalf of the Allotment Association and ensure all conditions of the grant are adhered too.

408. To receive an update on the progress to create a Parish Plan and determine action required.

There have been no further meetings.

409. To receive an update on the creation of a Community Emergency Plan and determine action required.

Following discussion at a meeting of the Land Working Party, it was recommended that the production of a Community Emergency Plan, over the next 12 months, should be taken forward by the Group on behalf of the Parish Council and that this project should be included in the Parish Plan, currently being drafted.

410. To discuss the participation of Cllrs on a Power of Well Being Course in 2010 and determine action required.

The Clerk explained that the ‘Power of Well Being’ was a power to promote or improve the economic, social, or environmental well-being of the area.

In order to use the well-being power, a local council must meet the four conditions set out below.

- a qualified clerk
- a minimum of two-thirds of vacancies on the council filled at the last ordinary elections
- eighty per cent of councillors trained in the use of the well-being power
- a published a statement of intent as to community engagement

It will be for each council itself to determine whether these conditions have been met.

A council which meets the conditions and passes a resolution to this effect will be eligible to use the power (an eligible council). It will be able to use the well-being power for a specified period (the eligibility period) at the end of which it will need to meet the conditions again to continue to exercise the power. The conditions are imposed not to limit the number of local councils that can use the well-being power but to ensure that a council is best placed, in terms of its electoral mandate, the competencies of its clerk and councillors and its policies of community engagement, to make use of the power.

Cllr Knowles proposed to participate in the training programme which will be set up by ERNLLCA in the New Year, seconded by Cllr Lange. All in favour.

411. To receive an update on updating the Parish Directory and determine further action required.

The Clerk has emailed David Moyle but has not yet received a reply. Clerk to chase.

412. To receive an update on the creation of a Heritage Trail and determine further action required.

Cllr Smedley is in the process of collating a list of specific sites of interest and historical value. Once the list is created Cllr Bloomfield has offered to take up the project on behalf of the Parish Council and liaise with the Heritage Society to create a Heritage Trail.

Highways – Traffic / Roads / Footpaths

413. To be notified of the response from NLC regarding the obstructions on the highway on Graizelound Field Road and determine action required.

A further issue being dealt with by the Land Working Party is a complaint from a Parishioner concerning the placement of obstructions on grass verges and DIY road markings on the Graizelound Fields Road. The issue has been ongoing since the summer and has involved NLC direct. The Clerk has been in communications with NLC to confirm the action they have and are taking. A traffic survey has been undertaken by NLC which flagged up speeding issues. NLC are and have had regular meeting with the resident and an agreement is expected to be reached that will satisfy the residents speed concerns and the Highway Regulations and Policies. NLC will keep the Parish Council updated on the progress.

414. To receive an update on the state of repair to Cove Road and determine any further action required.

NLC reported that the repairs should have been carried out. Cllr Whitehead confirmed that they had not. Clerk to chase.

Reports / Updates

415. To receive an update on the Website.

The forum has received comments about the late posting of the agendas on the site. This is partly to do with the way the dates relate to posting in as much as when the agenda has been reposted it shows the last date only.

It should also be noted that while the site is run where possible to conform with local government rules, it is primarily for information and all agendas are posted as required by law in the parish notice boards.

It was decided to publish the analytical reports in the member's area in future. These are the breakdowns of visitors to the site.

The annual calendar of events has been produced covering the Christmas period, which is published on the web site and updated as information becomes available.

The folders for the member's area will be discussed at the next meeting when all the Working Party are present.

416. To receive an update on the Awards Map.

The planned visit to York has been postponed until the 15th of January. Arrangements have been made to park in the Minister Library car park.

The Camera Club have been contacted to see if they can assist with the photographing of the Awards, a reply has not yet been received as the Camera Club are investigating whether they have the correct lens for the task. It will then be a matter of agreeing an appropriate place to carry out the work.

The Heritage Society have been asked if they can help with a short introductory explanation of the history and purpose of the Awards.

417. To receive an update on Northside determining any further action required.

A meeting was held between Parish Council representatives, Colin Wilkinson of NLC and some residents of Northside on 25th November which was well attended and went well. The main concerns raised by residents was the safety due to vehicles using the lane and liability. After the meeting ended NLC Colin Wilkinson visited the site with several attendees of the meeting including Cllr Smedley and later suggested the best possible option was to register Northside as a Bridleway under Section 26 of the 1980 Highways Act as at the meeting Mr Hillsdon stated that the residents of Northside do not object to people walking, cycling or horse riding but to the misuse of the lane by vehicles. If there were no objections this would progress through in approximately 3 months.

In the opinion of the Parish Council there is sufficient evidence to register the lane as an Ancient Highway and it was stated by Cllr Smedley that this could be investigated further at a later date. The process would be different and completely separate from the creation of a Bridleway under Section 26.

If the whole of Northside was designated as a Bridleway under Section 26, vehicle access would be occupational only and NLC would maintain as a Bridleway which would take the onus of maintenance and liability off residents.

The Parish Council support the residents in wanting to stop unauthorised vehicles using Northside and the installation of a “barrier” would be discussed again once the registration process is complete and the usage is re-evaluated.

Cllr Knowles proposed that Northside be registered as a Bridleway, seconded by Cllr Boor. 7 for, 4 against. 1 abstention. Clerk to inform all residents.

General Items

418. To consider employing a Parish Handyman and determine action required.

The Land Working Party had identified work for a Handyman and would be meeting in the New Year to discuss further.

419. To consider the Clerk attending the forthcoming training event ‘Back to Basics.

Cllr Bloomfield proposed the Clerk attend the forthcoming training event, seconded by Cllr Allcock. All in favour. Clerk to enquire if Councillors could also attend.

420. To be notified of the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – statement of community involvement – revision (Nov 09) and determine any action required.

Information had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Smedley to view on the website and respond if deemed necessary. Cllr Carlile to place a copy on the website.

421. To be notified of the meeting date arranged between the Parish Council and the Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation

The Clerk has contacted Mr Trinder who is arranging a date to meet in the New Year. Clerk to pass to the representatives once confirmed.

422. To receive an update on the rental land surrounding Snowdrop Cottage, Haxey Carr and determine any action required.

The Clerk has contacted the Solicitors dealing with the probate for Snowdrop Cottage. There is an interested party in the purchase of the cottage and more information should be known in the New Year.

423. To receive an update on the DCO (Dog Control Order) and determine any further action required.

Clerk to place basic information for reporting any incident into the next edition of the Arrow.

424. To be notified of the Nuclear Power Station announcement and determine any action required.

It was the general contention that the Parish Council should have been notified that an investigation was being held within the Parish to identify possible sites for a Nuclear Power Station. Feedback has been received from Ian Cawsey MP stating that the 2 possible sites within the area are not viable.

Clerk to contact NLC Chief Executive to establish who within the Local Authority were aware of this investigation and why the Parish Council were not consulted or informed of such an investigation.

425. To consider the maintenance of the Pump on Nethergate and determine action required.

Clerk to write to the owner adjacent to the Pump and ask if they would be prepared to maintain the pump.

426. Request for article(s) for next month's Arrow publication.

- Dog Control Order information.
- Request for Handyman.
- Information on the proposed Heritage Trail.

Clerk to send a copy of the completed article to Cllr Carlile to place on the website.

427. To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

- Memorial Stone on Doncaster Road.

Finance

428. To received a copy of the Financial Statement up to 22nd December 2009.

This information is contained within the Precept information for this month.

429. To determine the precept for 2010/11.

The current spend to date, the year end estimated spend was discussed along with the estimated expenditure for the forthcoming financial year. **It was proposed by Cllr Allcock, seconded by Cllr Knowles that the precept for 2010/11 be set at £35,000. 11 for, 1 against.**

430. To consider the amendments to the Insurance cover and determine action required.

The Clerk has contacted the insurance company for clarification of various items and quotes. This information will be readdressed by the LWP and discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Grant Requests

No grant requests received.

Expenditure

431. 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	1574	617.10
D Hotson	Expenses	1574	216.07
H M Revenue	Employers NI	1575	31.71
H M Revenue	Employees NI & Tax	1575	53.45
SLCC	Training course	1576	20.00
Isle Publication	Arrow – January edition	1577	80.00
P Booth	Lincoln Archives ‘terriers’	1578	19.20
Aquila Business Products Ltd	Stationery	1579	140.27
T Foreman	Lincoln Archives CD	1580	11.21
D G Brownbridge Ltd	Allotment Contractor	1581	23,144.45
NLC	Dog Bin	1582	166.77
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium	1583	41.61
Total expenditure December 22nd 2009			£24,541.84

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

.....Chairman

Abbreviations

NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
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