

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2008 in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Boor, Booth, Carlile, Cooke, Eckhardt, Foreman, Knowles (Stand-in Clerk), Hailstone, C. Lindley, W. Lindley, Maw, Moyle, Smedley, and Whitehead.

Chairman: Cllr. Allcock presided.

84. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence - the Council had a full attendance.

85. To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 8 April 2008.

The minutes were circulated and following minor amendments, which were incorporated, approved as a correct record by Cllrs. Booth and Foreman.

86. To Discuss the Street Naming Problem at Crosshill.

At this stage of the proceedings (1910 hours), the Chairman closed the formal meeting to enable discussion on the ongoing street naming problem at Crosshill/Uppertorpe Rd. Residents from Crosshill/Uppertorpe Rd were present together with Martin Salmon and Louise Goldthorpe from NLC. Following the reading out of a letter from a Resident objecting to the re-naming, NLC gave a summary of the history and current situation regarding the Crosshill/Uppertorpe Rd naming issue and also set out the options open to NLC and Residents to achieve a way forward. Discussions ensued with views expressed by Parish Councillors and Residents covering the historic situation in the Village and various options that may be available. Despite the current polarization of views and potential impasse, there was a will to compromise from all sides and it was agreed that NLC would write to all Residents concerned, suggesting a way forward. NLC would also write to the Parish Council requesting their support as a potential arbitrator. It was agreed by all concerned that a way forward needed to be found and that there was sufficient evidence of compromise to achieve a satisfactory conclusion.

The Chairman thanked all participants in the discussion and re-opened the formal meeting at 1930 hours.

87. To Consider a Request for Funding from Westwoodside Playing Fields Association.

Mr Richard Carter from Westwoodside Playing Fields Association had intended to brief the Council on the request for funding, but unfortunately was now not able to attend the meeting. The item was deferred to the next meeting.

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

The following planning applications have been withdrawn:

2008/0051 – Refurbishment of Outbuildings – 19 Church St Haxey.

2008/0134 – Outline Planning to erect 2 dwellings (renewal of 2005/0143) – Plots 51 & 52 Craycroft Rd Westwoodside.

The following planning applications have been granted planning permission subject to conditions:

2008/0143 – Erect a 2-storey extension – 25 The Nooking.

2008/0175 – Change of use of ground floor dwelling and single-storey extension – Carpenters Arms 21 Newbigg Westwoodside.

2008/0260 – Change of use of adjacent agricultural land and single-storey pitched roof extension – 21 Westland Rd Westwoodside.

2008/0276 – 2-storey rear extension and single-storey front extension – 14 School Croft Westwoodside.

2008/0277 – Prior approval for agricultural building – Monkham Bridge Farm Doncaster Rd Westwoodside.

2008/0285 – Siting of garage (amendment to 2007/0813) – 24 High St Haxey.

2008/0333 – Prior approval for agricultural building – Summercroft Farm Turbury Rd Haxey.

2008/0340 – Change of existing use of Chalet to hairdressers – The Duke William Hotel 27 Church St Haxey.

The following planning application has been refused planning permission:

2008/0273 – Single-storey extension – The Chestnuts Brackenhill Rd East Lound.

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

2008/0585 – Mr D Spry, 17 Low St Haxey, permission to erect a first floor extension. **No Comments - Proposed Cllr 29 Apr 08**

Foreman, seconded Cllr Maw - Unanimous Support Approval.

2008/0610 – Mrs J Sewell, Plots 51 & 52 Craycroft Rd Westwoodside, outline planning permission to erect 2 dwellings. **It was resolved to support the proposal, but that the following comments should be submitted to NLC:** HPC would like to know if NLC intend to adopt the remainder of the highway and drainage system once planning permission has been granted. **Proposed Cllr Maw, seconded Cllr C Lindley - Unanimous Support Approval.**

89. To Receive the Clerk's Report - An Update on Decisions Taken at Previous Meetings and to Consider Further Action.

A letter had been received from NLC - Colin Wilkinson, Senior Public Rights of way Officer, concerning the modification of the definitive map to upgrade to Bridleway Public Footpath 116 advising that the NLC Planning Committee would consider the application on 23 Apr 08. **It was resolved that** the Parish Council would await advice on the outcome of the Planning Committee Meeting.

A letter had been received from the Residents of Thinholme Lane thanking the Parish Council for the financial input to enable Thinholme Lane to be made more accessible by laying scalplings.

A letter had been received from the Westwoodside Village Hall Committee thanking the Parish Council to the £1000 grant and providing the Council with a breakdown of maintenance problems at the Hall and an update of functions and organizations using the Hall.

A letter had been received from NLC - Cllr Bernard Regan, Cabinet Member for Highways and Planning advising the Parish Council that he and the local MP had inspected the roads in the parish that are the subject of HPC's continual complaints – A161, and B1396. Cllr Regan concurred with HPC's assessment of the roads and agreed that the roads are in an unacceptable condition and that both roads are in the programme of works, which will be published shortly. **It was resolved that** the HPC would await the publication of the programme of works with interest.

Following publication of the recent Low Burnham flood meeting, a letter had been received from Geoffrey Wildman providing advice on his website – LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY FLOOD WATCH, the object of which is to provide help to communities to unite to share resources in order to alleviate flooding. The letter set out the financial history with regards to flooding in Lincolnshire and asked if HPC would like to join a scheme or participate in sharing some of our resources in an emergency to a neighbouring community suffering from a flood within an 8 mile radius of Haxey. **It was resolved that** the Parish Council would pass the information to Low Burnham and that following consultation a decision would need to be made on whether to join the scheme.

A letter had been received from the Council's insurers, Zurich, advising of enhanced cover in light of the Corporate Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007.

A letter had been received from NLC, Marie Bailey, Sport, Play and Community Development Officer – Brigg and District providing the Active Futures Neighbourhood Plan for our area. **It was resolved that** Cllr C Lindley would be the liaison with this organisation and at the next opportunity try and obtain a soft copy of the plan for inclusion on the HPC web site.

A Letter had been received from NLC concerning consultation on the Draft Cumulative Impact Policy for Scunthorpe Town Council - Licensing. Any comments were required to be submitted by 28 Jun 08. **It was resolved that** Cllr Carlile would provide comments, if any, to the Clerk by 20 Jun 08 for onward transmission to NLC.

Complaints had been received from Residents about ducks causing a nuisance around Westwoodside Pond. Cllr Booth provided a brief on the details of the complaints and the complications that might be encountered with various solutions. **It was resolved that** Cllr Booth would keep the situation under review and provide an update at the next meeting.

A letter had been received from a resident of Blackmoor Rd Haxey, advising the Parish Council about meetings that have taken place with regard to establishing a Play/Community Area beside 31 Blackmoor Rd which had the potential to result in anti-social behaviour and inconvenience to neighbouring Residents. **It was resolved that** the Parish Council would write to NLC enclosing the letter of complaint and asking if NLC were aware of the proposal and whether it required or had permission to proceed.

90. To Receive a Report on the Isle of Axholme Police Authority Neighbourhood Panel Meeting.

Cllr Carlile attended the Isle of Axholme Police Authority Neighbourhood Panel Meeting at Belton Park Pavilion on 21 Apr 08. Topics covered at the meeting included Parking, Crime, Anti-social behaviour and measures in place to deter motorcycles on footpaths. Penalty notices had been issued in Commonsides and Epworth Police station opening hours were now Monday AM and Tuesday and Thursday PM. Accidents in the area were on the increase, which was expected after a period of decline. Speed management had been carried out on the A161, B1396 and Akeferry Rd; moreover, there was a
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purge on the use of mobile phones whilst driving. Finally during the discussion period, the meeting was advised that new PCOs were now in place and with the onset of longer days, their presence would be more visible to the Community.

91. To Receive a Report on the ERNLLCA District Committee Meeting.

Cllrs Allcock, Carlile, Cooke and Maw had attended the ERNLLCA District Committee Meeting held in Scunthorpe on 24 Apr 08 (HPC's representative, Cllr Knowles was unable to attend). Despite the reduced support from HWRCC, 2007/2008 had been a good year for the Association and finances should be adequate for the next year. Gareth Roberts was now employed for 3 ½ days a week and the organisation was looking to employ a secretary to provide extra support. There had been 43% more inquiries than 3 years ago. The meeting discussed the training provided by the Association, which at around £90 a head was considered good value. Affordable Housing in the ERNLLCA area was discussed – 8 surveys had been completed in the 12 months and there had been 33 surveys since the inception of the Affordable Housing initiative. HPC representatives provided the meeting with first hand experiences of problems with surveys and the provision of Affordable Housing in Westwoodside and it appeared that some of the lessons identified by HPC had been taken forward.

92. To Receive a Report on the NLC/Parish Council Liaison Meeting.

Cllrs Allcock, Carlile, Cooke and Maw had attended the NLC/Parish Council Liaison Meeting held in Scunthorpe on 24 Apr 08. Cllr Len Foster chaired the meeting and items covered included: an update on the Planning Bill from the Acting Head of Strategic Regeneration, Housing and Development – 380 further pieces of land had been put forward and there had been 5000 responses to date on the original proposals. Plans were still being assessed and results would be available by the end of this year or the beginning of next. The new Code of Contact was presented by the Service Director, Legal and Democratic. The Rural Development Programme for England was presented by the Head of Area Renaissance/Special Projects. A brief entitled Membership of the Trust given by the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust concluded that the Trust needed more funding and for people to have an input into the running of the Health service for the next 10 to 15 years. Advertising through the NLC website was covered and in the general discussion it was stated that from the beginning of this financial year, in a change of policy, all waste bins would be free and a free bin would be supplied to all new homes.

93. To Receive an Update on the Working Party for the Village of the Year Competition.

HPC's entry for the Village of the Year had been submitted by Cllr Smedley to meet the due date and a copy was provided to the Chairman and Clerk. There was now a need to prepare for the presentation, which was expected in Jun. There was therefore a need for a meeting of the Working Party in the near future. **It was resolved that** the Chairman would call a meeting of the Village of the Year Working Party before the end of May 08.

94. To be Notified of the Completion of the External Annual Audit by the Audit Commission for the Year Ending 31 Mar 07.

The paperwork for the completion of the External Audit for the year ending 31 Mar 07 was provided to Councillors. The audit had been submitted late due to clerical delays and the auditor had mentioned this on the submission. This year's audit had to be submitted by 27 May 08. **Proposed by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr Moyle - Unanimous that the audit paperwork be submitted as a correct record.**

95. To be Notified of the ERNLLCA Newsletter and List of Courses and the Annual Membership Fee.

The Latest ERNLLCA Newsletter and list of courses had been received. Cllr were encouraged to nominate themselves for courses as early as possible due to the expected take up. Cllr C Lindley requested that she be put forward for a course in Sep 08. The Chairman advised that action would be taken on any course nominations and fees after the appointment of the new Clerk and this would be put on the agenda for the meeting at the end of May. The Annual Membership Fee for ERNLLCA was £673.93. **Proposed Cllr Boor, seconded Cllr Smedley – Unanimous that the annual ERNLLCA fee be approved.**

96. To be Notified of an Insurance Claim by Mr & Mrs Reynolds, 59 High St Haxey.

A letter had been received from Cunningham & Lindsay Solicitors advising that they are representing Mr & Mrs Reynolds of 59 High St Haxey in the matter of conifers, which are owned by HPC, adjacent to the property, which allegedly have caused damage. The Council has written previously to Mr & Mrs Reynolds advising them that HPC owns the trees adjacent to their property, but not admitting any responsibility or liability for any alleged damage to the property. It was considered by the Council that the trees were not the cause of any problems to Mr & Mrs Reynold's property; however, this was a matter that needed professional advice and should be dealt with by HPC's Insurance Company. **Proposed by Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Carlile – Unanimous that the matter should be referred to the Council's Insurance Company.**

97. To be Notified of an Airspace Change Proposal for Robin Hood Airport.

A letter had been received from Robin Hood Airport advising of the outcome of the consultation into the proposed changes to airspace at and in the vicinity of the airfield. The letter sets out the procedure for the consultation including environmental issues and advises that the date of implementation is 31 Jul 2008. Cllr Maw provided a short brief on the controlled airspace around an airfield. Overall it was considered that there would be little impact on Haxey Parish by the changes.

98. To be Notified of NLCs Highway Encroachment Policy Document.

A draft document on NLC's policy for Highway encroachment had been received asking for detailed comments by 2 Jun 08. **It was resolved that** Cllr Moyle was to review the document and provide detailed comments back to the Clerk by 30 May 08 for onward transmission to NLC.

99. To Receive an Update on the Appointment of a parish Clerk.

The Chairman advised the Council that there had been 7 applicants for the vacant post of Clerk to HPC. A short list had been drawn up of 4 candidates by the Council's Working Party and interviews would take place with these 4 on 16 May 08.

100. To Discuss the Provision of Additional Equipment for the Clerk.

It had recently become apparent that the Council needed to purchase its own hardware to support the Clerk's administrative activities. There was a requirement for a printer/scanner/copier and separate FAX machine; moreover, there is a requirement for the current Council telephone arrangements to be amended to reflect the current situation until a permanent Clerk is appointed. Cllr Booth took an action to discuss the required interim telephone arrangements with Orange. **Proposed Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Maw – Unanimous that a sum not exceeding £200 be expended in the provision of a printer/scanner/copier and separate FAX machine for Council administration activities.**

101. To Confirm the Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

It was resolved that the date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting when the election of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Officers will take place will be 27 May 08.

102. To Notify the Clerk of Items to be Placed on the Agenda for the Next Meetings.

Annual Meeting: Chairman's Report
 Village of the Year
 Best Kept Village
 Parish Plan
 Flooding
 Website/Newsletter

Annual Parish Council Meeting

ERNLLCA Training Courses

103. To Consider the Following Accounts Issues:

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| Glover & Co | £188.00p |
| Cottage Gardens | £109.00p |
| ERNLLCA | £673.93p |
| Mr R Allcock | £43.33p |
| Eppleton Quarry Products | £378.51p |
| Roy Scholes Plant Hire | £1116.25p |
| Johnston Publishing | £79.43p |
| Haxey Memorial Hall | £43.00p |
| Mrs P Booth | £6.96p |

Proposed by Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Smedley - Unanimous that the accounts be paid.

Already approved to meet bill date - Orange Phone Rental £35.60p – **Unanimous approval from Council for payment action.**

.....Chairman