

**HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Boor, Booth, Carlile, Cooke, J Eckhardt, Foreman, Knowles, Maw, Moyle, Smedley, and Whitehead.

Also Present: 1 resident.

Chairman: Cllr. Allcock presided.

**168. To Receive Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hailstone, C Lindley & W H Lindley.

The Chairman requested on a point of order that the Council address item 175 before 174 to enable an update from NLC Planning on Parish Land 299 and that agenda item 188 is taken in private. **Proposed by Cllr Moyle, seconded Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

**169. To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008 were approved as a correct record by Cllrs. **Foreman and Booth. All in favour.**

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

**The following planning applications have been granted planning permission:**

**2008/0717 -** Miss L Ogg, Shepherds Place, Akeferry Road, Graizelound - outline planning permission to erect a detached house and garage for farm / rare breeds manager incorporating farm office, WC and shower.

The Parish Councils previous objection stated there should be no development in accordance with requirement (v) of Planning Policy RD11 which states "the unit to which the dwelling must be attached will have been proved to have been in existence for more than three years and profitable for at least one of them and be currently financially sound." Application PA/2006/1742 was only given planning permission in April 2007. **It was resolved that** the Clerk write to NLC Geoff Pople and copy to Mike Welton and the case officer and ask how the 3 years have been overcome and where is the evidence of the viability of the business. **Proposed Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Moyle - 1 against.**

**2008/0669 -** Mr M Pilkington, Bridge Farm, Station Road, Graizelound – erect a replacement single storey extension.

**2008/0787 -** Mr S Clark, High Burnham Farm, High Burnham, Haxey – erect a new grain store, garaging, workshop and store.

**2008/0833 -** Mr & Mrs Elliott, 1 Thinholme Lane, Westwoodside – erect single-storey extensions to sides and front of existing bungalow, and provide new external brick skin to front elevation.

**2008/0779 -** Mr N Burgin, The Laurels, 9 Brethergate, Westwoodside - planning permission to erect a single storey extension to side of property and 2-storey extension to rear.

**The following planning applications have been considered:**

**2008/0961 -** Mr M White, Rose Cottage, Turbary Road, Haxey – the prior notification of the requirement for prior approval for the erection of an agricultural building.

**2008/0860 -** Mr D Charlton, near Langholme Farm House, access road to Langholme, Westwoodside – a steel framed agricultural building.

**The following planning applications have been withdrawn:**

**2008/0673 -** Mr D Snowden, 70 Doncaster Road, Westwoodside – planning permission to erect 3 apartments with associated landscaping and car parking.

**2008/0686 -** Mr Morrel, Westwood Wheels, 7 Commonsides, Westwoodside – planning permission to erect a block of three town houses and demolish existing garage.

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

**2008/1010 -** Mr K Sammonds, The Pub People Co Ltd, land rear of 18 Low Street, Haxey – outline planning permission to erect 2 dwellings (access layout and scale not reserved for subsequent approval).

**It was resolved to support the proposal with the condition 8 of the original application being adhered to. Proposed Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Maw – Unanimous Support Approval.**

**2008/1050 -** Mrs J Parker, 65 High Street, Haxey – planning permission to erect a single storey extension (re-submission 2008/0766).

**The new submission is not much smaller than the original and overdevelopment of site. It was resolved not to support the development – 6 for, 7 against. Casting vote of Chairman used.**

**171. To receive a report from Mr Richard Carter on the new play equipment for Westwoodside Playing Field.**

The Chairman requested that the meeting be closed to allow Mr Richard Carter to update the Council on the development of the Westwoodside Playing Fields. **Proposed Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Smedley. All in favour.**

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Mr Carter informed the Council that the development commenced on July 14<sup>th</sup> and it was on schedule to be completed on August 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a design of the area on display for the Council to view. Cllr Cooke has written a summary of why, when and how the project has been running. This development is phase 1 of 3, the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will be the refurbishment of the skateboard area, the material this time being metal instead of wood. There have been difficulties in locating a contractor to carry out the work but this has now been done. The skateboard area will all be boxed in to alleviate some of the problems caused due to access underneath the previous wooden structure. The spoil dug out will be used to create a BMX track. Phase 3 is to create a multi use games area, this will now be sited where the original proposal for a Bowling Green was, and a new planning application will have to be submitted with these changes. The application for funding is nearly complete. The Parish Council requested that the mature copper beech remain, and it was agreed to do so. 50% of the funding to replace the seniors goal posts has also been secured and a 'ball wall' is being looked into with the remaining money from the play equipment funds.

A planned launch incorporating a 'Fun Day' is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> and representatives of the Parish Council are welcome. The old play equipment has been sold.

There is currently no lighting around the Pavilion and this is a priority to rectify deterring any vandalism to the new equipment.

Cllr Booth stated that she had an original plaque that was on the old gates and she would pass on to Mr Carter to display again.

Cllr Allcock congratulated Mr Carter on the success of the Playing Fields Committee and in particular his considerable contribution to the project.

### **The meeting was reopened.**

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

- a) NLC will be attending a site visit to determine what action is to be taken with the overhanging hedge on Akeferry Road and will inform the Clerk of these actions.
- b) The hedge and foliage at 36 Brethergate has been pruned.
- c) The Clerk read out the letter sent to Mere House from NLC regarding the overgrown foliage which was a road safety concern and this has been rectified by the owners.
- d) The July newsletter has been received from ERNLLCA.
- e) Confirmation has been received from NLC that the one way order on Greenhill from the junction with Church Street / High Street towards The Nooking is currently with NLC legal department and the notices will be on site within the next couple of weeks.
- f) The 40 mph road signs recently relocated on Doncaster Road are to be moved back to allow enforcement to progress as CPS (Crown Prosecution Services) will not proceed with a prosecution where there is the slightest chance of a challenge to a ticket being successful in court.
- g) HWRCC Showcase event and AGM to be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Howden Minster details received.
- h) NATS minutes received and details of the next meeting to be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- i) Thank you note received from Edward Hodson for completing the survey on Planning.
- j) Planning seminar at Scawby Village Hall on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to be informed of any members wanting to attend.
- k) New email address received to report any NLC Highways issues.

#### **173. To discuss the next steps to be taken regarding a Parish Plan.**

Article has been placed into the Haxey Parish Council newsletter. Await responses and to be discussed at the September meeting.

#### **175. To receive a report on the meeting with Mr Andrew Law NLC Planning regarding the former cottage on Parish Land 299 and to determine action required.**

Mr Law visited the site with Cllrs Allcock, Moyle and Maw to give his opinion on the possibility of developing the land where the former cottage was located. Mr Law e-mailed the Parish Council stating that the proposal would be looked at unfavourably as it would be contrary to Local Policy RD10. The cottage on the site is in a ruined state as all that remains are a few walls and foundation, therefore, it would not be considered to be an existing dwelling and as such NLC would look unfavourably on any applications to replace it. A new dwelling would only be accepted on the site if it was connected with an established agricultural or forestry business.

**It was resolved to** await the official letter from NLC and consider the options at the next meeting.

#### **174. To receive an update on the advertising of Parish Land for rent and to consider the letter received from Mr White and determine action required.**

Clerk read out the letter received from Mr White stating he would like the opportunity to apply via a tender for the rental of Parish Land 299 and to take into consideration his availability in August. Clerk to contact Mr White informing him that the Parish Council are considering the options and the item would be placed on the next agenda for further discussion and he would be kept up to date with any dates for tender.

- 176. To receive a report on meeting with Mr Fullwood on the renewing of the rental agreements and to determine action required.**  
 Cllrs Allcock and Maw attended a meeting with Mr Fullwood regarding the renewing of rental agreements. All pre 1995 agreements cannot be changed those after 1995 can be reviewed. Clerk to contact Mr Martin Thompson (Drewery & Wheeldon) on rental agreement concerning Mr White and Cowburn. Clerk to check past minutes and rental payments.
- 177. To receive a report on illegal parking on footpath at Commonsides and to determine action required.**  
 It was reported to Cllr Allcock that the path at Westwood Wheels, Commonsides was impassable with a pushchair due to Land Rovers and various other vehicles one of which had no tax disc and another with an out of date disc. Humberside Police were informed and when a visit was paid to the location an investigation ensued. The owner was told not to carry out repairs on the roadside and has previously been issued with fixed penalty fines. The PSCO visited the site the following day and spoke to the Garage owner and reported back to Cllr Allcock.
- 178. To receive a report on sewage pollution at premises on Doncaster Road, Westwoodside and to determine action required.**  
 Cllr Allcock received a call from Mrs Allen on 11<sup>th</sup> August to ask for assistance as sewage was on her drive and the neighbouring property also had it in the kitchen. Five other properties had been affected either on the drive or gardens. Severn Trent had been contacted and they could not attend for 6 hours. Cllr Allcock called both Severn Trent and NLC and both stated they would be on site in 2 hours. Severn Trent were actually on site within 40 minutes, where they dealt with a blockage near to the pumping station which took several hours. Cllr Allcock contacted NLC who were stood down. The clean up team disinfected all areas. **It was resolved that** the Clerk contact Severn Trent to ask that the sewer be investigated as it is believed that due to various development the sewer is now overloaded.
- 179. To be informed of the Decision letter for the Introduction of Class D controlled Airspace in the vicinity of Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster, Sheffield.**  
 The Clerk summarised the document and provided additional maps for the Council to view.
- 180. To be informed of the footpath opposite Mill Lane.**  
 NLC have stated that top soil will be put in place. Due to the length of time this item has been ongoing **it was resolved that** the Clerk contact NLC Tim Allen to ask that this be completed as soon as possible.
- 181. To be informed of the Order Decision on footpath 74.**  
 Cllr Foreman informed the Parish Council that the decision had gone in favour of re-routing footpath 74. Historically NLC had ignored previous requests to reopen the footpath and the Inspector had judged his decision on what he had seen and not the past history of the footpath. Cllr Moyle informed the Council that Cllr Foreman had represented the Parish Council well. Cllr Allcock thanked Cllr Foreman for his representation.
- 182. To receive an update on the request for Allotments.**  
 To date 8 letters have been received from residents stating that they would be interested in an allotment. Cllr Moyle has spoken to NLC John Colby who advised that all requests for allotments be put in writing. Mr Colby would facilitate the setting up of the process on behalf of the Parish Council if required. NLC current plots are between £18 - £21 per year and 22 plots per acre would be feasible. There are large set up costs as the areas have to be fenced and water facilities provided. A working party will need to be formed and this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 183. To consider a donation to the Haxey Methodist Church Centenary.**  
**It was resolved that** a donation of £2,500 be given to the Methodist Church to assist in the refurbishment costs. **Proposed Cllr Boor, seconded Cllr Smedley – 9 for 3 against.**
- 184. To receive an update on the ‘Village of the Year’ Competition.**  
 Cllr Smedley informed the Council that the winners would be announced at the HWRCC AGM meeting to be held at Howden Minster on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- 185. To be informed of the progress of the Haxey Photographic Competition.**  
 Cllr Smedley informed the Council that there are 4 members on the committee and that a meeting was scheduled for this week.

**186. To consider a donation to Mrs Kuchnir for the War Memorial flowers displays.**

It was resolved that a donation of £50 be given to Mrs Kuchnir towards the War Memorial flower display. **Proposed Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Moyle. All in favour.**

**187. To consider the renewal of SLCC membership for 2008.**

It was resolved that the SLCC membership is renewed. **Proposed Cllr Knowles, seconded Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

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

Allotments  
Telephone Box – maintenance  
Low Burnham Flood Group representative  
Akferry Road  
Photographic Competition  
Footpath opposite Mill Lane.  
Parish Land  
Parish Plan  
Parking on Commonsie  
Report from the NATs meeting  
Ropewalk  
Donation for Westwoodside Playing Fields.

**190. To Consider the Following Accounts Issues:**

A quote has been received from Cottage Garden for cutting the grass on the Ropewalk. A one off cut would be £55 but if this was to be a regular cut the cost would be £40.  
Clerk to contact NLC and ask if the Ropewalk is adopted and are they responsible for cutting the grass.

Payee		Cheque Number	Amount £
D Hotson	Salary	1398	574.59
D Hotson	Expenses – mileage, postage & other	1398	96.03
HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk’s Tax & NI contributions	1399	15.03
HM Revenue & Customs	Haxey PCNI contributions	1399	17.49
SLCC	Membership renewal	1400	129.00
Mrs Kuchnir	Donation for War Memorial flowers	1401	50.00
Orange	Telephone charge	1402	42.16
Haxey Methodist Church	Donation towards the Centenary refurbishments	1403	2,500.00
D Knowles	Expenses - mileage	1404	37.94
Cottage Gardens	Grass Cutting	1405	218.00
<b>Total expenditure for July 29th</b>			<b>3,680.24</b>

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting to the public as previously resolved.**

**188. To receive an update on Tax Inspectorate and PAYE / NI issues.**

A cheque for £133.27 has been received from HMRC for Haxey Parish Council as an overpayment of NI contributions and confirmation stating that the Parish Council is fully paid up to date for the years 05/06, 06/07 and 07/08. **It was resolved that the Clerk write to HMRC acknowledging receipt of the cheque and to inform them of the new details of the Clerk and the new address.**

Cllr Allcock pointed out that there had been an appeal to the Inland Revenue concerning returns which had been forwarded to them and this was being dealt with by the recovery unit at Lincoln.

The Parish Council received a letter on 11<sup>th</sup> July regarding the appeal stating there was a surcharge for outstanding late returns where the charges had to be paid now or there was an opportunity to appeal at a hearing.

On contacting the Inland Revenue we were informed that the surcharge rests with Haxey Parish Council to pay as the employer. This issue has never been raised previously and there would be a surcharge to pay.

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Cllr Allcock had consulted ERNLLCA and our Internal Auditor and the advice was to attend the hearing and present the case for Haxey Parish Council. The Internal Auditor would supply a letter of support for the Parish Council suggesting to the Inland Revenue that in his opinion the surcharges should be waived.

A letter has been received from the Audit Commission asking for a report from the Internal Auditor who has responded with a letter detailing the new procedure to be carried out to address the risk identified.

**Cllr Foreman proposed** that Cllr Allcock put in a claim for expenses incurred in the task of resolving this issue. **Seconded by Cllr Boor. All in favour.**

.....Chairman