

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd September 2008 in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Boor, Booth, Cooke, J Eckhardt, Foreman, Knowles, C Lindley, W H Lindley, Maw, Moyle, Smedley and Whitehead.

Also Present: 8 residents.

Chairman: Cllr. Allcock presided.

Cllr Allcock requested that the meeting be closed for two issues the first being item 216 and the second would be for a speaker nominated by the residents regarding PA/2008/1023 under agenda item 217.

214. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Carlile & Hailstone.

215. To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 26th August 2008.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th August 2008 were approved as a correct record by Cllrs. Moyle and C Lindley. All in favour.

216. To receive a report on the Calor Village of the Year 2008 Award and view a presentation by George Fiddler (Axholme Camera Club) of the audio visual introduction made to the judges.

Cllr Allcock thanked Cllr Smedley and Cllr Boor for all the work that had been put in to enable Haxey to win the Village of the Year Competition for 2008 along with the help from various organisations within the Parish. Cllr Smedley showed the plaque to the Parish Council and it was agreed to place it in a prominent position, possibly over the Memorial Hall doors. Clerk to forward thank you letters to Cllr Smedley who will distribute to all those involved.

The Chairman requested the meeting be closed, proposed Cllr Moyle, seconded Cllr Maw. All in favour.

George Fiddler showed the short film which was presented to the judges of the Village of the Year competition. Cllr Allcock thanked Mr Fiddler and this was followed by a round of applause from Councillors and residents present.

Cllr Smedley informed the Council that Haxey would be entering further competitions, the Regional and then National competition and would be completing further applications and creating another presentation.

The meeting was opened.

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

BT/0000/0002 - Notification of removal of a Public Telephone Kiosk. NLC raise no objection to the removal of the Telephone Kiosk located on the junction of A161 and Main Street, Low Burnham. **Cllr Knowles proposed to sponsor the Kiosk for 1 year at a cost of £500 and monitor the usage, this was seconded by Cllr Moyle. 1 against, 1 abstained. Clerk to complete the application.**

The following planning application has been granted planning permission:

2008/1050 – Mrs J Parker, 65 High Street, Haxey. To erect a single storey extension (re-submission of PA/2008/0766).

The following planning applications have been refused planning permission:

2008/0823 - Mr S Rickett, 1 Lowcroft Avenue, Haxey – erect a single storey rear extension.

2008/1010 - Mr K Sammonds, land rear of 18 Low Street, Haxey – erect 2 dwellings.

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

PA/2008/1270 – Mr P Randall, 19 Turbary Road, Haxey – Planning permission to erect a single storey extension to existing bungalow and demolition and re building of a detached domestic garage (re-submission 2007/1294). **Cllr Maw proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**

PA/2008/0919- Mr P Cooper, Graisholme, Ferry Road, Graizelound – planning permission to erect first floor extension over kitchen. **Cllr Maw proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Boor. All in favour.**

PA/2008/1161 – Mr P Oliver, Laurel Cottage, 30 Commonsides, Westwoodside - planning permission to erect a single storey extension. **Cllr Moyle proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

PA/2008/1023 – Mr G Fisher, land south east of 31a Graizelound Fields Road, Haxey – planning permission to retain the change of use of land from grazing field to private use motor cross biking.

Cllr Allcock informed the Parish Council that 77 letters of objection had been received for the above planning application. 19 parishioners had attended the Planning Working Party meeting on Sunday 21st. From the Parish Councils point of view

the following Policies in the North Lincolnshire Local Plan will be addressed by the Parish Council in considering the application:-

RD2 – Development in the Open Countryside

R10 – Potentially Disruptive Sports

LC14 – Area of Special Historic Landscape Interest

The Chairman requested the meeting be closed, proposed Cllr Maw, seconded Cllr C Lindley. All in favour.

Mr Martin addressed the Parish Council and thanked the Council for allowing him to speak on behalf of over 100 residents.

Mr Martin informed the Council that in 2001 application 0492 was submitted at Scunthorpe for motorcross trial bike facilities and was refused on appeal. Mr Martin stated that several points in the letter sent by Mr Fisher would be contested:

1. The length of time that the field has been owned by the applicant and the statement that it has been used for the past 5 years in the letter in not fact.
2. The amount of time the facility is being utilized is totally ambiguous in the application.
3. It was stated in the letter that no complaints have been received. There is in fact a log of calls received by North Lincolnshire Council since 2002 plus numerous police complaints. The noise pollution is intolerable and there are no landscape features to act as a noise barrier.
4. A JCB has constructed over a period of 4 days banks on the facility.
5. There have been 13 occasions when the facility has been used in the past few months and not ½ hour sessions twice a week as stated in the letter.
6. Mr Fisher has requested permission to use the facility 10am to 4pm daily and there is a suggestion it will become a commercial venture.
7. The application site lies within an area of Special Historic Landscape and the development is inappropriate, with fences and mounds.

Mr Martin has found some coins in his garden which are of historic interest.

Cllr Allcock reassured the residents that the Parish Council would pick up all the points from the letters of the residents and proceeded to read out the letter from Mr Fisher.

The meeting was opened.

Cllr Allcock pointed at that there were breaches of North Lincolnshire Council Polices RD2, R10 and LC14 as well as the list of points raised.

It was proposed by Cllr Moyle to support the residents and object to the planning application, seconded by Cllr Booth. Unanimous support to object to the application.

- 2008/1329 –** Mr Cooper, Westlake Farm, Cove Road, Westwoodside – planning permission to erect a 2 storey detached dwelling. **Proposed to support the application by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr Moyle. All in favour.**
- 2008/1253 –** Mr & Mrs Glover, Plot between 30 & 32 High Street – planning permission to erect a detached dwelling including the reconstruction of existing building for use as garage / utility with storage above. **It was proposed to support the application by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.**
- 2008/1335 –** Mr A Smith, Stables adjacent to Star Croft Turbary Road, Haxey – planning permission for the retention of a stable block. **It was proposed to support the application by Cllr W H Lindley, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**
- 2008/1252 –** Mr R Woodliffe, Field House, Graizelound Fields Road, Haxey – planning permission for the conversion of an existing storage building to a residential annex. **It was proposed to support the application by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

Following a query about 2008/0717, Miss L Ogg, Shepherds Place, Akeferry Road, Graizelound – the Clerk read out the response received from NLC regarding the conditions applied to the application. **It was resolved that** the Clerk contact NLC and ask when RD11 was rescinded and why was the Parish Council not informed.

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

- a) Invitation received to attend the Isle Arts Showcase at The Imperial Hall, Chapel Street, Epworth on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September.
- b) ERNLLCA newsletter received an invitation to attend AGM. This was passed to Cllr Knowles who will attend as Councils representative.

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- c) Fieldwork newsletter received.
- d) Opportunities for Community Buildings seminar to be held on Tuesday 14th October at Scunthorpe Baptist Church. Clerk to forward to Cllr C Lindley.
- e) Letter from NLC detailing the increase in play equipment inspection charges. Clerk to pass to Cllr Cooke.
- f) Email received from NLC stating the opening times of the toilets and informing the Parish Council that the public toilets, High Street, Haxey are closed at present due to an arson attack.
- g) NLC correspondence detailing the street renaming of Cross Hill / Upperthorpe Road, Haxey has been completed.
- h) Proposed modifications to Footpath 74 had appeared in the Scunthorpe Telegraph on 3rd September 2008.
- i) Acknowledgement letter received from Grice & Hunter and a copy of the letter sent regarding the pump has been passed onto the vendors of the property.
- j) Letter received from Mr Nithsdale informing the Parish Council that NLC R McKenzie had paid a site visit to his property and acknowledges the flood issues and assured Mr Nithsdale that the work would be carried out to resolve the problems.
- k) Letter received from Mr Thomas of Thinholme Lane expressing concerns over the removal of dredgings on the edge of the dyke adjacent to his property. **It was resolved that** the Clerk contact Mr Thomas and inform him that the water should be able to run into the dyke from Thinholme Lane and at no point was the contractor Mr Scholes instructed to remove dredgings from the edge of the dyke. Further correspondence should be directed to the contractor Mr Scholes.
- l) The new manager of the village shop in Westwoodside has requested the Parish Council provide hanging baskets for the shop next year along with a seat to be placed outside the shop. **It was resolved that** hanging baskets will be provided but the seat should be the shops responsibility.
- m) Mr Gilliat has contacted the Parish Council to ask that the two cups donated for the Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket to be put to use elsewhere. **It was resolved that** the cups be used for the Photographic Competition. Mr Gilliat to be notified.
- n) Notification received that the Grand Opening of the Low Burnham Village Centre has been postponed which was previously arranged for September 28th.

219. To consider ordering a wreath for Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk to order two wreaths, one for the Church and one for the Memorial Hall. **Proposed Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

220. To receive an update on the progress of establishing a group to create a Parish Plan.

A Parish Plan meeting is to be held on Wednesday 24th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The HWRCC Road show scheduled for 21st October will be discussed at this meeting. Item 228. It was agreed that the Community Emergency Plan would be discussed at this event too.

221. To receive an update on the valuation of Parish Land 299 and the correspondence received from Mr White.

Mr Thompson of Drewery & Wheeldon has at the request of the Parish Council valued the piece of Parish Land 299. Cllrs Allcock and Booth attended a meeting with Mr Thompson on 22nd September to receive the valuation and to discuss the rental agreements.

Land 299 has been valued at between £3k & £4k per acre as it stands. However, if it was owned by a person engaged in agriculture or forestry who had the opportunity to develop the derelict property on the site then the valuation would be £30k per acre.

Cllr Allcock read out Mr Whites letter asking for an exchange of land.

Mr Thompson has advised the Parish Council to continue renting the land and go to tender. **Cllr Knowles proposed that the Council take Mr Thompsons advice and put the land to tender for rent, seconded by Cllr Whitehead. All in favour.**

Clerk to write to Mr White to inform him of the Council's decision and request that he removes the gates that have been placed on land 299, also informing him that the land will be advertised shortly.

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

Cllr Moyle reported that the footpath has been cleared and the gate removed along with the barbed wire fencing. The rubbish from footpath 90 has also been removed and has led to evidence leading to a possible prosecution.

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

The Clerk read out the correspondence received from NLC in response to the letter sent asking for land for allotments. NLC have said they have no land or allotments available at the present time. The Parish Council has advertised for land for rental or purchase, but so far we have had no response. The item will be continued on the agenda for our next meeting.

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

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Cllr Smedley informed the Council that the competition was being advertised and that the guidelines of the competition were being discussed.

225. To discuss a Community Emergency Plan for Haxey Parish

It was agreed to discuss the creating of this plan alongside the Parish Plan at the schedule meeting on 24th September.

226. To receive a report on Active Choice Active Future seminar.

Cllr C Lindley informed the Council that the years action plan had been discussed with three main topics: Increase activities, close the gap on those not doing activities and to build up the activity groups. Not many attended the event but of those that did there was a diverse knowledge base. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20th where cycling and walking were to be the main topic for discussion. The Parish Council would be asked at a later date to advertise and publicise the events.

227. To consider the recommendation from Zurich municipal regarding the conifers located in Dr Dyson's Garden.

Clerk to contact Zurich Municipal to confirm that the insurance policy will cover the removal of the conifer trees. Once confirmation is received then quotes will be sourced from local tree surgeons. **Proposed Cllr Booth, seconded Cllr Moyle. All in favour.**

228. To consider the invitation to the HWRCC Road Show to promote the development of Community Led Parish Plans.

See agenda item 220.

229. To receive an update on the overgrown hedge on Akeferry Road.

NLC Andrea Brocklebank informed the Clerk that one letter had already been issued to the owners of the hedge on Akeferry Road but had to date received no response. NLC have asked the legal department to investigate who owns the grass verge, if this is NLC then the hedge is encroaching onto this and a Highways Act notice can be issued. **It was resolved that** the Clerk will contact NLC for an update. Cllr Moyle informed the Council that NLC Dave Sanderson was considering putting a limestone chipping path along this verge to assist access to Langholme Lane. The footpath from Carpenters Arms through to Upperthorpe Road requires some serious attention and would like NLC Dave Sanderson to have a look at it.

230. To receive an update on the Best Kept Village Competition.

The Clerk issued a copy to all members. Cllr Allcock said how delighted he was that Haxey & Westwoodside had won and with high marks. It was suggested that the War Memorial rails be painted in the near future. The hanging baskets also scored very well. Results to be placed onto the Noticeboards. Cllrs Allcock, Boor and Maw are to attend the presentation night at Elsham Village Hall on October 20th.

231. To consider a request from HWRCC Community Transport for a grant.

A grant of £500 was proposed by Cllr Knowles, seconded by Cllr Smedley. All in favour.

232. To consider a request from The Isle of Axholme Physically Handicapped Society for a grant.

A grant of £300 was proposed by Cllr Moyle, seconded by Cllr Knowles. All in favour.

233. To consider a request from Haxey Scout Group for a grant.

A grant of £500 was proposed by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr Moyle. All in favour.

234. To receive an update on the Website / Newsletter.

Website - Cllr Maw informed the Council that there were a lot more topics now on the Website. The contract with Forward-Step is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Newsletter - Cllr Allcock asked that the idea of including an article in the 'Arrow' be considered for the next meeting. This would alleviate the task of delivering the newsletters and would make the creation of it less time consuming due to the monthly editions. **It was proposed by Cllr Whitehead, seconded by Cllr Foreman that this possibility be investigated.**

235. To consider the information received from NLC regarding the grass cutting and adoption of the Ropewalk.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

236. To receive comments on the expansion of Waste Recycling site at Kings Arms, Haxey and determine further action.

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Clerk to write to NLC Planning department to ask how many containers are allowed on a recycling site before planning permission is required. An alternative site is also being considered.

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

Allotments
 Akeferry Road hedge
 Photographic Competition
 Parish Land
 Parish Plan & Community Emergency Plan
 Ropewalk
 Active Choices Active Future report
 Website contract / Newsletter - Arrow
 Donation to Haxey Church for refreshments / Remembrance Service.
 Donation for Royal British Legion
 State of footpath on Brethergate
 It was agreed the next Parish Council meeting will be held on October 21st as this is in 4 weeks time and will also accommodate the Clerks holidays.

238. To consider the Clerks contract of employment.

Cllr Allcock informed the Council that he had spoken with ERNLLCA to confirm the Pension procedure as the Clerk had requested that the Parish Council contribute to a Stakeholder pension. It was resolved that the Parish Council would contribute 6% of the Clerks Salary into the Stakeholder pension each month. **Proposed Cllr Boor, seconded Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

239. To receive the certified Annual Return for the financial year ending 31st March 2008 from the Audit Commission and consider any action to be taken.

Cllr Allcock informed the members that at present the Parish Council adhere to the ERNLLCA model Risk Assessment procedure but the Audit Commission had recommended a more in-depth assessment as applied to larger Councils. The cost of the software will just be under £100. It was also recommended that the Fidelity Guarantee be increased to cover the end of year balance and 50% of the precept and to include Councillors. **Proposed by Cllr Knowles, seconded by Cllr Smedley. All in favour.**

The asset box on the Annual Return has not been completed for the past 3 years and all assets have to be reviewed. Clerk to contact Drewery & Wheeldon to undertake the revaluation of the land. **Proposed Cllr Maw, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**

It was discussed that a 'Working Party' be formed to follow through the revaluation and risk assessment procedure as it applies to all assets including the revaluation of land and rents, this would consist of Cllrs Allcock, Booth, Knowles, Maw and Moyle. **Proposed Cllr Knowles, seconded Cllr Eckhardt. All in favour.** Cllr Maw to ask Cllr Carlile to join the Working Party too.

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

A bill for BT Telephone line was received after the August meeting which required payment by 31st August. This was authorised for payment by the Clerk with the approval of the Chairman. Cheque no. 101415 for £68.57. Authorisation to be received by the Council. **Proposed Cllr Eckhardt, seconded Cllr Knowles. All in favour.**

Payee	Details	Cheque Number	Amount £
BT Payment Services	Quarterly bill	1415	68.57
D Hotson	Salary	1417	574.59
D Hotson	Expenses	1417	91.88
HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk's Tax & NI contributions	1418	15.03
HM Revenue & Customs	Haxey PC NI contributions	1418	17.49
J Smedley	Travel Expenses	1419	32.25
Cottage Gardens	Grass Cutting	1420	162.00
HWRCC Community Transport	Grant	1421	500.00

Isle of Axholme Physically Handicapped Society	Grant	1422	300.00
Haxey Scouts Group	Grant	1423	500.00
Total expenditure for September 23rd			2,261.81

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

.....Chairman