

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 7pm in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Bloomfield, Booth, Foreman, Knowles, Lange, C Lindley, W H Lindley, Maw, Smedley & Whitehead.

Also Present: 4 residents.

Chairman: Cllr Smedley presided.

Procedural

332. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Boor, Carlile, Cooke & Eckhardt.

333. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2010 with the agreed matters of accuracy were approved as a true and correct record. **Proposed Cllr Knowles, seconded by Cllr W Lindley. All in favour.** The minutes of the Personnel Committee and Finance Committee meetings held on Tuesday 9th November 2010 were approved as a true and correct record. **Proposed Cllr Maw, seconded by Cllr C Lindley. All in favour.**

334. Cllr C Lindley and Cllr W H Lindley declared a personal interest in agenda item 344.

Cllr Foreman declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 339.

Planning

335. To following decisions were received from North Lincolnshire Council and to consider the following planning application and any further planning applications received where comments have to be submitted before the next meeting.

The following have been granted full planning permission by North Lincolnshire Council.

MINI/2009/0324 – extend sand extraction operations with progressive restoration on land adjacent to Cove Farm Quarry, Cove Road, Westwoodside.

2010/1054 – erect an extension, pergola, wall and entrance gates and construct a new driveway at Pear Tree House, Upperthorpe Road, Westwoodside.

The following has been refused planning permission by North Lincolnshire Council.

2010/1078 - erect an occupational detached dwelling associated with Haxey Carr Study Centre with all matters reserved for subsequent approval on land at Haxey Carr Study Centre, Turbary Road, Haxey.

The following Determination of the Requirement for prior approval has been deemed as not required by North Lincolnshire Council.

2010/1147 – construct an irrigation pond at Woodland Croft, Cove Road, Westwoodside.

The following Appeal has been dismissed.

2009/1520 – construction of a detached dwelling and garage at 70 Doncaster Road, Westwoodside.

The following planning applications received by North Lincolnshire Council were discussed by the Parish Council.

2010/1267 – Mr S Ellis, Oakville, 5 Mill Lane, Westwoodside – planning permission to raise the roof of existing bungalow to create a two storey dwelling. The bungalow is set between two other bungalows and will not fit with the street scene. The alterations will be more than 20% of the existing building therefore **Cllr Booth proposed not to support the application, seconded by Cllr C Lindley. 6 not to support, 3 to support, 2 abstentions.**

2010/1235 – North Lincolnshire Homes, land fronting 16 & 18 Blackmoor Road – planning permission to create a 4 bay parking area. The Clerk informed the meeting that there was an amendment to the application

due to an objection to the location by the person requesting the parking bays. **Cllr Maw proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Allcock. All in favour.**

2010/1193 – Mr S Watson, Lavenham House, Brackenhill Road, East Lound – planning permission to erect a detached double domestic garage. **Cllr Maw proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr W Lindley. 10 for, 1 abstention. Clerk to inform NLC that the plan was of poor quality.**

2010/1189 – Dr Hasenfuss, Lindsey House, 45 Brethergate, Westwoodside – planning permission to erect a detached domestic garage. **Cllr Maw proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr W Lindley. 10 for, 1 abstention.**

2010/1184 – Haxey Parish Council, St Nicholas Church – planning permission to change use of grassed area to additional burial ground. **Cllr W Lindley proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**

2010/1272 – Mrs E Muscroft, Langholme Farm Cottage, access road to Langholme, Westwoodside – planning permission to construct two storey extension linked to existing house together with pitched roof over existing flat roof and creating bedroom in roof space. **Cllr Whitehead proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Foreman. 8 for, 3 against.**

337. **Clerk's Report**

- a) Invitation received from the Heritage Society to attend the Christmas Party at Westwoodside Village Hall. Cllr Bloomfield to attend.
- b) The Clerk had received a complaint from a resident on Park Lane regarding the location of a newly erect dog bin. Clerk has contacted NLC and the matter has been resolved.
- c) Notification received on the North Lincolnshire Core Strategy – pre-examination meeting.
- d) Letter received from Crowle & Ealand Town Council re: Quality Status. Clerk to provide Cllr Smedley's contact details.
- e) North Lincolnshire Council census 2011 notification received.
- f) Thank you letter received from the PCC for the recent donation towards the Remembrance Sunday refreshments.
- g) Notification & posters received for the Barton Christmas Festival 2010.
- h) Notification & posters received for the Walking for Health local walks for December.
- i) Countryside Voice newsletter received.
- j) Proposed upgrade of footpath for bridleway Haxey 116 received from NLC. Clerk to circulate and put on the next agenda for discussion.
- k) The Clerk showed the meeting the certificate received for winning the Best War Memorial and informed the Council that a cheque for the sum of £75 had been received also. Cllr Smedley added an additional piece into the Haxey Parish Councils submission for the Arrow thanking Mr & Mrs Kuchnir and Mrs Higgins for the floral displays.

Improvements / Projects

338. **To consider the criteria for the 2011 Photographic Competition.**

It was agreed that 4 prizes will be given again for the 2011 competition. Cllr Maw is prepared to donate a new cup each year for the junior under 11's category. It was agreed to try and encourage more children to enter. **Cllr Booth proposed to support these proposals, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield. All in favour.**

339. **To receive a report and recommendations from the LWP on the Allotments Site and determine action required.**

A meeting was held with Nigel Brownbridge (contractor) and it was discussed that the buffer fence should be left and the wooden fence moved over to allow for the car park extension with a gate being placed into the buffer zone to allow easy access to cut the grass.

A gate will also be placed on the east side of the site. A quote is to be submitted by Nigel Brownbridge.

There was a further meeting including Steve Brown the AA Chairman and a further member of the AA and the LWP regarding the project to install site toilets. The main drain can be accessed to allow for the installation of a toilet to the east side of the site. A secured communal shed is also required on site to on the south side up against the hedge.

The Clerk has provided contact details and details of grants that the AA could apply for to assist in the funding of both the toilets and shed.

The LWP recommended that the Parish Council assist the AA by submitting and funding the planning application when required. **Proposed by Cllr Knowles, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**

340. To receive a report and recommendations from the LWP on the burial land project and determine any further actions required.

The contract and Land Registry documentation has been received from HSR Law which will be signed and sent back.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the faculties applied for. The Diocese have requested a more detailed description of the method of work which the Clerk has requested from Nigel Brownbridge. The Statement of Needs and photographs are ready to submit that have also been requested. Ken Airs from the PCC has provided the Clerk with details required. Once the report has been received from Nigel Brownbridge the Clerk will submit to the Diocese.

A method of works is required for the damaged sundial and the Clerk has asked the PCC who owns the sundial.

Cllr Maw & Cllr Booth are to approach the relatives of the grave extending onto the footpath to see if they would mind if the memorial could be amended to fit in with the new footpath.

The Clerk has also been informed by Rev Green that the church wall on Church Street has been damaged. Rev Green has informed the Clerk the wall is not listed but asks that the repairs are carried out with the same material as previously used. The Clerk has requested 4 quotes for the repair. Clerk to submit the information when available for all the faculties and then ask that a decision is reached as soon as possible to allow works to be carried out before the end of the financial year.

Highways – Traffic / Roads / Footpaths

341. To be notified of the road concerns of vehicles travelling along Gollands Lane and determine action required.

The Clerk has contacted NLC who have responded by providing the Clerk with further 20 Plenty card to distribute in Gollands Lane. The Clerk has given to Cllr Boor to be distributed within the next edition of the Arrow.

Cllr Lange informed the meeting that contrary to the response received from NLC cars do speed along the lane.

Cllr Booth stated that the ‘passing places’ and opposite bank has eroded over time and need reinstating along with the resurfacing of the lane. The cables which the Parish Council reported several months ago are still exposed. Clerk to also ask about the installation of ‘sleeping policeman’. **Proposed by Cllr Whitehead, seconded by Cllr Lange. All in favour.**

342. To consider the state of repair to the local footpaths and determine actions required.

The Clerk read out an update received from NLC on the following footpaths:-

FP85 – bridge repair – the land owner has agreed to the repair and will be done in the near future.

FP89 – way clearance – NLC work team have been instructed to do as soon as possible.

FP97 – this is going to be cut back and the surface made good.

FP100 – way clearance – this should be complete in the next few weeks.

FP102 – the hedge is to be cut back, Clerk to find out the status.

343. To receive an update on the progress of the Akeferry Road resurfacing and determine any action required.
The Clerk informed the meeting that due to either the Gas or Water Board carrying out major works which will affect Akeferry Road works will not commence until these have been completed. No dates have been provided but the works are still in the NLC programme. Clerk has requested further details when available.
- Reports / Updates**
344. To consider the request received from NLC regarding the status of Northside and determine a response.
North Lincolnshire Council are considering making an order adding Northside in its entirety to the definitive map as a restricted byway. A restricted byway is open to the public with all traffic except mechanically propelled vehicles. This shouldn't affect anyone with a reasonable need for access by mechanically propelled vehicle to land down Northside in which they have an interest (owners and occupiers driving to their own property).
Effectively, a restricted byway is a bridleway that horse-drawn carts and buggies can also use.
It was proposed by Cllr Foreman, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield to add Northside to the Definitive Map as a restricted byway. 7 for, 2 against & 2 abstentions.
345. To receive an update on the consultation for Haxey Library services and determine any further action required.
The consultation process is still underway. The Parish Council will be informed when completed which should be the end of November.
Petitions have been submitted to NLC and the WI were supposed to be making representation but this was cancelled. Andrew Percy MP did not make representation as he thought the WI was, therefore no representation was made.
346. To receive an update on the sale of Haxey Toilets and determine any further action required.
A representative from NLC will be attending the LWP meeting on Thursday morning to provide an update to the status of the toilet block.
347. To receive a report on the progress of the Heritage Trail.
Cllr Bloomfield is to apply for a Leader grant to assist in the creation of the trail.
348. To receive a report on the developments on the Parish Christmas Lights and determine any action required.
Within the Parish Plan an action was created to form a group to install Christmas lights in the parish. There are several groups within the parish actively raising money for such a project and a large tree with lights is to be placed outside the Village Hall.
Article to be placed into the Arrow to encourage already formed groups to come together and discuss the entire parish needs.
349. To receive a report from the North Lincolnshire Partnership seminar and the Town & Parish Council Liaison meeting.
Isle of Axholme Flood Risk Strategy – John Pygott, Environment Agency
John Pygott started by declaring that the EA had got it wrong a few years ago. The system was more complex than they thought and it has taken a long time to understand. Computer studies were shown showing what would happen if existing system was not maintained and sea levels rose with climate change. The result would have left parts of the Isle covered by up to 5m of flood water, leaving only the higher ground around Haxey, Epworth and Crowle above water. 28,000 properties would be affected. 2627 businesses, 30km of motorway, 40,000 hectares of agricultural land, and other critical infrastructure, the whole resulting in some £5.1 billion of damages.
Having understood the dramatic consequences, the team are now costing programmes to sustain the existing system. They plan to complete consultation by November 2010 and gain approval by mid 2011 followed by a start on work in late 2011. The strategy will concentrate on raising the Trent banks and improving efficiency to reduce running costs.

Cllr Allcock added that two members of The Isle of Axholme Internal Drainage Board attended an EA presentation to ask that Policy 4 be adopted for the area rather than Policy 3 to ensure that the business and homes were not affected. It was concluded from these discussion that Policy 4 would be granted. Cllr Allcock also informed the meeting that the EA would be working with the Drainage Boards across a larger area.

The future of the Standards Regime – Mike Woods, Monitoring Officer

Mike Woods explained that the Government have announced that the existing Standards Regime will be changed but there is little detail at present. The Standards for England, the Code of Conduct and Standards Committees are to be abolished. The need for Councillors to declare interests will be retained and failure to declare may become a criminal offence. Details about the new powers of the Local Government Ombudsman, 'Campaigning' Councillors and electoral recall are awaited in the Localism Bill which is expected to be announced in November 2010.

Countryside and wildlife crime - Sgt Staff, Humberside Police

Sgt Liz Staff manages the Brigg area of Humberside Police and she is concerned about the increase in countryside crime such as Poaching (Hare coursing, Deer poaching, badger baiting) and Serious Acquisitive Crime (Plant, farm machinery, diesel and metal). Humberside does not have a dedicated team, as some other forces do). The problem is growing with 64 incidents reported in the Brigg area in 2009/10. It is estimated that Humberside accounts for 40% of all reported offences of poaching nationally according to the National Wildlife Crime Unit.

In order to tackle the problem, farmers and landowners are encouraged to report incidents at the time they are occurring, promoting the merits of a farm watch scheme and encourage the community to report suspicious activity.

350. To receive a report on the ERNLLCA AGM.

There were 6 resolutions put to the AGM.

Firstly a motion requiring static caravan residents to pay local rates, this was carried by the majority with a minor amendment.

The second motion, from Haxey Parish Council, inviting the Coalition Government to instruct the Camping & Caravanning Club, and like authorities, to seek the opinions of the relevant parish councils and local authority, before authorising new caravan sites in their vicinity - was carried unanimously.

A resolution concerning the portability of CRB checks- was carried by the majority.

A motion calling for blanket speed limits of 20mph in rural communities was lost.

The following motion 'That ERNLLCA should inform its parish and town council members prior to any local council elections being held, that newly elected councillors must be prepared to undertake appropriate training as soon as possible after the start of their term of office'- was carried by the majority after an amendment by Haxey parish council, to change the word 'must' to 'should' and 'prepared' to 'encouraged' Finally, a motion calling for the Government to introduce legislation that emergency services telephone numbers should be accessible at no cost to the person making the call- was carried by the majority

351. To receive a report on the headstone testing within the closed churchyard including Health & Safety concerns and determine actions to be taken.

Cllr Foreman informed the meeting that he had carried out the headstone tests and all were OK. Cllr Maw to handover the paperwork to Cllr Foreman for completion.

Clerk to ask Serenity Memorials to provide a quote for testing the headstones and contact the Insurance Company to ask what is required of the Parish Council to ensure the policy is adhered too.

General Items

352. To be notified of the Dog Control Order Review 2011 and determine any actions required.

Clerk to forward the email from NLC to Haxey and Westwoodside Playing Field Associations.

353. To consider the future of the bus shelters maintained by the Parish Council and determine action required.
An article to be placed into the next edition of the Arrow for feedback on the usage of the bus shelters throughout the parish.

354. To consider arrangements for 2011 Armistice Day.

Cllr Booth informed the meeting that approximately 50 people turned up at the wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial and with more advertisement and encouragement of participation this should increase. The British Legion have stated they would be happy if the Parish Council took over the organisation of the event.

Cllr Booth provided the Clerk with details of a uniformed participant for next year's parade and it was **proposed by Cllr Knowles to place an article in the Arrow nearer the event and set up a Working Party which would include the interfacing with the local school and scouts to encourage the children's participation. Seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**

The British Legion are in the process of investigating how many families within the parish have lost relatives whilst serving in the Forces since WWII and Cllr Booth has offered assistance if required.

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

- a) Christmas Lights
- b) Bus Shelter usage
- c) New Year greetings
- d) Remembrance Day
- e) Burial Ground update
- f) Precept information
- g) Library – if an update is available

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

- a) Proposed upgrade of footpath for bridleway Haxey 116
- b) Parish Handyman
- c) Doncaster Road village sign
- d) Parish Plan update
- e) Epworth grant request

Finance

357. To receive a copy of the Financial Statement up to 23rd November 2010.

358. To consider and approve the precept for 2011/12.

The Clerk provided a breakdown of income & expenditure and explained what the proposed budget was based on.

It was proposed by Cllr Booth that a precept of £35,000 be approved, which will remain the same as this year in the current economic climate. Seconded by Cllr Knowles. All in favour.

Grant Requests

359. To consider the grant request received from Epworth Swimming Pool.

No further information has been received. Clerk to chase and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

360. To consider a further grant request from the PCC for the provisions of refreshments at the Remembrance Service.

The Clerk read out the email received from the PCC asking for a further donation towards the Remembrance Service refreshments due to all previous funding being spent.

It was proposed by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr Knowles to grant a further £35 to cover all the refreshment costs. All in favour.

Expenditure

361. 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 £
Land Registry	Register of Parish Land	1690	150.00
BT	Broadband & phone	DD	102.41
D Hotson	Salary	1691	619.73
D Hotson	Expenses	1691	208.08
H M Revenue	Employers NI	1692	29.29
H M Revenue	Employees NI & Tax	1692	51.37
D Knowles	Travel Expenses	1693	19.83
J Smedley	Travel Expenses	1694	51.09
Aquila Business Products Ltd	Stationery	1695	70.44
Arrow Publication	November edition	1696	94.00
HSR Law	Purchase of Burial land & Fees	1697	7,895.25
St Nicholas PCC	Refreshment donation	1698	£35.00
Total expenditure 23rd November 2010			£9,326.49

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

362. To confirm the date of the next meeting as being Tuesday 21st December 2010 in the Hood Room, Haxey Memorial Hall.

.....Chairman

Abbreviations

AA	Allotment Association
NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch
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
LWT	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
NALC	National Association for Local Councils
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
CCC	Caravan & Camping Club
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
ICCM	Institute of Cemetery & Cremations Management
WP	Working Party
EA	Environmental Agency