

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 27th April 2010 in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Bloomfield, Boor, Booth, Carlile, Cooke, Eckhardt, Foreman, Knowles, Lange, C Lindley, W H Lindley, Smedley & Whitehead.

Also Present: 7 residents.

Chairman: Cllr Smedley presided.

Cllr Smedley read out a note from Cllr Maw thanking the Parish Councillors for their kind gift and card. The Clerk presented Cllr Smedley with a certificate issued by ERNLLCA for completing part 1, 2 & 3 of the Advanced Chairmanship seminars.

Procedural

94. Apologies for absence received from Cllr Maw.
95. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th March 2010 were approved as a true and correct record.
Proposed by Cllr W Lindley, seconded by Cllr Boor. All in favour.
96. Cllr Cooke declared a personal interest in agenda item 97 – 2010/0344.
Cllr C Lindley declared a personal interest in agenda item 97 – 2010/0370 and agenda item 112.
Both Cllrs Carlile and W Lindley declared a personal interest in agenda item 112.
Cllr Smedley declared a personal interest in agenda item 113.

Planning

97. 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.

Decisions made by North Lincolnshire Council are:-

2010/0038 – full planning permission granted for change of use of part of a surgery to a retail pharmacy with associated alterations at 30 Church Street, Haxey.

2010/0154 – full planning permission granted to erect a first floor extension with a veranda at Morton Villa, 9 Turbary Road, Haxey.

2010/0172 – full planning permission granted to erect an extension to garage at 6 Mill Lane, Westwoodside.

2010/0197 – grant of prior approval has been granted to determine the requirement for prior approval for a steel framed agricultural building at Sunnyside Cottage, 84 Akeferry Road, Westwoodside.

2010/0203 – full planning permission granted to erect a detached domestic garage at Zion Cottage, Main Street, Graizelound.

2010/0210 – full planning permission granted to erect a rear ground floor extension and replacement garage at Eastmoor Villas, 17 Epworth Road, Haxey.

2010/0212 – full planning permission granted to erect a side extension to dwelling at 3 Westland Road, Westwoodside.

2010/0218 – full planning permission granted to erect a first floor extension at 11 Weir Road, Westwoodside.

The following application have been received by NLC and discussed by the Parish Council:-

2009/1446 – J Towns & Son, Skyers Farm, Turbary Road, Haxey – planning permission to rebuild farm buildings to create agricultural store rooms and farm office, erect extensions to dwelling and erect domestic

outbuildings. **Cllr W Lindley proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Foreman. 13 for, 1 abstention.**

2010/0255 – Mr A Smith, land adjacent to Star Croft, Haxey Carr, Haxey – planning permission for alterations and extensions to stables and erection of a barn. **Cllr Foreman proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Allcock. All in favour.**

2010/0341 – Mr D Sowerby, 34 Low Street, Haxey – planning permission to erect a pair of semi detached dwellings and garages (including the demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings).

Cllr Foreman proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Whitehead.

Cllr Booth stated that the site would be an overdevelopment with 2 houses therefore **proposed an amendment to the proposal and to support the building of 1 house, seconded by Cllr C Lindley.**

Support Cllr Booths proposal – 5 for, 7 against. Support Cllr Foreman’s proposal 7 for, 5 against. 2 abstentions.

2010/0348 – Ms K Turland, Crossways, Doncaster Road, Westwoodside – planning permission to erect a detached dwelling & domestic double garage to replace existing dwelling to be demolished. **Cllr Allcock proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**

2010/0344 – Mr S Smithey, 21 Thinholme Lane, Haxey – planning permission to replace existing workshop in new location on same site. **Cllr W Lindley proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Cooke. All in favour.**

2010/0370 – Mr N Dent, rear of Dent’s Builders Yard, 41 The Nooking, Haxey – planning permission to retain storage building (re-submission of 2010/0065). It was discussed that the height of the building is too high; not being altered from the last application submitted and contravening the original planning application condition (2/111/80) which stated that the height of the materials stored should be no higher than 2m, the building erected is 2.8m high. **Cllr Lange proposed to object to the application, seconded by Cllr Booth. 13 for, 1 abstention.**

2010/0426 – Sabur Ltd, 31 Low Street – planning permission to retain extension to boundary wall and brick pillars. **Cllr Boor proposed to object to the application and suggested that the wall be splayed and reduced in height to .9m, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**

98. Clerk’s Report

- a) Umbrella Spring newsletter received.
- b) Humberside Police Authority Newsletter – Clerk to request e-copy.
- c) Copies of estimate and vat invoice for the purchase of a mower and gangs received by Haxey Cricket Club as requested for which the Parish Council made a donation.
- d) Notification received from NLC that the cost of annual inspections of play equipment by NLC Corporate Safety Unit has increased to £18. Clerk to forward information to Cllrs Cooke and Lange.
- e) Notification received from NLC informing the Parish Council that the annual gully cleaning is scheduled for January 2011.
- f) Letter received from the Isle of Axholme Pubwatch group providing a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April. Request for Cllrs to read the minutes and advise if further copies of the minutes are required. Clerk to distribute and place on the agenda for the next meeting.

Improvements / Projects

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

The Allotments are now completed and look good. A request to use charcoal BBQ's was discussed at the LWP meeting and the approval is now sought from the Parish Council. **Cllr W Lindley proposed that the use of charcoal BBQ's be permitted, seconded by Cllr Whitehead. 10 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.** Cllr Lange has had several concerned residents approach him about the parking of cars along the highway adjacent to Cove Road. Cllr Knowles informed the meeting that this has been due to the car parking area being used by the contractor and now that all the work has been completed parking will be available within the Allotments designated parking.

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

The draft of the final report will be completed this week and will be ready to send to the graphic designer the following week and it should be ready to send to the printer by the end of May.

Highways – Traffic / Roads / Footpaths

101. To be notified of the response received from NLC on the A161 T Junction concerns in Low Burnham and consider further action required.

NLC have been out to investigate the concerns raised initially by the Parish Council and have now also been raised by the Low Burnham Village Centre. These investigations have highlighted that 11.5% of traffic does travel in excess of 46mph and therefore has moved from being 184 on the list to 71. This is still not high enough for intervention levels other than the Community Speedwatch initiative of 'flashing' speed signs. NLC are also going to approach the owner of the fence on Hall Garth to try and increase visibility by its removal.

The red tarmac which used to slow motorists down was worn and when this section of the A161 was resurfaced it was not replaced. NLC say that red tarmac is too expensive but this is an issue that the Parish Plan will continue to press NLC to replace.

Cllr Carlile also highlighted that this area was a speed target area by Humberside Police and they may consider locating a vehicle to monitor. This will be brought up at the next Police meeting.

The Parish Council have also been notified of a caravan site that is being set up with access onto the A161. A petition and several individual letters have been received from the residents of Low Burnham detailing who they have contacted regarding this issue to date. **Cllr Booth proposed that the Parish Council support the residents of Low Burnham and to contact the Camping and Caravanning Club to emphasize the highway concerns and the impact on the countryside if caravans are permitted here, seconded by Cllr Lange. All in favour.**

102. To discuss the outstanding Greenhill Road and Akeferry Road condition and consider further action required.

Greenhill Road repairs are on a work ticket but other areas at present are more urgent.

Akeferry Road is on the capital programme and at present is with the NLC design team and will be carried out this year.

103. To be notified of the B1396 and Uppertorpe Road pot holes and the 30mph sign on Uppertorpe Road and determine action required.

The majority of pot holes have been filled in and the 30mph sign is on a work ticket to repair. Cllr Whitehead suggested that the 30mph sign on Cove Road be moved to Alma House which would then cover the entrance to the new Allotments. Cllr Foreman raised the question about the sealing of the pot holes to preserve them better. Cllr Smedley informed the meeting that they were being filled on a temporary basis due to the amount and would be repaired and sealed at a later date.

104. To determine why the waste bin on Newbigg has been removed and any further action required.

NLC representative on leave at present. Clerk will chase.

Reports / Updates

105. To receive a report from the ERNLLCA Spring Conference.

Cllr Knowles and the Clerk attended the Spring Conference on April 17th. There were about 40 present and various speakers gave presentations on creating Town and Parish Councils in urban areas, Participatory Budgeting, Councils and the law relating to land and property: purchase, sale, lease, rentals, the importance of good legal practice, sound legal documentation and good governance and a presentation update on Employment law and practice.

106. To receive an update on the Doncaster Road Memorial.

NLC have confirmed that the Memorial Stone on Doncaster Road, Westwoodside is not listed and that cement mortar can be used to affix it to a base. Clerk to contact Mr Richardson to ask for a quote.

107. To receive an update on the purchase of land on Church Lane to be used as an addition to the church burial land.

Several trial holes have been dug and samples of soil taken along with photographs. **It was proposed by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr C Lindley to go ahead with the valuation from Grice and Hunter at a cost of £300 + vat. All in favour.**

Cllr Smedley explained the Parish Council can be the burial authority provided planning permission for change of use is in place.

Cllr Allcock informed the Council that the vendor of the land had full representation from a solicitor.

A cost analysis will be provided for the next Parish Council meeting and will include the purchase of the land and the renovations required.

108. To receive an update on the Isle of Axholme Internal Drainage Board – Haxey Flood Relief Scheme and determine any action required.

Cllr Allcock read out the letter received from the Internal Drainage Board regarding the implementation of a flood relief scheme within Haxey. A number of options have been considered including improvement of the existing systems and intercepting water in the High Street on the western side of the old railway. A possibility of bringing the water from the eastern side of Haxey Lane in the Marshall Farm area eastwards has been looked into but the topography would not allow this.

The scheme is almost ready for submission for Government Grant Aid and prior to this the Parish Councils comments have been sought.

It was proposed by Cllr Allcock and seconded by Cllr Booth that the Clerk is to write back to the IDB and welcome the scheme. Clerk to also mention the flood which occurs at the junction of Low Street and Epworth Road near the War Memorial. All in favour.

Notification also received regarding the proposed flood storage scheme for Low Burnham. JBA Consulting produced a report which recommended various works through the village. The IDB believe a better option is to consider using the pond area near the Holy Well upstream of the village as a storage area for flood water which can then be released at a controlled rate.

The Parish Council again welcome this scheme but will also highlight the water that runs down Hall Garth Lane and how this will be dealt with and that the culverts on the Beck should be cleaned out. NLC will be proving this scheme to ensure it works prior to the works going ahead. Cllr Allcock has asked that the Low Burnham Village Centre be sent a copy of the scheme.

It was agreed by all members that the meeting be closed to allow the residents present from Low Burnham to speak on this matter.

Mr Eric Rowling clarified that the pond near to Holy Well was Water Crest pond and that this pond would be made bigger and cleaned out.

Mr Ian Boomer thanked the Parish Council for allowing the public to participate and he had spoken with NLC and ½ acre of land was to be changed into a wild fowl area. The Low Burnham Flood Committee which was set up for the floods in 2007/08 had said that due to the efforts made by NLC, the Parish Council and residents it was highly unlikely that Low Burnham would see flooding as in the past.

The meeting was re-opened.

Clerk to write to the IDB requesting that Low Burnham Village Centre are included in the correspondence and that the Parish Council support the scheme.

109. To receive an update on the Heritage Trail.

Cllr Bloomfield will be meeting with Mrs Neal of the Heritage Society next week to review the photographs taken and what information is available and within the next few weeks a draft leaflet should be available to view.

110. To receive an update on the Website.

A meeting was held on April 25th where it was decided that the Clerk needed to be fully involved in the Members Area and that she should be the administrator, this way she can create new folders and more importantly be the only person who can delete them. It was also decided that the members area would be accessed for one month without the need for login so that councillors can familiarise themselves with its working. **This was proposed by Cllr Carlile and seconded by Cllr C Lindley. All in favour.**

It is also proposed the forum area be adopted officially and Colin Ridley will be approached to stay on as an administrator and to thank him for his help to date. **This was proposed by Cllr Carlile and seconded by Cllr Knowles. All in favour.**

The 'have your say' section also had its first letter from a parishioner, which was dually published after the removal of some names.

111. To receive an update on the Awards Map.

A meeting was held on 25th April where it was decided to display the Awards map at the Annual Parish Meeting. They will be on display from 6.30pm prior to the meeting. It was decided they would be taken out of the church and kept in a place of safety prior to displaying. Cllr Carlile will be on hand to ensure no one touches them while on display. The Heritage Society has been approached to be in attendance to answer any questions.

Arrangements are also being made for them to be inspected by an expert on the following Thursday and it is felt it might be best if she could come to Haxey for this. **This was proposed by Cllr Carlile and seconded by Cllr Boor. All in favour.**

The Awards were out in the church on Saturday to assist two families from the parish to look up historical information. They appeared impressed and a little surprised at what they saw.

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

Cllr Smedley has contacted NLC Colin Wilkinson who has made no progress to date on this issue.

General Items

113. To inform the Parish Council of a Haxey C of E Primary School film project "Haxey Village in 2010".

The schools Yr6 teacher has informed Cllr Smedley that the school has a grant for a Yr6 project to be started after the SATs have been completed. The funding has allowed for a Drama teacher and a Film Maker to assist the children in making a short film about the history of the village and about present day which they hope to film part of a Parish Council meeting. All in favour.

114. To be notified of police response to 999 calls and determine action required.

Cllr Cooke notified the Council of both his and a resident of Holme Road experiences when placing a 999 call.

The elderly resident on Holme Road had shone a torch into a car on Westwoodside Playing Field which backs on to the property fully aware of the vandalism which has been occurring in the Playing Field of late. The man in the car started using threatening behaviour towards the elderly resident and tried to enter the garden. There were also two other people and a dog present in the Playing Field.

The resident rang the police and provided all the relevant details and was contacted 20 minutes later by a police sergeant at Scunthorpe who told the elderly resident that she had provoked the man by shining a torch at him and when the resident responded to this the police sergeant put the phone down.

Cllr Carlile will bring this item up at the next Police meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Carlile that the Clerk write to the Police Constable and Cllr Cooke to advise the resident to do the same, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.

115. To be notified of the letter received regarding the Haxey Study Centre and determine any action required.

A letter which had been received from the website was copied to members prior to the meeting. The letter was with reference to a caravan site set up by Mr White on the Turbary and concerns about the expanding Haxey Study Centre and the businesses running from there and about the road maintenance due to additional traffic.

Clerk to establish if the land where the caravan site is located falls within a conservation area from NLC and copy in the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and if the land is rented from the Parish Council. Clerk to also contact the Camping and Caravanning Club suggesting that the local authority being the Parish Council should be made aware of any new sites being set up in Parishes.

Clerk to contact the solicitors regarding the status of Snowdrop Cottage.

116. To consider the quotes received for the hanging baskets for 2010.

One quote has been received for the planting for 2010. Cllr Boor suggested a further 2 hanging baskets be given to the Duke of William and the 2 baskets will be provided.

The Clerk has had contact with Mrs Kuchnir and the War Memorial baskets will be ready for mid June.

It was proposed by Cllr Allcock, seconded by Cllr Boor to accept the quote received for £259 from Mr Hather.

117. To consider signage to notify members of the public that there is an area of natural habitat in the closed churchyard.

The Clerk received comments from Mr Franks about the marking down of the 'natural habitat' area of the closed churchyard by the judges from the Best Kept Village Competition last year. Mr Franks suggests a sign stating that the area is a natural habitat.

It was proposed by Cllr Allcock, seconded by Cllr Booth to contact Mr Franks and ask that he arranges for a sign to be erect and this will be reimbursed by the Parish Council.

Cllr Allcock also suggested that the natural habitat area be kept tidier this year as it got a bit out of hand last year. All agreed.

118. To be notified of the vacancy on Haxey Parish Combined Charity and determine a Parish Council Representative.

Cllrs W Lindley, Maw and Whitehead are the co-opted representatives for the Parish Council. The Combined Charity trustees suggest that Mr Andrew Towns be the Parish Council representative due to his knowledge of the area. **Cllr Whitehead also proposed that Mr Simon Andrews be the representative, this was seconded by Cllr W Lindley and 5 were for this proposal. Cllr Knowles proposed that the Parish Council support the trustees nomination of Mr Andrew Towns, seconded by Cllr Booth, 6 for.**

119. To be notified of the 2010 Parish Photographic Competition.
The photographs will be available to view and judge at the Parish Meeting on the 4th May from 6.30pm. Unfortunately there had not been many entries for the younger categories this year. The winners will be announced at the end of the Parish Meeting.
120. To be notified of the Power of Well Being training seminar and determine action required.
The Power of Well Being training will be held 6-8pm on July 27th prior to the Parish Council meeting. All Cllrs to confirm attendance as the cost is £30 per head. 80% (12) Cllrs must attend to ensure that the Council can then apply to be a Quality Council.
121. Request for article(s) for next month's Arrow publication.
Heritage Trial
Results of the Photographic Competition
Drainage flood relief schemes.
122. To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
Isle of Axholme Pubwatch Group
Haxey Playing Field, Haxey Tennis Club and East Lound Pinfold grant requests
Power of Well Being training
Approval of the Annual Return and Governance
Memorial Stone
Toilet Block
Parish Land – rental agreements
Caravan sites
Burial Ground

Finance

123. To received a copy of the Financial Statement up to 27th April 2010.
The Clerk also informed the meeting that an incentive of £75 has been given to the Parish Council for completing the HMRC Tax Returns online.
A cheque has been received from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust for the peppercorn rent from 2004 to date.

Grant Requests

124. To consider the East Lound Pinfold repairs grant request.
Cllr Booth proposed to support in principle, seconded by Cllr W Lindley but to write to the relevant person to gather further information. All in favour.
Clerk to write to Mrs Norman for further repair and cost details and to also write to the Townsman enquiring if any objection would be raised if the Parish Council provided funding to assist in the repairs.
125. To consider the Haxey Playing Field Association grant request.
Clerk to contact the Playing Field Association for clarification of the accounts provided regarding the recording of the repayment of the loan from the Parish Council. Agenda item for the next meeting.
126. To consider the Westwoodside Village Hall grant request.
Cllr Bloomfield declared a personal interest at this point. A lot of work has been undertaken at the village hall in the past and unfortunately in the last few months there has been a large amount of vandalism to the hall. **Cllr Boor proposed £1,000 be given now as a maintenance grant and when further costs were known a further grant request could be submitted. This was seconded by Cllr Carlile. All in favour.**
127. To consider the Haxey Tennis Club grant request.
It was proposed by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield to request further cost details prior to a decision being taken. All in favour.

Expenditure

128. 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 £ |
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| D Hotson | Salary | 1608 | 705.96 |
| D Hotson | Expenses | 1608 | 119.37 |
| H M Revenue | Employers NI | 1609 | 43.50 |
| H M Revenue | Employees NI & Tax | 1609 | 88.18 |
| Arrow Publication | Arrow – March edition | 1610 | 94.00 |
| ERNLLCA | Membership renewal | 1611 | 780.13 |
| CommuniCorp | Subscription renewal | 1612 | 66.00 |
| Haxey Memorial Hall | Hire of room | 1613 | 59.00 |
| Cottage Gardens | 1 st cut and allotment hedge | 1614 | 229.00 |
| D Knowles | Travel Expenses | 1615 | 40.86 |
| Westwoodside Village Hall | Grant | 1616 | 1,000.00 |
| Total expenditure 27th April 2010 | | | £3,226.00 |

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

.....Chairman

Abbreviations

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| 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 |
| LWT | Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust |

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