

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 29th June 2010 in the Hood Room of Haxey Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Boor, Booth, Carlile, Cooke, Eckhardt, Foreman, Knowles, Lange, Maw, Smedley & Whitehead.

Also Present: 5 residents.

Chairman: Cllr Smedley presided.

Procedural

186. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Bloomfield, C Lindley & W Lindley.

187. Cllr Maw pointed out that he had seconded the minutes of the meeting held on April 27th 2010 but was not present at the April meeting so therefore Cllr Allcock seconded the minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th May were approved with the agreed matter of accuracy as a true and correct record. **Proposed Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Whitehead. All in favour.**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th May 2010 was approved as a true and correct record. **Proposed Cllr Allcock, seconded by Cllr Eckhardt. All in favour.**

188. None declared.

Planning

189. 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.

The following applications have been granted full planning permission by NLC.

2010/0124 – convert a piggery to residential use and raise the height of the roof – piggery adjacent to Wakefield Lodge, Low Hall Road, East Lound, Haxey.

2010/0370 – retain storage building (re-submission of 2010/0065) at Dent’s Builders Yard, rear of 41 the Nooking, Haxey.

2010/0450 – erect a two storey extension to children’s nursery at Coneygarth Farm Day Nursery, Turbary Road, Haxey.

2010/0482 – erect a single storey extension at 1 Burrells Close, Haxey.

The following application has been withdrawn.

2010/0344 – planning permission to replace existing workshop at 21 Thinholme Lane, Westwoodside, Haxey.

The following applications received from NLC were discussed by the Parish Council.

2010/0559 – Mr Neary, Tullamore House, 1 Willow Grange, Haxey – planning permission for the removal and rebuilding of external walls.

2010/0560 – Ms Atkins, The Laurels, 3 Willow Grange, Haxey – planning permission for the removal and rebuilding of external walls.

Due to the response date required by NLC the two applications above were submitted to the Parish Council electronically for comments or objections. None were received so a comment of no objection was submitted to NLC prior to this meeting.

It was resolved that the meeting be closed to allow Mr A Barlow to make comments on application **2010/0185**.

Mr Barlow thanked the Parish Council for allowing him to talk and went on to explain that he was developing the Fishery for coarse fishing but to allow the development to progress needed to live on site and therefore his application included a dwelling. The site in total is 5 acres, 1.6 acres being the lake and could accommodate 26 anglers. It was not cost effective to have electricity installed on the site unless a dwelling was to benefit. Electricity was needed to operate the mechanical aerator. He was growing a range of produce at the site for personal use only, the site was also a CL site and Mr Barlow wanted to also keep chickens and livestock on a small scale.

Cllr Knowles asked what the main use of the site would be to which Mr Barlow stated recreational. Cllr Maw asked if the site development would include forestry to which Mr Barlow stated that he had planted blackthorn and hawthorn around the boundary, but this was not forestry.

The meeting was reopened.

2010/0185 – Mr Barlow, land off A161, Oak Tree Fishery, Station Road, Graizelound – planning permission to erect a new visitor pavilion with an attached single storey dwelling.

Cllr Booth stated that a development in the countryside should have a connection with agriculture or forestry to which this did not and therefore **proposed not to support the application, seconded by Cllr Carlile. 9 for, 3 against.**

190. **Clerk's Report**

- a) Clerk request that more evidence forms are completed by Cllrs and other residents for the submission of change to the definitive map for the Ropewalk. Clerk to also place details in the Arrow.
- b) Grant request received from the Isle of Axholme Physically Handicapped Society. Agenda item next meeting.
- c) Notification from NLC that a new 50ltr post mounted bin has been ordered and will be erected on Newbigg near to the shop. Clerk to ask NLC about compensation for the old concrete bin which was purchased by the Parish Council.
- d) Notification received from NLC that Akeferry Road had been patched for potholes and that the major road scheme for the road would commence in October. Clerk to request that when the road is being repaired the footpath joining to Langholme Lane is completed at the same time. Clerk to also request that the mobile speed sign on Doncaster Road is turned around.
- e) Thank you letter received from Haxey Playing Field Association for the recently allocated grant.
- f) Invoice received from BT to sponsor the Low Burnham Kiosk for a further year. Item deferred to the next meeting to allow the Clerk to request usage statistics.
- g) Notification received from NLC that the hedge on FP108 has been cut back by the owner. NLC are to contact the owner again and ask if NLC can cut back further. The path will be cleared of litter and the wall at present is not deemed dangerous. NLC are unable to identify who owns the wall but it will be monitored and if become dangerous NLC will take the wall down.
- h) Notification received that the Annual Gully cleansing to be undertaken at Westwoodside in August.

- i) Thank you letter received from Low Burnham Village Centre for the donation towards the heaters and the hanging baskets recently erected.
- j) Information received from HWRCC on the £10,000 grant available to be shared between 4 Parish Council to assist in the development of a Community Led Plan. Clerk to obtain a form for completion.
- k) Notification received from NLC that the recently reported fly tipping will be removed from Langholme Lane. This has been carried out.
- l) Notification received from NLC regarding Public Path Order for FP85, Haxey.
- m) Letter received from Arrow Publications informing the Parish Council of the website details.
- n) Email received from Mr White informing the Parish Council that they do not intend to hold any further rallies at Lupine Woods.
- o) Thank you letter received from Haxey Methodist Church for the recently erected hanging baskets.
- p) 20 Plenty campaign poster received from NLC. Clerk to submit an e-copy to the Arrow so see if they would like to publish it.
- q) Email received from NLC confirming that the reported missing gullies had been made safe and would be replaced.
- r) Notification received from NLC that major roadworks will be carried out on the A161, approach to railway crossing – south of Graizelound will commence on the 27th September. Clerk to place in the Arrow and on the notice board and website.

Improvements / Projects

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

The report and leaflets are at the printers and will be ready in 2 weeks. These will be distributed with the next edition of the Arrow. A launch will be held on the evening of 22nd July in Haxey Memorial Hall.

Highways – Traffic / Roads / Footpaths

192. To be notified of the letter received from Neighbourhood Watch regarding the speed limit on Haxey Lane.

The Clerk received an email via Cllr Allcock regarding speed concerns along Haxey Lane from the Haxey Neighbourhood Watch Group. This information was forwarded to NLC Roy Hindmarsh who promptly replied and this was passed back to the NHW who have in turn replied with some further questions. **Cllr Allcock proposed that the Parish Council sends a letter to NLC asking for a response to the further questions and support the group's request to reduce the speed limit from 40 to 30mph and consider installing traffic lights at the cross roads. Seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

Cllr Maw informed the meeting that Westwoodside Neighbourhood Watch group had ceased due to lack of support. The group would like to pass on unallocated funds to the Parish Council. It was agreed to take the money and hold on account in case the group reformed.

193. To be notified of the letter received from Mr Parkin re: flooding issues on The Nooking and determine if any action is required.

A letter had been received from Mr Parkin re: flooding issues on The Nooking which had been passed on to NLC for an update. The Clerk having spoken with NLC was told this issue related to the poor / none existent drainage system installed on the Hunters Croft development. The solution

is still be investigated by NLC. The Clerk asked that NLC keep Mr Parkin and the Parish Council informed of the status.

194. To be notified and consider the proposed diversion of part of FP114, Haxey and to determine a response to NLC.

Clerk to inform NLC regarding the proposed diversion of part of FP114, Haxey that NLC Planning should have taken into account the footpath when approving the planning permission to build a barn breaching the path.

Reports / Updates

195. To receive an update on the Allotments Open Day.

The allotment open day was well attended and went well. The tenants provided homemade cakes, tea, coffee and juice. NLC Leader representatives were also present. Cllr Booth suggested extending the car parking facilities and Cllr Knowles stated that an extension is being considered by the Allotment Association and they would contact the Parish Council if they wanted to progress further.

196. To receive an update on the investigations into Lupine Wood Camping and Caravan site and Low Burnham proposed site and determine action require.

The Clerk had sent out letters to Minister Caroline Spellman and Eric Pickles but to date had not received a response. A response had been received from Andrew Percy MP informing the Parish Council that he too had written to the CCC and NLC and that a new planning system giving more power to local councils was to be introduced under the new government.

A letter was also received from the CCC stating that after considering the objections to the Low Burnham site submitted by the Parish Council they were to still continue with the site application. Cllr Lange informed the meeting of the residents meetings held and the site visit by representatives from NLC for the Low Burnham site. A letter had been received from NLC Chief Executive Simon Driver by the Low Burnham Village Centre stating that NLC had contacted the CCC formally objecting to the site.

It was reported that NLC had arranged to meet with Mr Bassingdale the applicant at his home but he was not available and was represented by his father.

Cllr Carlile informed the meeting that the Haxey Carr residents meeting was also well attended and proposed that the Parish Council respond to the email received from Mr White regarding not holding any further rallies. Clerk to ask if the certified site will still be used and was the exemption being withdrawn for the land adjacent to the certified site for holding rallies. **Proposed Cllr Carlile, seconded Cllr Lange. All in favour.**

Cllr Booth commented that not all Parish Councillors have been made aware of the residents meetings and Cllr Carlile will in future inform the Clerk who can inform the Council.

Clerk to contact the Ward Councillors, Cllr W Eckhardt and Cllr D Stewart to make them aware of the situation.

Notification has also been received from NLC that a site visit is to take place at Clampit Creek regarding the points of concern raised by the Parish Council. NLC to report back to the Parish Council after the visit.

It was agreed to bring item 212 forward to discuss at this point. All in favour.

212. To discuss the relationship with NLC and determine any actions required.

Cllr Carlile informed the meeting that he had requested through the Clerk for NLC to allow representation by the Parish Council at site meetings at both Low Burnham and Clampit Creek. Both of these requests were refused. It was stated that the Parish Council are elected representatives of the Parish and therefore should be permitted to input into local decisions. Clerk to write to NLC Chief Executive with concerns of the lack of involvement, how displeased they are on how NLC are treating the Parish Council and request a meeting with NLC Mike Welton with regard to the certified sites. **Proposed Cllr Allcock, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.**

197. To receive a report from the Town & Parish Council Liaison meeting.

Report issued prior to the meeting. Cllr Booth asked in the current climate could the Clerk be informed via email of these meetings who could then forward to the Councillors.

Local Development Framework (LDF)

A Presentation was given by Spatial Planning Manager – Chris Barwell.

The LDF replaced the North Lincolnshire Local Plan and looks ahead 10 to 20 years and is based on a comprehensive up to date evidence base.

The LDF commenced in November 2005 with a survey and has progressed through issues and options in March and April of 2006 and preferred options in November 2006. Now in the publication stage to achieve a Core Strategy which after submission to the Secretary of State is planned for adoption in July 2011.

The LDF core strategy is concerned mainly with Scunthorpe (Sub-Regional Town), Barton, Brigg, Crowle, Epworth, Kirton in Lindsey and Winterton (Market Towns), Rural Areas and Communities, Major Employment Sites (e.g. Sandtoft Airfield) and supporting and protecting the area's World Class Environment.

The Yorkshire and Humber Spatial plan requires NLC to provide 15,700 homes between 2004 and 2026. The requirement from 2010 to 2026 is 12,063 – 3482 are already committed leaving 8581 required. 82% of residential development will take place in Scunthorpe with 18% taking place in the Market Towns.

Affordable Housing thresholds are 15 or more dwellings in Scunthorpe; 5 or more in the Market Towns and 3 or more dwellings elsewhere. Sandtoft Airfield has 58.5 hectares available to support the growing logistics industry and provide employment opportunities in the Isle of Axholme, subject to achieving satisfactory access arrangements.

Consultation is taking place from 24th May to 5th July 10. Comments can be to the Clerk who will register on behalf of the Council.

LEADER Programme.

Paul Crompton, LEADER Programme Co-ordinator gave the presentation on LEADER.

The £2.4M funding programme is to deliver community-based rural projects across North and North-East Lincolnshire.

The European funding programme distributed through the Rural Local Action Group (LAG) and supported by North and NE Lincolnshire which is a competitive application process for local groups.

Key priorities – Improving access to basic services; delivering village renewal and conserving and upgrading of rural heritage to increase tourism.

There are rules and regulations for applicants and a process for applicants to follow.

Several projects were mentioned including the Allotments at Epworth.

Last year LEADER allocated £600K on 27 Projects.

198. To receive a report on the Police Panel meeting.

Cllr Carlile stated that these meetings have been stopped. The Police surgeries which are held monthly are to be the only way to have an input and influence the policing policies and these meetings are usually run by the PCSO. There is no other mechanism to voice concerns. Cllr Boor pointed out that there had not been a Police Surgery for the last 4 months. Cllr Carlile suggested that the Parish Council should write to the Authority to voice the concerns.

199. To receive an update on the status of the toilet block in Haxey.

NLC have informed the Clerk that the toilet block has now been deemed surplus to stock and the interest had been noted from the Parish Council and contact would be made in due course.

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

It was agreed to move this item to the end of the meeting.

201. To receive an update on the proposed employment of a Parish Handyman and determine action required.

The Personnel Committee would be meeting in the next 2 / 3 weeks to discuss the applications. Cllr Foreman asked in the current climate should the Parish Council be spending parish funds on a handyman. Cllr Carlile commented that the Parish Council would be assisting by employing someone. Cllr Knowles stated that a report would be provided for the next meeting when a decision could be made.

202. To receive a report on the Over 70's Party.

Cllr Eckhardt informed the Council that there had been a good turnout of 114 guests including some Cllrs and it was enjoyed by all. Cllr Maw thanked Cllr Eckhardt for the hard work in organising the party and this was agreed by all members.

Cllr Boor also thanked Cllr Eckhardt and suggested that if any other Cllrs knew of residents reaching the age of 70 or of any residents passing away prior to the party next year to inform Cllr Eckhardt.

It was agreed that the Over 70's Party would be held again next year, budget to be decided at a later date.

203. To receive an update of the state of repair to the footpath in the closed churchyard and determine action required.

Cllrs Allcock, Maw & Smedley inspected the footpath and attended the PCC meeting on 23rd June. Several different materials were suggested for the footpath and the Clerk has contacted a local builder and NLC for quotes. A further quote to be sourced. Cllr Maw commented that a grave breaches the path but the relative of the deceased does not mind if the grave is moved. Clerk to write to the lady to confirm the details.

204. To receive an update on the Heritage Trail.

Item to be deferred.

205. To receive an update on the Website.

A training session was held with the Clerk on 22nd June to go through the member's area. The site is not yet fully operational and emails will still be sent as is but all other correspondence will be placed in the member's area.

Both the Clerk and Cllr Carlile will have administration access.

206. To receive an update on the Awards Map.

Nothing new to report.

General Items

207. To consider purchasing a further cup for the junior category of the Photographic Competition.

Cllr Boor proposed to purchase a further cup, seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.

Cllr Maw to donate the cup.

208. To determine action required for the Parish Land rental agreements.

Cllr Booth and the Clerk to meet with Martin Thompson of Drewery & Wheeldon on July 7th at the Gainsborough Office and are to be provided with the new rents for implementation in October.

Cllr Knowles proposed a further £400 is required to complete the process of creating new maps including all the parish land to allow the Clerk to register with Land Registry.

Seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.

209. To consider the dumping of debris in Gods Acre and determine action required.

The Clerk had instructed Cllr Maw to ask Cottage Gardens to remove the debris left in Gods Acre.

This was carried out due to the imminent visit by the CPRE Best Kept Village competition judges.

210. To determine a response to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy DPD – Submission Draft.

Cllr Knowles recommended that all Cllrs review the LDF and contact the Clerk with any comments.

211. To receive information from NLC Library and Information Services and discuss the future of the Library provisions in Haxey.

NLC are looking to cut costs at both Haxey and Goxhill libraries. They do not necessarily want to close the library but this is an option or it could be replaced by a mobile library or be run by volunteers. NLC are to issue questionnaires to the libraries current users.

Cllr Carlile stated that the library along with the Post Office and local shops are a focal point for the village and every effort should be made to keep them open.

Cllr Allcock agreed that we should aim to retain the library and NLC to consider making cuts elsewhere, also there would be a loss of income to the Memorial Hall and had the Hall Committee been consulted. It was agreed to wait and see the response of the questionnaire and for an article to be placed in the Arrow and on the Website.

213. To review the Open Space Study submitted by NLC and completed by the Clerk.

The Clerk read out the data received to date. Westwoodside Pond to be added along with the open space on the Turbary.

214. To consider the proposed Parish Council representative for the Haxey Parish Combined Charity.

The Clerk read out the letter received stating that the Charity were unable to co-opt Mr Towns onto the Charity due to him renting land belonging to the Charity therefore suggested that Mr Andrew is nominated as the Parish Council representative.

Cllr Boor stated that the representative should be a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Maw informed the Council that Mr Andrew was very knowledgeable and if elected would benefit the Charity.

Cllr Smedley suggested that the Charity should approach the Parish Council for nominations in the first instance.

Cllr Whitehead proposed to elect Mr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Maw. Cllr Booth made an amendment stating that the representative should be a Parish Councillor and proposed Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Carlile. 8 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions.

Cllr Maw wanted it noting that he was not against Cllr Boor being elected.

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

- a) Ropewalk – evidence forms
- b) Haxey Library options
- c) Over 70's
- d) Allotment Open Day

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

- a) Isle of Axholme Physically Handicapped Society grant request
- b) Low Burnham Kiosk
- c) Haxey Library
- d) Community Led Plan
- e) Commons side street sign is not visible due to an overgrown hedge. Cllr Whitehead suggested that the Clerk contact Mr Heath who has suggested that the sign be placed on his garden wall.
- f) The hedge on Upperthorpe Hill adjacent to Cllr Boor needs cutting back.

Finance

217. To received a copy of the Financial Statement up to 29th June 2010.

218. To be notified of the VAT remittance advice for the year ending March 21st 2010.

219. To consider and approve payment of a donation to Mrs Kuchnir for the War Memorial flowers.

Clerk to contact Mrs Kuchnir to determine if the current donation of £50 covers all costs.

Clerk to also write to the Carpenters Arms thanking them for the displays around the notice board on Newbigg.

Grant Requests

220. To consider the Westwoodside Playing Field Association maintenance grant request.

Cllr Knowles proposed a maintenance grant of £2,000, seconded by Cllr Maw. All in favour.

221. To consider the Haxey Tennis Club grant request.

Clerk to request a copy of the balance sheet and not just a print out of a bank statement and request statistics on how many current members there are. Defer until information is received.

Cllr Foreman suggested they do more to raise funds internally. Cllr Cooke commented that Haxey Playing Fields Association are splitting into numerous groups all requesting grants.

Expenditure

222. 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 £
D Hotson	Salary	1635	619.42
D Hotson	Expenses	1635	181.23
H M Revenue	Employers NI	1636	29.65
H M Revenue	Employees NI & Tax	1636	51.68
Sandra Bishop – Occasions	Over 70's Party	1637	828.00
J Eckhardt	Over 70's Party	1638	111.35
North Lincolnshire Council	Planning Application – Burial Land	1639	167.50
PS & R Hather	Troughs and Basket planting	1640	324.00
Arrow Publication	Arrow	1641	94.00
Grice & Hunter	Burial Ground valuation	1642	352.50
Mr A Franks	Gods Acre signage	1643	26.13
ERNLLCA	Power of Well Being training	1644	480.00
Aquila Business Products Ltd	Stationery	1645	80.08
D Knowles	Travel Expenses	1646	19.83
Cottage Gardens	Grass cutting	1647	499.00
Westwoodside Playing Field Ass.	Maintenance Grant	1648	2,000.00
Total expenditure 29th June 2010			£5,864.37

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

223. To confirm the date of the next meeting as being Tuesday July 27th 2010 in the Hood Room, Haxey Memorial Hall.

Please note the Power of Well Being training will commence at 6pm and finish at 8pm and will be followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting was closed to the public.

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

The Environment Agency sees no issues with the ground water and comments would be made on the planning application once submitted.

The Planning application has been produced and will be submitted after Parish Council approval and will be sent along with a copy of the notification of change of use and the offer to Ms Pearson to Mason, Baggott and Garton.

The Clerk has contacted the Institute of Cemetery Management to ensure that all points have been covered and soil samples have been taken.

At the PCC meeting it was stated that the Parish Council would run the cemetery and this was acceptable.

It was resolved that the Council agreed its strategy as regards the offer which will be made for the proposed burial land dependent of planning permission being granted, and that the LWP are authorised to proceed with the project. **Cllr Boor supported the proposed resolution, seconded by Cllr Booth. All in favour.** It was also agreed at the PCC meeting as per prior agreement the church fence would be taken down and replaced allowing further room for another row of graves. **Proposed Cllr Allcock, seconded Cllr Maw. All in favour.**

.....Chairman

Abbreviations

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