

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 26th November, 2013 at 7pm at the Low Burnham Village Centre, Low Burnham.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Booth, Boor, Carlile, Cooke, Fiddler, Foreman, Harris, Knowles, Lange, Lindley, Morris, Orton, Smedley, Whitehead & 7 residents.

Chairman: Cllr Knowles presided.

Public Participation

No comments raised.

Cllr Knowles acknowledged and relayed appreciation for the use of the centre for this month's Council meeting.

Cllr Knowles opened the meeting.

Procedural

291. All members present.

292. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2013 were approved as a true and correct record with the agreed matters of accuracy. **Proposed: Cllr Booth. Seconded: Cllr Lange. All in favour.** Cllr Whitehead commented that the handyman has done a good job in removing the rushes on the Westwoodside Pond and that the edges of the pond need skimming to which Mr Cooper could carry out this task at a minimal cost. Item to be discussed in spring.

The WPFMC minutes of the meetings held on 23rd October and 8th November 2013 & the Personnel Committee minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2013 were approved as a true and correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Whitehead. Seconded: Cllr Smedley. All in favour.**

Declarations

a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

Cllrs Carlile, Lindley & Smedley declared a personal interest in agenda item 294 2013/1414.

Cllr Whitehead declared a personal interest in agenda item 313 payment for M Allison.

Cllr Lange declared a personal interest in agenda item 294 2013/1388.

Cllr Harris declared a personal interest in agenda item 294 2013/1414 & 2013/1455.

Cllr Booth declared a personal interest in agenda item 294 2013/1411 as the Parish Council representative.

Cllr Allcock asked that the following is minuted "As a Councillor with NLC and Ward member I serve on the NLC Planning Committee and Licensing Committee, as such I cannot participate in any discussion on Planning or Licensing and cannot vote on them."

b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

No dispensations outstanding.

Planning

To receive any decisions made by North Lincolnshire Council and to consider the following planning applications received from NLC.

The following decisions were received from NLC.

2013/1014 – full planning permission granted to raise height of roof and extend existing garage at 15 Holm Road, Westwoodside.

2013/1099 – refusal of planning permission to erect a detached bungalow (resubmission of PA/2012/1291) on plot adjacent to 1 Park Lane, Westwoodside.

2013/1199 – refusal of planning permission to demolish existing bungalow with erection of replacement house and double garage at 21 Brethergate, Westwoodside.

2013/1220 – full planning permission granted to erect single storey extensions at The Old Cart Shed, Graizelound Fields Road, Haxey.

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2013/1408 – notification only – application for prior approval of a household extension for a sun room.
The following planning applications received from NLC were discussed by the Parish Council.

2013/1455 – Mr Hunter, Grice & Hunter, land adjacent to 15 Low Street, Haxey – planning permission to demolish the storage building and erection of a dwelling.

It was resolved no objection but to submit comments as per 2013/1236.

Comments submitted for 2013/1236 – the block plan shows the dwelling location but the Parish Council would like the footprint of the house to be moved backwards to ensure that it does not encroach into the highway and narrow the existing path to the front of the proposed dwelling. The Parish Council contend it does not accord with CS5 as it is a loss of parking spaces for the current site of the shop. The loss of 5 parking spaces will impact on street parking in the general area. It is close to the junction with Lowcroft and exiting from the development may further compound the problem. Any permission granted should place a restriction on any further change of use of the shop which would cause increase on street parking.

Proposed: Cllr Booth. Seconded: Cllr Boor. 14 for with 1 abstention.

2013/1452 – Haxey Playing Field, Haxey Lane – planning permission for provision of a skate ramp. Following detailed discussion.

It was resolved no objections or comments. Proposed: Cllr Orton. Seconded: Cllr Foreman. 11 for, 2 against with 2 abstentions.

2013/1432 – Mr Pilkington, NE Pilkington Ltd, Bridge Farm, Station Road, Graizelound – application for the determination of the requirement for prior approval for an agricultural building.

It was resolved that no objections but comments as follows are submitted. Proposed: Cllr Carlile.

Seconded: Cllr Booth. 8 for, 5 against with 2 abstentions. Comments as follows:-

It appears the main reason for the prior approval is the upper half of the building is to be removed. It appears a traditional farm building and while it is stated they want to keep it a traditional looking building, it will detract from its current look, it is a great shame they are not prepared to invest in maintaining it as it currently is a 2 story unit. While it does not seem to be listed it will be a loss to the heritage of the area. Several years ago the barn was developed to the west of the A161 which kept the same footprint and within that application it was specified the owners would be utilising this further barn which is now being taken away. There is potential loss of heritage issues for the Parish.

2013/1416 – Mr & Mrs Jones, Windyridge, Haxey Road, Low Burnham – planning permission to replace existing extension, alterations to the roof and erect a detached domestic garage. Following detailed discussion and reference to Land Working Party notes and recommendations.

It was resolved no objection or comments. Proposed: Cllr Boor. Seconded: Cllr Foreman. 9 for 5 against with 1 abstention.

2013/1414 – Mr Allis, 18 Haxey Lane, Haxey – planning permission for proposed roof alterations and dormer extension.

Clerk to check with NLC the applicant's name is correct on the PA.

It was resolved no objection or comment: Proposed: Cllr Boor. Seconded: Cllr Foreman. 12 for with 3 abstentions.

2013/1411 – Mrs M'Itwamwari, Westwoodside Village Hall, Nethergate – planning permission to resurface existing car parks and access including associated kerbs, bollards and drainage channels.

Cllr Booth stated that care has been taken to drain the whole site and new drainage and soakaways are to be installed as part of the application.

It was resolved to support the application. Proposed: Cllr Morris. Seconded: Cllr Lindley. 14 for with 1 abstention.

2013/1193 – Mr C Thompson, Clampit Creek, off Blackmore Lane, Epworth Road, Haxey – planning permission to retain existing log cabin for residential purposes and retention of timber veranda and campsite toilets.

It was resolved to strongly object to the application with the following comments. Proposed: Cllr Carlile. Seconded: Cllr Booth. 13 for with 2 abstentions. The Parish Council also support the objections published by Parishioners on the NLC website.

Observations - the CL site appear to be used regularly, we however have concerns as to its use and in particular for larger events which do not appear consistent with the planning statement and the protection of wild species. The business plan proposes extending use for small holding and keeping of various livestock including alpaca which may have possible pollution problems by runoff from the site in relation to the SSSI close by. We accept alpacas may be unpredictable when giving birth but feel it is no different with any domesticated animal and the argument for need bears no great weight. We are not convinced of its sustainability or the need for a domestic dwelling, as normal farming practices do not require 24 hour presence and with good husbandry practice, proper fox proof fencing and shared responsibility should be sufficient.

Much is made of the need for security and the vandalism of the previous barn, we have no evidence that it is an ongoing problem or the need for a dwelling have been fully thought through when developing this site. We further feel the joint supervision with Walkabout farm reduces the need for an onsite dwelling for both their farming practices and security. Humberside police policy is considered appropriate provision for a rural area, which has many such isolated farm buildings and therefore should be considered before deciding the need. While in common with many rural areas housing is limited we feel the provision in the area is good and the last housing survey supported this and currently private rented accommodation is underutilised, given this site is remote from other properties and while it has some screening we feel it does not negate the fact it is set in the open countryside in the Isle of Axholme historic landscape in an area which has seen little impact from human habitation. We do not believe RD2 or RD 6 confers any rights on the barn, which was destroyed and currently does not exist.

We welcome any employment prospects and we are mindful of the value of tourism brought in by the CL site, we are not convinced that the proposal to site this business was fully considered or the impact it has on its surrounding. We are once more concerned by the piecemeal buying of land and setting up businesses which is impacting on the historic environment

Access - the business is accessed by use of a public footpath the track is compacted and suffers from a number of large pot holes. We must voice our concern at the number of vehicles which appear entitled to use the public footpath and must raise concerns of safety to the pedestrians and who is going to maintain the cost of its repair. Developments relating to this application – PA/2013/1186 at walkabout farm which is of a similar nature heightens our concerns about development in this area and it appears to propose a similar business model in relation to small holding and poultry production and it is our view makes competition for viable products all the more problematic

Policies - not consistent with Local Plan CS2 CS3 CS5 CS6 RD1 RD2 RD7 RD8 RD13 RD14 LC2 LC14 SPG3 SPG5 NPPF 109 110 111 113 118/2012/3

2013/1388 – Mr Phillips, North Lincolnshire Homes, site of Hallcroft Close, Blackmoor Road, Haxey – planning permission for the erection of 13 2 bed – 3 person bungalows.

It was resolved no objections with comments as follows. Proposed: Cllr Carlile. Seconded: Cllr Morris. 14 for with 1 abstention.

The Parish Council agree with the letter submitted on the NLC website and support the need to widen the road and therefore will ask that a condition is placed on the PA to widen the road, given the stance of NLH we believe this is the best compromise. As with other affordable housing sites, we strongly recommend the houses should be offered to residents with ties to Haxey Parish and in particular the elderly vulnerable who wish to remain independent.

Cllr Lange added that he had spoken directly with the architect who had stated that to widen the road would not be an issue as the houses would just need to be set further back.

2013/1312 – Mr C Parker Fruit Farm, land north of Station Road, Haxey – application for a certificate of lawful use for an existing use of an access road approved as a reserved matter under application 2/1992/0763 dated

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31/3/1993 pursuant to outline planning permissions 2/1992/0146 dated 10/6/1992 and 2/1992/0456 dated 14/8/1992 to construct small industrial units.

It was resolved to comment as follows. Proposed: Cllr Carlile. Seconded: Cllr Booth. 14 for with 1 abstention.

This is a request for a certificate of lawfulness, it is clear from the planning applications submitted that a history of at least 10 years has been established for the track and that it was constructed for the purpose of access to the site and its only claim is an access track.

In granting any certificate it should not imply or give any planning gain for the land it serves and which in our view is in planning terms its default is agricultural land. The reason for this is historically a recycling unit for cars at this site did not have planning permission; all other grants of permission have now expired. Any proposed development at the site would require a new application for change of use from agriculture.

2013/1362 – Mr Smith, os field 8023, Carr Lane, Haxey – planning permission to erect a stable block.

It was resolved to object with comments as follows. Proposed: Cllr Booth. Seconded: Cllr Carlile. 8 for, 5 against with 2 abstentions.

There is no apparent business, no information on the application for its need.

A permanent structure of concrete block which is sited in open countryside, it appears to have no purpose other than shelter of horses and no specific reason why it is required or whether there are plans for commercial horse use. It would appear from the application the applicant does not live locally and therefore it is questionable as to its sustainability and benefit to the local community. The previous grant of permission has lapsed and should not influence current planning policy. It will not provide any additional employment or offer any tourism value, should it gain permission it should be clear as a condition that the site will not gain any grant of use for domestic dwelling. This is in line with our decisions relating to development in the open countryside.

Not consistent with Local Plan CS1 CS2 CS3 CS6 LC 14 RD 14 SPG3 SPG5 R8 or NNPF 118.

Comments submitted to NLC on 27/11/13	Confirmation of receipt received from NLC on 27/11 /13
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295. **Clerk's Report**

- a) Update received from NLC Dave Sanderson stating he has checked FP97 for dog faeces which has been washed away with recent rain and Greenway is in poor condition so a tidy up will be arranged in the near future.
- b) Response received from the Co-op regarding deliveries from the footpath and driving issues. Vehicle registrations were provided to the Co-op and these are to be followed up. White lining is to be installed to aid the access to the car park.
- c) Clerk has written to Mrs Booth of Haxey Memorial Hall apologising for the removal of the flowers by NLC.
- d) Correspondence received from Kevin Blow who has unfortunately had to close down the Westwoodside Rangers AFC due to lack of players.
- e) CPRE Field Work newsletter.
- f) Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – extension of time for comments – 18th December 2013.
- g) Thank you letter from HWRCC and South Axholme Academy for their recent donation. Clerk to write to Humberside Police and NLC Highways thanking them for assistance at the recent Remembrance Service. Lessons from this year's service to be taken into consideration during planning for next year's service.
- h) Update from Severn Trent on the Westwoodside Flood Alleviation project. Due to reconsideration of the plans has a result of discussion with residents the project has been put back and work will take place in spring 2014 at the earliest on private land with the work on Doncaster Road starting in the summer. Once an acceptable design has been achieved a formal planning application will be submitted.
Cllr Allcock stated that due to this project being put back the refurbishments to Doncaster Road would not take place until after this work has been completed.

i) Call to Remember – Does anyone look after your memorial? Clerk to circulate.

j) ERNLLCA November newsletter.

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- k) Snow Code information received from NLC. Cllr Smedley agreed to take on the role of Snow Warden. Clerk to forward the relevant information and inform NLC.
- l) NATs minutes of the meeting held 16/09.
- m) LWP notes.
- n) Letter of objection received for 2013/0108.

Improvements / Projects

296. To receive an update on the WPFA project and determine any further actions required.

Cllr Foreman updated the Council stating the roof was going up at a steady pace onto the extension.

Cllr Knowles explained that payment for stages 1 & 2 have been paid, with the stage 2 repayments from NLC being imminent.

Following questions concerning the Car Park tree, the Council was advised that the WPFMC decided to go ahead and remove the tree in the corner of the playing field after seeking advice from NLC who agreed the tree was not a significant variety and it was also split into 5 stem sections. This has resulted in a local resident approaching the Epworth Bells and the resident requesting visibility of the plans and consequently asking to meet with the Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for 13/12 to which the resident will be invited to attend.

Cllr Allcock went on to say that the resident has also contacted the local MP about the removal of the self seeded tree – documentation as been provided to the MP via his agent.

Highways / Neighbourhood Services / North Lincolnshire Council items

297. To consider correspondence received from Low Burnham Village Centre (LBVC) regarding speed limit order amendment 1, March 2013 and determine any actions required.

Cllr Knowles stated that the speed limit order had been discussed by the Parish Council in March who had supported the order. NLC had undertaken the relevant legislation advertising the order in the local press and on notice boards.

The Clerk read out the correspondence received from NLC Highways Officer and this had also been passed to the LBVC.

Cllr Allcock added he had been in discussion with NLC regarding the hedge which was overgrown and restricting the view on exiting the village onto the A161. NLC had been in touch with the owner to get the hedge cut back. NLC then paid for part of the hedge to be cut back for the Festival of the Plough. The owner has since had the hedge cut back again and NLC have been in further discussion with the owner who has agreed to cut the hedge back annually.

Reports / Updates

298. To receive a report from the Ward Councillor on activities within North Lincolnshire Council.

Cllr Allcock stated he was pleased with the new properties that were to be built on Hallcroft and he will take to NLC the comments made regarding the road and ties to the Parish.

The Park Drain crossroads work has begun and this will be finished soon.

Upperthorpe Hill has seen bands placed across the road to measure speed after several concerns were raised by local residents.

The Upperthorpe pavement negotiations with BT are now complete and the work will commence soon.

Graffiti on the 30/40 speed signs near to Haxey Church are to be cleaned.

The NLC full council meeting scheduled for 10th December will be discussing the precept grant allowed for Town & Parish Councils with a recommendation to pass on the grant with conditions as last year.

299. To receive a report from the Town & Parish Council Liaison Meeting.

Cllrs Carlile & Cooke attended. Cllr Cooke informed the meeting that it was a short meeting discussing the NLC new website, winter maintenance programme and individual electoral registrations – this is trying to cut down on fraud issues.

300. To receive a report from the ERNLLCA North Lincolnshire District Committee Meeting.

Cllr Knowles attended the meeting, the two main topics being the Government initiative to move towards Parish Councils in urban areas, Scunthorpe being the one in this area. £10k has been put aside as set up costs to groups with the funding being controlled by ERNLLCA.

The second topic was the previous 'Power of Well Being' now eclipsed into the revised Quality Status scheme. Once this has been rolled out, it is something the Parish Council should look into.

301. To receive a report from the LWP and determine any actions required.

The notes were circulated prior to the meeting which dealt with all the planning applications and provided the history and recommendations. It was considered that the calling of a meeting just prior to the Full Council meeting to provide advice and recommendations on Planning issues in particular was a useful way forward and should be implemented as a monthly event.

General Items

302. To be notified of correspondence received from the North Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service and determine any actions required.

Clerk to forward the information to Haxey PFA as Cllr Lange stated work has not been completed on the railings.

303. To be notified of the Lincolnshire Mineral and Waste Local Plan and determine actions required.

Cllr Knowles has reviewed the plan which does not directly apply to the Parish Council but does set out the issues of interest to our Parish.

304. To consider attendance to the free training event 'Planning for Emergencies – are you prepared'.

Cllrs Lange & Smedley to attend. Clerk to circulate the information.

305. To be notified of the correspondence received from NLC regarding dog fouling training sessions and determine any actions required.

The item was noted but it was stated that this is not something Town & Parish Councillors should become directly involved with from a "policing and awarding penalties" standpoint and should be left with the local authority paid professionals.

306. To consider the spring/summer planting for 2014/15.

It was resolved that a contractor is engaged to carry out this work. **Proposed: Cllr Booth. Seconded: Cllr Harris. 14 for with 1 against.**

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

- New Year wishes.
- Financial update.

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

- Dog bin – Upperthorpe.
- Finance Committee Minutes.
- Haxey as a Conservation Area – Clerk to ask NLC Tim Allen for guidance.

Finance

309. To receive a copy of the Financial Statement up to 26th November 2013.

Noted.

310. To receive a report from the Finance Committee regarding the precept for 2014/15.

The Finance Committee minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Knowles updated the Council on the information received from NLC stating that their full council meeting scheduled for 10th December will determine the grant available to Town & Parish Councils.

The Council have spent reserved funds over the past few years on various projects and are at present committed for the cemetery memorial wall and need to allow for the various grants it has traditionally awarded as well as day to day management of the Council.

The Committee have reviewed the Councils finances and although there are funds available to cover expected expenditure for 2014/15 without the need to increase the precept the following year the council will have to consider a rise in the precept for the following financial year. It is hoped that the Government policy will by that time allow this increase without being penalised and losing the full devolved grant from the local authority.

At present a rent review is being undertaken by the local valuer and once this report is available it will be presented to the full council to determine if the rent will increase from October 2014. It was suggested that a report is published on Council finances in the next edition of the Arrow.

311. To be notified of the BT line rental saver discount option.
The Clerk has renewed the rental saver saving £44 over the year.

312. **Grant Requests**
Expenditure

313. To consider the following accounts and any received after the agenda has been sent out and payment required before the next meeting.

Salary, expenses & admin	See Appendix A		
H M Revenue	See Appendix A		
H M Revenue	Employees NI & Tax	2082	£26.30
Arrow Publication Ltd	Monthly edition	2083	£102.60
Mrs M Allison	Remembrance Service refreshments	2084	£80.58
South Axholme Academy	Donation	2077	£25.00
S Webster	Allotment hedge cutting	2079	£750.00
Wright Investment	Stage 2 building work	2080	£5,789.00
P Cooke	Expenses	2085	£40.98
P Booth	Expenses	2086	£15.61
D Knowles	Expenses	2087	£14.85
Total Expenditure 26th November 2013			£6,094.92

It was proposed by Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Lindley to approve the expenditure. All in favour.

314. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as being Tuesday 17th December, 2013 at 7pm to be held in the Hood Room, Haxey.

.....Chairman

Summary of continuing and newly agreed actions for YE 31/03/14		
Minute number	Action	Review Date / Completion Date
2011/234	Investigate the status of the Pinfolds	On-going
2011/254	Repair of Greenhill wall	March 2014
	Periodic review of Parish land rents	On-going
	Haxey Turbary Access road	On-going
2013/170	Asset Register	On-going
2013/216	STWA work on Doncaster Rd	On-going
	Potential Fracking Issue	On-going
2013/245	Cemetery requirements	On-going
	Closed churchyard remedial work	On-going
	Summer planting 2014	Contract to be awarded in due course
	NHP – future development plans	On-going
	Nicholas House signage – check if PP is required	ASAP
	WWS Pond – edging to cut back the rushes	Spring 2014

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Abbreviations

AA	Allotment Association
BR	Bridleway
CCC	Caravan & Camping Club
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
Cllrs	Councillors
DCO	Dog Control Order
EA	Environmental Agency
ERNLLCA	East Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Council Advisors
FP	Footpath
HPFA	Haxey Playing Field Association
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs
HWRCC	Humber Wolds Rural Community Council
ICCM	Institute of Cemetery & Cremations Management
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
LDF	Local Development Framework
LWP	Land Working Party
LWT	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
NATs	Neighbourhood Action Teams
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch
NHP	Neighbourhood Plans
NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NLH	North Lincolnshire Homes
PCC	Parochial Church Council
PCC	Police Crime Commissioner
PP	Planning permission
PPAG	Parish Plan Action Group
PROW	Public Right of Way
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TEN	Temporary Event Notice
T & PC	Town & Parish Council
WP	Working Party
WPFA	Westwoodside Playing Field Association
WPFMC	Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee
WWS	Westwoodside