

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 26th August, 2014 at 7pm at The Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside Playing Field, Westwoodside.

Present: Cllrs Allcock, Carlile, Cooke, Fiddler, Foreman, Harris, Knowles, Lange, Lindley, Morris, Orton, Smedley & Whitehead & 15 residents.

Chairman: Cllr Knowles presided.

Public Participation

Mrs Everatt stated that she was speaking on behalf of the majority of Low Burnham residents and that she and other residents had not received any confirmation from NLC regarding their submission for application PA/2014/0732. Mrs Everatt stated that the Low Burnham residents expected the elected representatives to take into account the demographics that this application will have on the village.

Procedural

207. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Boor & Booth.
 208. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th July, 2014 were approved as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Whitehead. Seconded: Cllr Smedley. 11 for with 2 abstentions.

The minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 29th July, 2014 were approved as a true and correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Foreman. Seconded: Cllr Harris. 12 for with 1 abstention.**

209. 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.

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.
 Not outstanding dispensations.

210. Planning

- a) To receive any decisions made by North Lincolnshire Council and to consider the following application received from NLC.

The following decisions were received from NLC.

2014/0551 – full planning permission granted to erect a detached domestic garage, conservatory and alterations at 2 Warren Court, Blackmoor Road, Haxey.

2014/0578 – full planning permission to erect extensions to ground and first floor together with replacement of a flat roof at first floor with a pitched roof at The Poplars, Station Road, Graizelound, Haxey.

2013/1193 – appeal has been dismissed for the development proposal to retain an existing log cabin, existing campsite toilets and retention/extension of existing timber veranda.

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

2014/0732 – Mr Stanway, Absolute Children's Services, The Old Barne, Owston Ferry Road, Low Burnham – planning permission to change the use of part of barn to C2 residential institution.

Cllr Knowles stated that the calibre of information available was not detailed. In planning terms there was no requirement to put in an application for change of use and the applicant could have legally gone ahead and changed the use without any consultation. Due to the type of facility that is to be provided and the welfare, H & S and other issues relating to children this is why the application has been submitted.

Cllr Knowles went through concerns that he pulled from the numerous objections and comments on the NLC website which are detailed below:-

- Lack of amenities to support the proposed Institution Residents.
- Transport required to access neighbouring amenities.

- Company involved set up in Feb 14 – little or no records/accounts information/performance information/experience.
- Inadequate consultation – Is it legally required – is planning application for change of use legally required?
- Lack of information on children involved.
- No evidence of consultation on school admission/local need/access to Doctors/Dentist.
- Site has potential dangers to children.
- Burnham population make up unsuitable – predominantly older generation.
- Traffic problems/narrow roads/access to A161/hedges!
- No parking areas defined.
- Previous attempts to achieve change of use on land unsuccessful.
- Lack of clarification of what is proposed and some inaccurate information.
- Contravenes H14/H16 of NLC Local Plan.
- Low Burnham not a growth settlement.
- Residents brought in from outside North Lincolnshire.
- Classification of the use of fields – inconsistencies.
- Area being considered highlighted in red is building only, PA refers to 2.47 acres of land – again major inconsistency – does the change of use include the whole area (red and blue highlight!).

In order to provide balance, Cllr Knowles covered the detail in an email received from the Applicant on 20 August, which provided further clarification information about C3/C2 use of the property; who would be looked after at this site; what would be their background; requirement for children looked after at the site to access external spaces/services; what staff are going to be on site to supervise/care for the children and their 24/7 working hours; the proposed hours of operation of the home; finally the offer to meet with the Ward Councillors, the Parish Council and local Residents to explain the plans.

SUMMARY: The Parish Council view with particular concern the lack of any concern for the vulnerable children's needs. Low Burnham is a small rural hamlet in the open countryside and subject to limited development; it is situated over a mile from the main conurbation of Epworth. It has no regular bus service, shops or leisure facilities and would mean the children would be isolated and require either special transport needs or they would have to walk along a pavement next to the busy and unlit A161 to access these services. The Parish Council note the applicants comments reference The GDPO classes and view with concern the inference that as no changes to property structure is being proposed, the need for planning could be exempted. Our position is that a change of use is proposed from purely residential to a commercial use, which requires paid staff to run and supervise the unit unlike a normal domestic residency which is normally occupied by self-sufficient adults or family units.

It is the Parish Councils view that the application is not consistent with the local plan in policy sections H14, H16, C4 and DS4 and that approval is required for planning consent under these policies. The application does not meet the requirements of these sections of the local plan and should take precedence over the GDPO's exemption. We would hope NLC will resist fully the legal implications of the government relaxation in respect of this amendment to the GDPO as it undermines the intention of the NLC local plan.

Furthermore, the Parish Council is of the view that a Public Meeting with the Applicant and Residents of Low Burnham could have provided an opportunity for information to be shared and would have been helpful prior to the formal submission of the Planning Application. However, even at this late stage in the process the Parish Council would support a Public Meeting provided the Applicant agrees to be present and that any meeting takes place prior to the consideration of the Planning Application by the Planning Committee.

The options for the Parish Council to also consider are the calling of a public meeting.

Cllr Knowles also added that there are people that need help and as a community facilities need to be provided, but in appropriate areas.

Cllr Allcock stated that he was not allowed to participate in any decision making as he was on the NLC Planning Committee, due to the public interest he had contacted Cllr William Eckhardt who has called the application in which will now see this application discussed at a NLC Planning Committee and not by a delegated Officers' decision.

Cllr Allcock went on to explain the process for the benefit of residents stating that the Planning Officer will provide a full report at the Committee meeting from both sides, one representative for residents will be allowed to speak for 5 minutes, the applicant can also speak and the Committee will ask the Planning Officer any questions deemed necessary.

Cllr Allcock went on to advise residents to obtain a copy of the full report prior to the Committee meeting and also added that anyone can contact him with regard to the application and he will then declare that he has been lobbied.

Cllr Knowles added that there may well be a site visit from NLC Officers.

Cllr Lange stated that this was a large change for Low Burnham and it was not popular with residents therefore how would the children benefit. Cllr Lange added that the Parish Council were there to support local residents and should support Low Burnham.

Cllr Orton stated that he was not ready to dismiss the application but thought that a public meeting would benefit all parties.

Cllr Knowles stated that to do this, as it was thought the application was to be discussed at the September Committee meeting this decision may have to be deferred.

Cllr Forman stated that the same issue was raised in Westwoodside a few years ago, to which the Parish Council objected along with numerous local residents but the application was still approved. To date there seems to have been no issues.

Cllr Lindley agreed with Cllr Lange adding that there was not enough information on the type, age, amount of children that will be living at the institution.

Cllr Carlile stated that as far as GPDO were concerned no planning was required but there were items in the Local Plan – H14, H16, DS4 and C4 that still stand and makes the application a planning matter.

Due to the nature of the children's mental issues Low Burnham was not a suitable area having no bus stops, no shops and no leisure facilities.

Cllr Cooke stated factually and not passing opinion that children with mental issues responded better to smaller units.

Cllr Harris stated that the application has not been worked through, was not detailed and speculative, there is a clear objection from local residents and the Parish Council should support the residents and **proposed that a strong objection is submitted with comments as detailed. Seconded: Cllr Lange. 5 for, 3 against and 3 abstentions.**

It was also resolved that the Clerk to contact the applicant to arrange a public meeting and to write to NLC to expressing concerns with regard to the effect on Low Burnham and other small villages. **Proposed: Cllr Orton. Seconded: Cllr Cooke. 12 for with 1 abstention.**

8 residents left the meeting.

2014/0800 – Mr & Mrs Sanchez Perez, 1 Brackenhill Villas, Brackenhill Road, East Lound – planning permission to erect a two storey side extension following demolition of existing side annex.

Resolved: No objections or comments. Proposed: Cllr Orton. Seconded: Cllr Carlile. 12 for with 1 abstention.

2014/0878 – Mr Roberts, 9 Chatsworth Way, Haxey – application for non-material amendment following a grant of PA/2014/0303 to provide a render to the porch.

Resolved: No objections or comments. Proposed: Cllr Carlile. Seconded: Cllr Morris. 12 for with 1 abstention.

- b) **2014/0382** - To be notified of the information received regarding the change of use to include compounds and containers at land to the rear of Chill Winds, Doncaster Road, Westwoodside. This application has previously been discussed by the Council and a response submitted, but further information has been received with regards to the proposed installation of up to 50 containers on the site.

Resolved: No objection but multi stacking on the site would not be acceptable and should be placed as a condition of the application and that suitable screening should also be in place. The original comments to also be resubmitted. Proposed: Cllr Carlile. Seconded: Cllr Smedley. 12 for with 1 abstention.

2014/0188 – Planning permission to erect a stable block (Re-submission PA/2013/1362) OS Field 8023, Carr Lane, Haxey – NLC Planning Officer had informed the Clerk that he had spoken with the applicant who had told him that he had owned the piece of land for quite a while and was intending to move into the area in the next 12 months or so and would like the stable block to be ready for his horses. Cllr Knowles stated that this justification provided by the applicant to NLC was not comprehensive and provided no pertinent new information.

Applications have to be judged on their merits at the time of the application and not in 12 months or so time, therefore the original comments stating the objection still stood. This has been submitted to NLC.

Proposed: Cllr Lindley. Seconded: Cllr Morris. 12 for with 1 abstention.

2014/0447 – Retention of children's tree house, 71 Haxey Lane – The decision is still outstanding on this application, meanwhile the applicant is still carrying on with the building work and photographs were provided to the Parish Council. The applicant has been told not to do any further work until a decision on the application has been reached. Clerk to contact enforcement.

Clerk has asked NLC for a strategy on how enforcement will be carried out on Clampit Creek 2013/1193 and to also ask with regard to the Walkabout Farm 2013/0983 adjacent to Starcroft Haxey Carr.

Comments submitted to NLC on 01/09/14	Confirmation of receipt received from NLC on 10/09/14
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211. **Clerks Report**

- a) CPRE Best Kept Village results received, agenda item for the next meeting – one item brought up was the footpath on Mill Lane which has flying tipping – Clerk to report. Agenda item for next meeting.
- b) Clerk to report a telegraph post that blocks the highway not allowing wheelchairs or mobility scooters to pass.
- c) Clerk has contact both NLC & NLH with regard to the Brethergate footpath – Clerk to email Cllr Allcock the recent correspondence received and contact NLC Highways with regard to a fall on this footpath.
- d) Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee Meeting minutes of Thursday 7th August 2014.
- e) North Lincolnshire Council Surface Dressing Programme 2014.
- f) Email received from Inspector Brett Ruddy with regard to reduction of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the letter recently sent to the Police Crime Commissioner.
- g) North Lincolnshire Council Standards Committee – Annual Report 2013/14.
- h) Clerk has submitted the comments with regard to the NLC dog fouling proposed poster.
- i) North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – Housing and Employment Land Allocations Development Plan Document: Revised Submission Draft (April 2014).
- j) North Lincolnshire Council Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. This does not affect Haxey Parish Council at present.
- k) ERNLLCA 2014 ERNLLCA AGM – Cllrs Knowles and Carlile to attend.

Improvement / Projects

212. To consider arrangements for the Centenary Event and the Remembrance Day parade and service, determining actions required.

Item to be deferred to next meeting for report from Cllr Booth on potential local School participation. Clerk to ensure the road closure application is submitted.

Highways / Neighbourhood Services / North Lincolnshire Council items

213. To consider the proposed 50/30 mph speed limits within the parish, determining actions required.
Clerk to submit a no comments response to NLC. Post Meeting Note: Correspondence received adding further information on the Doncaster Rd proposal – Cllrs advised and any comments to be sent to the Clerk by 5 Sep for onward transmission.
214. To be notified of the proposed number system for Hallcroft Close/Road, determining actions required.
Clerk to submit support for the proposed numbering system.
215. To determine the request to site a bench on Turbary Road.
The Clerk has been in contact with NLC with regard to a bench being placed on the road by a local resident. With regard to implications of insurance the Clerk had suggested to NLC that the Parish Council take responsibility for the maintenance and insurance which was acceptable. Clerk to contact the resident suggesting

that they meet up with NLC with regard to the location of the bench and the Parish Council would then take over its responsibility if these arrangements are acceptable to the donors.

Reports / Updates

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

Cllr Allcock informed the Council that Uppertorpe footpath had now been completed to which Cllr Foreman stated a good job had been achieved.

Cllr Allcock attended and chaired the last NATs meeting and informed the Council that PC Mark Rapper had joined the Neighbourhood Team. Chief Inspector Deb Johnstone had attended the meeting with regard to a letter that she had received similar to the one the Parish Council had submitted to the Police Crime Commissioner with regard to PC's in the area.

To prevent reduction in police cover – letters had been sent to Matthew Grove and the Police which have been responded to. Chief Insp. Deb Johnstone stated that Humberside have already made a saving of £30 million and there is a further £30 million saving to make. The Force is currently planning for a huge change that will come into force in April 2015. Instead of being divided geographically Humberside will be split into 3 commands, communities, operations and specialist. Exact PCSO numbers have not yet been determined and this decision will be made by Matthew Grove and the Chief Supt. No recruitment has taken place for a year to avoid making redundancies later. Employee numbers are shrinking due to natural wastage and remaining staff are placed across the force on a demand basis.

Another issue raised by PC Rapper with the parking on The Nooking, Greenhill, Commonsides and Newbigg with a suggestion of single white lining. Cllr Allcock is to take this back to NLC for proposals.

The work which was due to start by Severn Trent in August has been put back due to Yorkshire Water Authority (YWA) putting in a new water main in October. Severn Trent will work on the pumping station starting in September and time the road works to coincide with YWA so there is minimal disruption.

217. To receive a report from the LWT meeting, determining any actions required.

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

Main items were that the area was still classified as a SSSI by Natural England and the LWT were looking at taking on a large part of the Cove Rd quarry, which was a continuing concern for the Parish Council.

218. To receive a report from the Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee.

The minutes were issued prior to the meeting.

219. To receive an update with regard to assisting Haxey PFA to reduce costs, determining any further actions required.

Item deferred until the information has been received.

General Items

220. To consider pickup points for village evacuation in an emergency.

Cllr Lange stated that he had contacted the various members who created the CEP and the following pickup points were designated – Westwoodside Playing Field, Westwoodside Village Hall, Haxey Playing Field & Haxey Memorial Hall. Clerk to pass amended CEP to NLC.

221. To consider nominations for the Community Champion Award 2014.

It was agreed that due to the categories it was not a suitable nomination form to use. It was agreed that the awarding of parish volunteers could be carried out at the Annual Parish Meeting and to be discussed at the next meeting.

222. To consider the upkeep of the East Lound Pinfold, determining any actions required.

A resident had contacted Cllr Smedley with regard to part of the back brick wall of the pinfold collapsing into the front garden of the adjoining property. The resident had been in touch with the Townsman but has sought the Parish Councils assistance in trying to resolve the problem.

Clerk to contact the Townsman stating that if the wall had blown down during the day there could have been some major H & S issues and to find out the progress of the moving and rebuilding of the wall, insurance details and if the Parish Council could assist. Agenda item for next meeting.

223. To be notified of the ERNLLCA advisory notes for 'Recording of Meetings', determining actions required.

In sum, meetings can now be recorded provided it does not cause disruption. This item is for information and will be monitored. Standing Orders to be amended to reflect the new directive.

224. To be notified of the NLC correspondence with regards to the opening hours of Haxey Library, determining actions required.

Again this item to be monitored. Cllr Allcock stated that there are no plans to close the library but the hours may well vary and he will be discussing this with the Librarian Assistant.

225. To be notified of the correspondence received from the Green Party with regard to the holding of a public session / roadshow to allow a presentation of the Green Party's opinions on Fracking.

Information on this contentious topic is always useful to the Parish Council and local Residents. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not host this event but suggest several Parish venues for the Green Party to arrange their own event.

226. Request for article (s) for the next month's Arrow article.

- Remembrance Day – including the road closure times as part of the consultation.
- Opening Ceremony.
- Best Kept Village results.

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

- Rent review
- Volunteer awards
- WWS Land Registration update
- Plaque/Memorial – Wilf Lindley
- CPRE Best Kept Village Results
- East Lound Pinfold

Finance

228. To receive a copy of the Financial Statement up to 26th August, 2014.

Item approved and signed.

229. To consider the purchase of a dual purpose bin for Church Lane.

Resolved – to purchase a dual purpose bin to replace the current dog bin for a sum not to exceed £120.

Proposed: Cllr Lindley. Seconded: Cllr Lange. 12 for with 1 abstention.

230. To consider financial support for the over 70's 2015 party.

Resolved: to support the 2015 party to a sum not to exceed £1,750.

Proposed: Cllr Morris. Seconded: Cllr Allcock. 11 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

231. To consider the yearly grant request from The Foreman Carter Centre.

Resolved: To approve a grant of £2,000. **Proposed: Cllr Morris. Seconded: Cllr Harris. All in favour.**

232. To consider a donation to the charity on behalf of the late Wilf Lindley.

Resolved: To approve a donation of £30 to the chosen charity. Cllr Knowles also thanked Cllrs Smedley, Harris and Fiddler for their input into the last Arrow. **Proposed: Cllr Harris. Seconded: Cllr Whitehead. All in favour.**

Grant Requests

Expenditure

233. To consider the following accounts and any received after the agenda has been issued and payment is required before the next meeting.

Salary, expenses & admin	See Appendix A		
HMRC	Employers NI	2189	£26.17
HMRC	Employees NI & Tax	2189	£22.76
Arrow Publication Ltd	Article	2190	£102.60
David Knowles	WWS Expenses	2191	£11.38
John Smedley	Expenses	2192	£2.35

Paul Cooke	WWS Expenses	2193	£268.80
JP Gardening Services	Ground Maintenance	2194	£408.00
Westwoodside Playing Field Ass.	Maintenance Grant	2195	£2,000.00
Total Expenditure 29th July, 2014			£3,943.25

It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Allcock to approve the expenditure. All in favour.

234. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as being Tuesday 30th September, 2014 at 7pm to be held in The Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside.

.....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 – the Parish Council are responsible for these cost, grants to be investigated.	September 2014
	Haxey Turbary Access road	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
	NHP – future development plans	On-going
	WWS Pond – edging to cut back the rushes – Clerk to obtain quotes from J Cooper.	Autumn 2014
2014/39	Clerk to ensure that ALL Parish land is registered with the Land Registry	On-going
2014/81	Gollands Lane Traffic	On-going
2014/88	Allotment Site Potential Easterly Buffer Lease	On-going
2014/99	Haxey Playing Fields	On-going
2014/177	Enforcement Issues	On-going

Abbreviations

AA	Allotment Association
BR	Bridleway
CCC	Caravan & Camping Club
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
CIIs	Councillors
DCO	Dog Control Order
DPD	Development Plan Document
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