

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd February, 2016 at 6.45pm at The Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside Playing Field, Westwoodside.

Present: Cllrs Booth, Carlile, Cooke, Foreman, Harris, Knowles, Lange, Lindley, Orton, Smedley & Whitehead.

Also Present: Deb Hotson – Parish Clerk & 5 residents.

Chairman: Cllr Knowles presided.

Public Participation

Cllr Knowles presented a photo collage of the Hood to Liz Morris as a gift from the Parish Council to mark her retirement from the Parish Council.

Mrs Henwood raised concerns with regard to the state of the children's play area at the centre. The area was untidy and some parts of the concrete were raised. The new piece of equipment has been taken off its stand 3 times and the Committee were waiting for it to be welded back into place.

Cllr Knowles stated that the Westwoodside Management Committee has had the annual inspection carried out which raised a couple of issues. Due to the cost of rubber to put at the bases of the equipment, sand had been suggested. Mrs Henwood stated that ROSPA recommended that if sand was used it should be covered at night to stop animals defecating in it.

Cllr Knowles stated that this would be taken back to the Management Committee who would look into these issues. Mrs Henwood was invited to attend the next WPFMC meeting and she provided her contact details to the Clerk. During discussion it was considered that the Parish Council would look sympathetically at supporting the renovation of the bases of the play equipment. Post Meeting Note: WPFAMC meeting arranged for 11 Mar 16 and NLC would be approached by the Parish Council Clerk for a grant to enable the refurbishment to be taken forward as soon as possible.

Mr McLeod read out the following statement: -

“At the last meeting, you voted in favour of Cllr Fiddler attending the Brownfield Briefing Shale & Unconventional Gas Conference, which takes place tomorrow. This appears to be an industry-funded, pro-fracking event which among other topics will examine why current exploration planning applications have been refused and give "tips to overcome the hurdles going forward", and includes a presentation on "identifying the key reasons behind public resistance ... and ways to overcome them". The speakers include the Chief Operating Officer of IGas, the MD of Reach Exploration, which is "an established UK oil and gas company with an extensive portfolio of development, appraisal and exploration opportunities", and Nigel Mills MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Unconventional Oil and Gas, which is itself sponsored by the oil & gas industry with contributions from many companies with an interest in fracking, including IGas, Cuadrilla, INEOS, Total, and Centrica. Kevin Hollinrake, Conservative MP for Thirsk and Malton, recently resigned as vice-chair of this group after constituents expressed concerns that his involvement was inappropriate, due to the amount of sponsorship the group receives from the oil and gas industry. Mr. Hollinrake's constituency includes the North Yorkshire village where Third Energy wants to carry out fracking.

The full fee for attending the Brownfield Briefing conference is £420, but Local Authority delegates are only charged £127.

We do not take issue with the Council's decision to send a delegate to this conference; it is entirely appropriate that you keep yourselves up-to-date with the current thinking on unconventional gas projects, including policy and regulatory frameworks, planning, and environmental & geo-technical impacts, all of which will be discussed tomorrow. Anti-fracking delegates will also be there and we look forward to hearing their feedback.

What we do ask is that, in your deliberations upon Frack Free Isle's offer of assistance with conducting a parish survey, you consider whether accepting assistance and funding from us is any more likely to risk

compromising the Council's independence or the development of a prejudicial interest than is Cllr Fiddler's subsidised attendance of this industry sponsored, openly pro-fracking conference.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform the council of the results of the parish survey conducted by a neighbouring parish council in co-operation with their local anti-fracking action group. 76% of the residents gave their views on a proposal for shale gas development in their parish; of those, 87% were against the proposal, 4% were in favour and 9% were undecided.

Cllr Knowles informed Mr McLeod that the Parish Council had only paid £100 + vat for a place at the seminar. Mr McLeod was thanked for his comments.

Cllr Knowles opened the meeting.

1602/01 Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Allcock, Boor & Fiddler.

1602/02 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th January, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Smedley, seconded Cllr Lindley. 7 for with 4 abstentions.**

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 26th January, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Orton, seconded Cllr Carlile. All in favour.**

1602/03 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 Carlile declared a personal interest in agenda item 1602/14.

1602/04 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

Dispensations were noted for all Cllrs present for agenda item 1602/16 with regard to the Parish Council being Sole Trustees of the Westwoodside Playing Field Association.

1602/05 To approve the revised Financial Regulations.

Resolved – Financial Regulations approved. **Proposed: Cllr Booth, seconded: Cllr Lange. All in favour.**

1602/06 **Planning**

a. To receive and decisions received and to discuss the following application received from NLC. The following decisions were received from NLC.

2015/1048 – refusal of outline planning permission to erect a dormer bungalow and detached double garage with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent approval at 34 Doncaster Road, Westwoodside.

2015/1424 – refusal of outline planning permission to erect a single dwelling and associated access and creation of a new access at 34 Nethergate.

2015/1446 – full planning permission granted to erect a cold store at Monkham, Bridge Farm, 101 Doncaster Road, Westwoodside.

2015/1544 – full planning permission granted to raise ridge height to facilitate roof conversion at The Willows, 9 Nethergate, Westwoodside.

2015/0409 – appeal dismissed for the proposed development to extend the existing training and lecture centre and relocate the educational centre from Rose Cottage site to Lupine Woods site.

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

2016/107 – Planning permission to erect a detached dwelling on land adjacent to Owston House, Akeferry Road, Westwoodside.

Resolved – object with the following comments: -

- Outside the development line.
- Doesn't provide the type of housing for rural needs and current community requirements.
- South of Akeferry Road is a flood risk area.

- Not windfall.
- Not in keeping with the street scene.

Proposed: Cllr Carlile, seconded: Cllr Cooke. 10 for with 1 against.

2016/112 – Planning permission to erect a ground floor side extension at 22 The Birches, Westwoodside.

Resolved – no objection, comment that there are presently parking issues in this area with residents parking on the road rather than within their property – Highways need to be aware and comment/suggest a remedy for these issues.

Proposed: Cllr Foreman, seconded: Cllr Booth. All in favour.

2015/1424 – Comments submitted under delegated powers by the Clerk with regard to the amended plan received from NLC.

b. To receive an update on outstanding planning concerns, determining further actions required.

No update received.

There has been a change in the planning portal. Town & Parish Councils do not seem to have been consulted. The Clerk was unable to access the 2016 planning applications for some time and the content of the new system is not as good as the previous one particularly accessing old history records via the mapping system.

Overall the Parish Council are not happy how the process has been handled and the new system.

Resolved – contact NLC to inform them of these concerns. **Proposed: Cllr Carlile, seconded: Cllr Smedley. All in favour.**

1602/07 Clerks Report

- Westwoodside notice board – a further email has been received with regard to the size of the font and accessing the notice board to read its contents. Cllr Cooke stated when the font is increased this increases the amount of pages which in turn takes up the full notice board not allowing for other information to be placed onto board. The resident has been directed to the website to view the minutes there. Clerk has contacted NLC to ask if a slab could be placed in front of the notice board. It was also considered that the Notice board may, in the end, need to be lowered, which would need to be done by NLC.
Clerk to chase up the replacement of the Newbigg street sign which is still leaning up against the road sign.
Cllr Smedley will put up any notices in Haxey and Cllr Knowles to place items in the Westwoodside notice board. This matter to be placed on the agenda at the 6-month point for discussion again.
- Confirmation received from NLC that an election has not been called with regard to the resignation of Cllr Morris therefore, the Parish Council can co-opt. Item to be placed into the next Arrow and on the notice board and website and applications to be discussed at the April meeting. Clerk to send co-option form to Cllr Harris.
- Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft – this covers the mineral plan for Nottinghamshire, Council will continue to monitor the plans of neighbouring Councils.
- HMRC have written to the Council with regard to paying PAYE electronically stating that all payments must be received by 22nd of the month and fines would be incurred if received late. Due to Parish Council meeting after this day the Clerk has written to HMRC to explain that she would be unable to second guess the Tax and NI due and therefore the payments would not reach HMRC before the 22nd of the month. Waiting for a response.
- PC Jane Proud to attend the next meeting to introduce herself to the Council. Any questions for PC Proud to be provided to the Clerk to pass on.
- Clerk has included the brick toilets at the Allotment Site and the memorial in the closed churchyard onto the insurance policy.

- g. Cllr Boor has been chosen out of 60 applicants to attend the Royal Garden Party and Buckingham Palace in May. The Palace will be contacting Cllr Boor directly. Cllr Boor will be representing ERNLLCA.
- h. Littering has been reported to NLC with regard to properties backing on to the old railway dumping rubbish over their fences. Clerk to ask NLC Tim Allen were the Parish Council stand if they take on the Parish Path Initiative. Clerk to report that the post and rail fence has still not been repaired on the right to the school when leaving the old railway path.
Resident also complained about dog fouling in the village, Clerk to ask for suggested dog bin locations.
Haxey WI would like to get involved with any litter picking events. Clerk to inform them that the Lions are arranging a litter pick along the old railway line.
- i. Clerk to ask for the meeting dates of the Westwoodside Village Hall Committee and forward to Cllr Booth.
- j. Letter from the Westwoodside Pond Light Committee requesting financial support to get the tree pruned on the pond and purchase new lights for the tree. Agenda item for the next meeting.
- k. Letter received from the PCC with regard to the state of repair to the footpath running alongside 'Gods Acre'. Agenda item for the next meeting.
- l. Haxey Parish Combined Charity vacancy – agenda item for the next meeting.
- m. Rural Cinema Project – Clerk to inform NLC that the Parish Council does not now want to follow this project up but many thanks for the offer of funding.
- n. CPRE Best Kept Village Competition – agenda item for the next meeting.
- o. CPRE Newsletter – Jan 16.
- p. ENA Nichola has had a baby girl called Heidi Jayne; Clerk has sent a card to congratulate the family.
- q. Letter received with regard to a fox hunt that occurred on 16th February. A resident had reported this to the police who had informed her that the Parish Council had authorised this event and approved it. Clerk has informed the resident that the Parish Council had no knowledge of the hunt and it was not in the powers to authorise any such activities. Clerk to inform the resident that provided the hunt carries out its activities within the law as set out by parliament the only permission that is required is that of the relevant land owner where the activity takes place. The Clerk has the relevant log number and will endeavour to find out who within the police informed the resident that the Parish Council had given permission for the hunt to go ahead.

Improvement / Projects

1602/08 To receive an update on the Isle of Axholme Hatfield Chase projects and determine if any further actions are required.

A meeting is arranged for 24/02 when NLC Tim Allen and Mike Hemblade will be in attendance. Agenda item for next meeting,

1602/09 To receive the recommendations from the Parish Path Group determining actions required.

Costs have been received from the current NLC contractor. There are a few questions to be answered and these will be done at the meeting arranged with NLC on 24/02 as detailed above. Agenda item for next meeting.

1602/10 To consider the celebrations for the Queens 90th Birthday in June 2016.

The beacon has been registered. Clerk to confirm the location and Cllr Booth to contact Steve Jones with regard to siting the beacon on 21/04.

Cllr Booth has been looking at gifts for the children and provided details on mugs; a sample is being sent and prices to be confirmed. The mugs will be given to Parish school children.

The Clerk has put in a grant request for £4,500 of which £2,500 the Council will contribute.

Article to be placed into the Arrow informing residents of the forthcoming proposals and asking for those who are 90 this year to come forward.

Cllr Smedley to speak with the vicar to find out what the PCC are planning.

1602/11 To receive an update from the Planting Group determining actions required.

A meeting is to be arranged.

The Clerk has asked for quotes for the SLA for hanging baskets – 2 have been received to date and one has offered to assist the Planting Group with the planted areas.

Clerk to ask Tunes of Crowle for a quote for hanging baskets.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

1602/12 To receive an update from the Local Awards Working Group determining next actions required.

Unfortunately, as yet, no nomination forms have been received. The item has been advertised for the past 3 months. Clerk to circulate nomination forms to all Cllrs to complete.

1602/13 To approve the update to the Community Emergency Plan (CEP) determining actions required.

Resolved – approval of updated CEP. **Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded: Cllr Booth. All in favour.** Clerk to send to NLC and place onto the website.

Highways / Neighbourhood Services / North Lincolnshire Council items

1602/14 To be notified of the proposal from NLC with regard to the disabled bay at Haxey Surgery determining actions required.

Resolved – approved the proposal from NLC. **Proposed: Cllr Booth, seconded: Cllr Lindley. 10 for with 1 abstention.**

Reports / Updates

1602/15 To receive a report from the Ward Councillor on activities within North Lincolnshire Council.

Cllr Allcock has provided a report to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

- NLC have placed a bid on the land located at the Nooking adjacent to the school and are waiting for a response.
- NLC have written and emailed Absolute Children's with a respond date of 23/02. Actions will be taken if a response had not been received. Post Meeting Note – NLC has advised that an appeal has been submitted.
- NLC submitted concerns about the Notts CC application for exploratory hydrocarbon wells at Misson with regard to effect of heavy traffic on infrastructure and local residents if traffic uses this route through NLC area. NLC also commented on height of Rig and visual impact.
- NLC is in the process of developing a policy for dealing with applications for shale gas production. (Fracking).

1602/16 To receive a report from the Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee.

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Knowles went through some of the outstanding points.

- The Alarm and Boiler are to be serviced.
- Septic tank has been ½ emptied and the contractor will be returning this week to remove the remaining waste.
- New gates have been erected on the Holm Road entrance.
- A self-propelled roller has been purchased.
- HSR Solicitors have been engaged registering parish land and the final piece is the land that the Centre is sited on including the entrance on to Holm Road – The Land Registry has rejected the submission with the explanation given that the use of the land for access purposes is an example of an “equivocal” act and that the LR are never keen to grant possession of an access because this may limit the use by users who are not the legal owner.

Therefore, NLC have been asked if the entrance could be adopted to which a response has been received declining this request. Cllr Allcock had suggested to the Clerk that this item can be discussed with NLC Tim Allen at the meeting scheduled 24/02.

Resolved – if NLC Tim Allen is unable to take any action on assisting the Parish Council in the adoption of this area the Parish Council will write to the NLC Leader requesting formerly that NLC adopt the entrance.

Proposed: Cllr Booth, seconded: Cllr Lindley. All in favour.

1602/17 To receive a report for Haxey Playing Field Association.

Cllr Harris informed the Council that the monthly meeting of the Association was to be held on Thursday. A quiz night was planned for 05/03.

Funding had been obtained from NLC with the help of Cllrs Allcock & Lange to replace the stolen mower after the burglary last year. Modest security had been put in place.

Cllr Booth asked if the insurance cover was now adequate to which Cllr Harris stated it was.

1602/18 To receive a report on the website update determining any further actions required.

Due to illness the webmaster had not been able to work on the website to bring up to date. This is now being done and the Clerk will inform members when live.

1602/19 To receive an update report on hydro-carbon activities in the area and specifically to consider and resolve on the offer by “Frack-Free Isle” to assist the Parish Council in a survey of Residents.

Cllr Knowles read out the report provided by Cllr Fiddler.

Hydro Carbon Update for Misson

The application for the main bore holes is at a standstill, more information has been asked for, this was expected by IGAS so not a surprise. Still expecting a favourable decision by the end of March. The water monitoring bore holes have been completed and the drilling equipment removed from site. The electronic and monitoring control sensors are presently being installed. Once complete they will have a present day quality level etc.

Cllrs had all been provided with full correspondence with regard to the offer by Frack-Free Isle prior to the meeting. Following a full discussion:

Resolved – any surveys to be undertaken independently by the Parish Council specifically with regard to the offer from Frack-Free Isle, which is to be respectfully declined.

Proposed: Cllr Orton, seconded: Cllr Booth. All in favour.

General Items

1602/20 Request for article (s) for the next month’s Arrow article.

- Co-option
- Queen’s Birthday Celebrations

1602/21 To consider the quotes received to carry out the tree work in the closed churchyard and allotment site.

The Clerk provided information on the 4 quotes received.

Resolved – Simon Dobson awarded the work at a total cost of £1,800.

Proposed: Cllr Smedley, seconded: Cllr Booth. All in favour.

1602/22 To be notified of the email received from a resident with regard to dog fouling and litter in the parish determining actions required.

The Clerk has reported the litter to NLC who are to contact the Enforcement Officer with regard to littering by residents adjacent to the area who are throwing rubbish over their fences.

Cllr Smedley stated that the Lions are to carry out a litter pick in this area – Clerk to inform the resident who has originally complained and to ask if he had any suggestions on where to place any further dog bins.

1602/23 To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting or for reporting to NLC.

In addition to items above:

- Hanging Basket tenders.
- Formal Planning Meeting, Planning Enforcement update and Planning System update.
- Dog bin between 10-11 Haxey Lane needs replacing due to rusting. Clerk to find out who owns this and if the Parish Council to place on to the agenda for resolving.
- Westwoodside pond lights grant request.
- CPRE Best Kept Village Competition.
- Haxey Parish Combined Charity representative.
- PCC footpath concerns.

Clerk to report the following items to NLC.

- Cllr Cooke to provide the Clerk with details on sunken drains to report to NLC in the parish.
- Land rovers are being parked on Thinholme Lane overflowing from the Saab Garage. Clerk to report to NLC.

Finance

1602/24 To receive a copy of the Financial Statement up to 23rd February, 2016.

1602/25 To be notified of a Haxey Resident's 100-year birthday celebration and determine actions required.

Resolved – approval of the purchase of flowers to a sum of £30. **Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded: Cllr Lange. All in favour.**

1602/26 To be notified of the NLC Street Sessions determining actions required.

It was agreed not to take any further action.

1602/27 **Grant Requests**

Expenditure

1602/28 To approve the following accounts.

Salary, expenses & admin		
HMRC	Employers NI	£21.60
HMRC	Employees NI & Tax	£49.23
Arrow Publication	Monthly edition	£204.00
G Fiddler	Hood presentation – L Morris	£45.00
	London Seminar travelling expenses	£145.11
T Roberts	Seminar fee	£120.00
T Foreman	FCC Expenditure	£13.97
Complete Office Solutions	Consumables	£77.22
Total Expenditure 23rd February, 2016	£1,582.86	

Resolved – approval of accounts for payment. **Proposed: Cllr Orton, seconded: Cllr Lindley. All in favour.**

1602/29 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as being Tuesday 22nd March, 2016 at 6.30pm to be held in The Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside.

Appendix A

Summary of continuing and newly agreed actions.		
Minute number	Action	Review Date / Completion Date
2011/234	Investigate the status of the Pinfolds	On-going
2011/254	Repair of Greenhill wall – NLC are responsible for these cost.	On-going as part of discussions with NLC and Hatfield Project
	Haxey Turbary Access road	On-going problem
	Potential Fracking Issue	On-going
2013/245	Cemetery requirements	On-going
	NHP – future development plans	On-going
	WWS Pond ducks.	Monitor
2014/39	Clerk to ensure that ALL Parish land is registered with the Land Registry	On-going
2014/81	Gollands Lane Traffic	On-going
2014/99	Haxey Playing Fields	On-going
2014/177	Enforcement Issues	On-going
2014/276	Local Awards Working Group	Ongoing – Plan in place
2014//277	Summer Planting Working group	On-going – Plan put in place for 2016 planting.
2015/22	Local Council Awards Scheme	Registration has been completed. Assessment to be actioned by Spring 2016
1503/08	Refurbishment of War Memorial railings	On-going – part of discussions with NLC and Hatfield Project

Appendix B – Abbreviations

AA	Allotment Association
BR	Bridleway
CCC	Caravan & Camping Club
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
Cllrs	Councillors
DCO	Dog Control Order
DPD	Development Plan Document
EA	Environmental Agency
ERNLLCA	East Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Council Advisors
FP	Footpath
GPDO	General Permitted Development Order
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

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