

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2013 in the Memorial Hall, Haxe.

Present: Cllrs Allcock, Boor, Carlile, Cooke, Foreman, Lindley, Harris, Knowles, Morris, Orton, Smedley & Whitehead and 10 residents.

Chairman: Cllr Knowles presided.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lange & Eckhardt.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2012.

It was resolved that the minutes from the Parish Meeting on 22nd May 2012 were approved as a true and correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Morris.

3. To receive any matters arising from the last meeting

No matters arising.

4. To receive details of the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the Receipts and Payments, Bank Reconciliation and the Statement of Accounts in the Annual Return to the Parishioners who had been tabled copies prior to the meeting starting.

Comments were raised regarding have a breakdown of expenditure. This can be provided at future meetings and will be available on the website. A further question was asked regarding the increase in assets recorded on the Annual Return. The Clerk informed parishioners that the assets were recorded as per the insurance valuations as directed by the Internal Auditor. Post minutes: The Clerk received further information from the Internal Auditor stating that the Asset Register should in actual fact reflect the original purchase price of the asset and not those relating to the Insurance Policy. It was agreed at the May Parish Council meeting to leave the Annual Return unchanged and to work through the Asset Register through the year, also asking for clarification from ERNLLCA.

5. To receive the Parish Councils Chairman's Report

The report covered the period from May 2012 to May 2013.

This report is available on the website and notice boards.

No further issues were raised on the Chairman's Report.

6. To receive a report on the summer planting for the parish.

Cllr Knowles informed the meeting that comments had been made regarding the lack of community planting and the state of planting. Therefore, this year the Council resolved to spend funds for North Lincolnshire Council to supply, water and maintain hanging baskets, troughs and planters around the parish. The new Co-op has donated £100 towards their hanging baskets.

The Parish Council have again entered the Best Kept Village Competition and Haxe and Westwoodside will be judged separately as requested by CPRE who have stated that it will be easier to judge.

7. To receive a report from Humberside Police

Humberside Police were unable to attend. The Clerk read out a report received from PC Petty which has also been placed onto the website.

Cllr Knowles added that a joint South Isle Town & Parish Council meeting was in the process of being arranged which Matthew Grove would attend and answer any questions raised by Cllrs. It was hoped that after this meeting a further meeting would be arranged to allow parishioners to attend and answer any questions.

Both Cllrs Allcock and Knowles agreed that Mr Groves was a down to earth person with achievable aims.

Cllr Allcock and Cllr Eckhardt are generally represented at forums along with Cllr Carlile who attends the NATs meetings representing the Parish Council.

Cllr Allcock added that Cllr Eckhardt had attended a meeting on 07/05 with Matthew Grove and elected members of North Lincolnshire Council (NLC). Generally when contacted the PCSO's attend to a call and get back to the Ward Cllrs. Cllr Allcock also added that fortunately the South Isle is not a high crime area.

Policing in the Isle as already stated in the police report had been increased with a PCSO funded by NLC.

Mr Ridley asked why NLC were funding further PCSO, to which Cllr Allcock stated he would find out more details but NLC had decided that more police presence was necessary in the area and therefore funding had been provided.

8. To receive an update report on the Parish Plan

Cllr Knowles informed parishioners that the Parish Plan had been created in 2010 with the help of parishioners and Councillors and from the plan an action plan had been created containing 54 actions. To date approximately 35 had

been completed which included the provisions of a handyman and in recent months the publication of the Parish Directory which is available on the website and hard copies in shops and libraries around the parish.

An update was also provided on Neighbourhood Plans (NHP). Some Cllrs had attended a training seminar and a small group of Cllrs were looking into the possibility of creating a plan for the parish. The plan is part of Localism which is proving to be more practical than first thought although North East Lincolnshire seem to be further down the line than our Principle Authority.

Cllr Carlile added that the NHP would not be used to block any more building projects in the village as this is not what a plan is all about but would allow the parish to decide what and where additional houses could be located.

Cllr Knowles went on to say that as part of Localism our neighbouring local authority NE Lincs are creating a list of community assets which are then logged for 5 years and if any items on the list are flagged to the local authority then the Parish Council would also be consulted – the list can hold buildings, churches, pubs and even land.

Cllr Morris added that the creation of a plan would mean a lot of work and a cost associated to its production and would require input from residents and not just the Parish Council.

Concerns were raised regarding NLC's decisions made on Hallcroft and Co-op in Haxey to which it was stated if there had been a NHP in place now then as a statutory tool this would have had to be taken into consideration.

NLHomes are well aware of what the community housing requirements are for the parish but as they are a commercial business they are not bound by those requirements.

9. Judging Haxey Parish Council & Axholme Camera Club Photographic Competition 2011

Cllr Smedley thanked everyone for judging the competition and the Camera Club for assisting with the competition.

Cllr Smedley announced the winners.

- Camera Club category - Mr John Dunbar
- Adult category - Mrs Melanie Craven
- Youth category - Ezme Craven
- Junior category - Mitchell Dunbar

The presentation of the prizes and trophies will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 25 Jun 13 prior to the Parish Council meeting.

10. To receive an update report on Westwoodside Pavilion

Cllr Knowles provided a brief summary on progress with the Parish Council taking on the sole Trusteeship of Westwoodside Playing Fields, the requirements on the Council to complete the process and plans for the future of the facility. Cllr Boor disagreed with taking on the responsibility on the grounds that the local community should be taking action; however, it was pointed out that in the absence of local action, due to the initial gifting and amount of public investment in the facilities over the years and the fact that the facilities were considered to be some of the best in the local area, the Parish Council was justified in taking on the responsibility on behalf of the community.

11. To receive any other items of business from Parishioners

The Clerk to the Parish Council read out a report from Mrs Alyson Linnegar providing an update on her proposal for a heating oil buying co-operative. It was hoped that the project would be re-started in the near future. Mrs Linnegar is still taking details of anyone interested in joining the scheme.

Her contact details are: alyson.linnegar@gmail.com or telephone 01427 752536.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

.....Chairman