

## HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 in the Memorial Hall, Haxey.

Present: Cllrs. Allcock, Boor, Booth, Cooke, J Eckhardt, Foreman, Knowles, C. Lindley, Maw, Carlile, Smedley, Whitehead, Mr Peter Hirschfeld from Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council and 7 Parishioners.  
Chairman: Cllr. Allcock presided.

### To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Moyle and Cllr W Eckhardt.

### To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007

**It was resolved that** the minutes from the Parish Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 were approved as a correct record. **Proposed by Cllr Boor, seconded by Cllr Foreman. All in favour.**

### To receive any matters arising from the last meeting

The following issues were raised:

**Parish Beacon** – a committee was set up but ran into difficulties regarding the placing of the Beacon. The land that was designated was withdrawn by the farmer.

**Burial Land** – Haxey Parish Council have signed an agreement with the Parochial Church Council acquiring extra land giving at least another 25 years for burials. The money set aside for the cost of purchasing additional land will be taken into consideration when applying for the next precept.

**Affordable Housing** – After 2 years residents have finally moved in at Westwoodside. The sewerage system has been improved by Severn Trent. Unfortunately the Parish Council was unable to make a complaint through the Ombudsman about NLC failings regarding planning conditions but the residents of Thinholme Lane did lodge a complaint.

### To receive details of the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008

The accounts were approved at the Parish Council meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. **It was resolved that** the accounts be approved by the public. **Proposed by Mr Ridley, seconded by Cllr J Eckhardt.**

A question was asked regarding a strategy to reduce the surplus. Cllr Allcock explained that the Audit Commission was being informed in a letter about the surplus and at the next precept meeting this would be taken into consideration.

### To receive the Parish Councils Chairman's Report

The report covered the period from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 until 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
See attached.

### To discuss the proposal to produce a Parish Plan for Haxey Parish – guest speaker Mr Peter Hirschfeld of Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council

Mr Hirschfeld gave a presentation on Community Led Parish Plans and their benefits and as the title suggests this project is led by the community.

The Parish Plan is a voice for the community and is a 5-10 year consultation process.

To encourage community engagement an event should be arranged where ideas can be shared to create the plan. The project is run by a Steering group and should include members of the Parish Council along with Parishioners. Once the Steering group is set up there is a 'toolkit' available to assist the group through each stage.

Funding is available from Awards for All up to £10k for a year so it is best to do the ground work before applying for the grant. The majority of the cost is to publish the Plan so dependent on how many and how elaborate the Plan this will influence the cost. HWRCC will support the creation of the Plan step by step (currently free of charge).

### To receive an update on the flooding problems which occurred in the Parish

Due to the heavy rain in June 07 and January 08 a lot of areas were flooded in and around Haxey Parish, the worst area being Haxey Lane. Whilst the repairs were coming to completion from the June flooding the rains again in January affected the same properties.

The reasons behind a lot of the flooding issues were caused due to bad Highways maintenance especially on gullies and the drains.

A Flood Forum was set up which included North Lincolnshire Council, Severn Trent Water, Drainage Board, Fire Services and various other organisations. All Parishes affected have had a presentation by NLC explaining the areas affected and what has been put in place since. £1.5 million has been given to NLC by the Government with a further £3 million for 2008/09.

The road between Graizelound and Haxey is being realigned and at the same time the drainage system is being improved at a cost of £250k.

Low Burnham was also seriously affected and there has been a meeting with the residents which some Cllrs attended. Further to this another meeting was set up at Pittwood house for all departments to attend solely to discuss Low Burnham.

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The residents felt abandoned but there has now been positive feedback and NLC and the Drainage board have money in the budget to help. The Beck has been cleared and the gullies in the village.

The gullies on the A161 still haven't been cleared although this was promised by NLC Geoff Pople. This is a major job due to the Traffic Management so in August / September when the road will be resurfaced the drains and gullies will be also completed at the same time. Low Burnham appreciates the help of the Cllrs who attended and informed the Council that they now have their own signs to close the roads.

The question was asked by Mr Ridley as to why the dyke on Akeferry Road had been cleared by the Isle of Axholme Internal Drainage Board when it should be maintained by the riparian owner. Cllr Allcock informed the meeting that due to the amount of water in the dyke it was becoming a major problem and the Isle of Axholme Internal Drainage Board had to step in to clear it all.

**To receive reports on the Village of the Year competition and the entry in the Best Kept Village competition**

Cllr Smedley provided the meeting with an overview of what is to be submitted to the judges for the Village of the Year competition 2008. See attached.

Haxey and Westwoodside Villages have again been jointly entered into the Best Kept Village competition. The hanging baskets are ready but have yet to be hung. The signs are up on the notice boards.

Cllr Boor to clarify if the cubs will walk round litter picking under the supervision of the cub leaders and parents.

It was suggested that the schools should tackle the issue of litter dropping within the curriculum.

There will be planting outside the school and the children will be encouraged to assist.

**To receive any other items of business from Parishioners**

None received.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

.....Chairman