

## HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021 at 6.30pm at the Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside.

**Present:** Cllrs Bond, Carlile, Foreman, Harris, Holgate, Knowles, Layton, Parkin, Orton & Thorpe.

**Also Present:** 2 residents.

**Chairman:** Cllr Knowles presided.

**Clerk:** Deb Hotson

**2108/01** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Booth, Condliff, Fiddler, Lindley & Smedley.

**2108/02** Public Participation – those present stated they were there to observe proceedings.

**2108/03** **Resolved** - minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021 were approved and signed as a true and correct record. **Proposed: Cllr Carlile, seconded: Cllr Foreman. All in favour.**

**2108/04** 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 Parkin declared a personal interest in agenda item 2108/20.

**2108/05** To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed.  
Dispensation granted with regard to item 2108/13 due to the Parish Council being Sole Trustee of WPGA.

**2108/06** **Planning**

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

**2020/866** – full planning permission for a new tennis pavilion and extension and alterations to tennis courts at Haxey Playing Field, Haxey.

**2020/1862** – refusal of planning permission to erect 2 dwellings with detached garages and part demolition and extension to existing house at 10 Haxey Lane, Haxey.

**2021/338** – full planning permission granted to erect a two-storey side extension to include a garage and new bedroom above and install a new porch structure. Replacement of existing detached garage to rear (amended plans) at White Acre, 24 Nethergate, Westwoodside.

**2021/1032** – outline planning permission to erect a dwelling with all matters reserved for subsequent consideration at 14 Gollands Lane, Westwoodside will be considered by the Planning Committee at their meeting scheduled 08/09.

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

**2021/971** – planning permission to erect an agricultural storage building at land off Low Hall Road, East Lound.

**Resolved – object with the following comments: -**

The proposal site is in the open Countryside LC14. It will be an isolated development set away from the nearest hamlet of East Lound and is subject RD local plan policy.

There is no clear reason for its use other than storage and currently no agricultural or forestry business use for establishing the unit at the site. This will be overdevelopment of the site.

It is not compatible with CS 1 CS2 CS3 RD1 RD2 RD7 of the Local Plan.

**Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded: Cllr Holgate. All in favour.**

**2021/1224** – planning permission to erect three bungalows at 28 Doncaster Road, Westwoodside.

**Resolved – object with the following comments: -**

The site is in the building envelope of Westwoodside and has been cleared of the building that stood there. The street scene is a mix of building types and should not be affected by this proposal. It should

not create any privacy or over-shadowing issues. While a well-presented application, we have concerns as to the density level and would expect the planning department to assess this against current allowances for a rural village.

It is not social or affordable, however given the high level of older people living in Westwoodside it could meet a local need for housing for older people, it might be appropriate to require a condition as to tenancy use.

We note a large number of comments by residents, while it is an untidy site and due to the development in this locality the area would benefit from the developments being completed. This is not a planning consideration; it is more a matter of NLC Neighbourhood Services requiring the site is made tidy.

**Proposed: Cllr Thorpe, seconded: Cllr Parkin. 5 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions.**

**2021/1247** – planning permission for the change of use of land for equestrian purposes and erect stable block and agricultural barn at Alandale, Station Road, Graizelound.

**Resolved – object with the following comments: -**

The stables extend into the open countryside in a linear form outside the curtilage of the property and will impact on its surroundings. It would be more acceptable if it were cluster form within the curtilage of the dwelling.

The Design Access Statement identifies the provision for outdoor sport/recreation and appropriate location, this council does not disagree, however the current layout may impact the character of the area and loss of high value agricultural land.

**Proposed: Cllr Thorpe, seconded: Cllr Holgate. 6 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.**

**2021/1286** – planning permission for the change of use from public house to residential including demolition of restaurant extension at 27 Duke William Hotel, Church Street, Haxey.

**Resolved – object with the following comments: -**

Haxey Parish Council strongly objects to this application and makes the following comments:

This is the fifth such application in a little over three years. PA/2018/104 of January 2018 was withdrawn the following month. PA/2018/814, submitted April 2018, was refused unanimously by NLC Planning Committee in November 2018, an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate was dismissed in October 2019. PA/2020/1354, submitted September 2020, was unanimously refused by NLC Planning Committee as recently as late January this year. PA/1921/240 was submitted the following month, February 2021, and was refused by Notice dated 4 June 2021.

In essence, nothing has changed either in fact or in substance to warrant any differing outcome for this latest application.

The latest Notice (4 June 2021 for PA/2021/240) states as the reason for Refusal:

***The proposal will result in the loss of a valued facility/service within the rural settlement of Haxey. The council does not consider that it has been adequately evidenced that the facility is not economically viable and that all options for its continuance have been fully explored, and that there is no longer a need for the building in any form of community use. Accordingly, the proposal is contrary to paragraph 92 of the National Planning Policy Framework, policy CS22 of the Core Strategy and policy C2 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan.***

Such reason remains entirely extant. No fresh evidence has been produced in respect of economic viability, options for continuance or need for community use.

The current application essentially duplicates that which was refused only two months ago and thus constitutes a misuse of the whole planning process.

The Design and Access Statement dated July 2021 submitted with this current application asserts that ***The Duke William Motel has been financially unviable for over 10 years.*** The Sales Brochure also produced with the current application claims ***Current turnover in the region of £325,000 per annum (split approximately 30% wet sales 70% food and letting) with good profits and huge scope to increase.*** And ***consistently high levels of retail turnover and profitability on restricted hours.***

The first of the applications included the demolition of the main public house building, subsequent applications sought to convert the main pub building into a single private residence. The first three failed applications sought to develop residential properties to the rear (north) and side (east) of the main pub building. The last failed and the current application both relate only to the main pub building including demolition the adjoining restaurant and, whilst not mentioned as such, of outbuildings to the immediate rear. This raises a major concern as to the future of the existing bedroom 'chalets and car park were such pub conversion to take place. Permission to convert the main pub building would give the applicant what could become a rather unassailable toehold, perhaps particularly so were dilapidation to take place, in terms of a subsequent application to develop the rear and side land and thus gain by such a circuitous route that which has so far been totally and utterly dismissed. The overwhelming majority to retain the Duke 'pub', expressed at the Public Meeting held in February 2018, remains convincing evidence of the massive desire to reject this further application.

For around 300 years the Duke has been an important village community 'pub'! Despite having been pointed out a while ago on the face of it the Ownership Certificate in the application form appears to be totally incorrect. The applicant is named as Mr Paul Chapman who is certified in such application form as being the Owner whereas the Owner is actually The Duke William (Haxey) Limited (in which Paul Chapman owns only 50% of the issued share capital). It thus seems likely that this application is not valid. It is again suggested that NLC should investigate whether an offence under section 65 Town & Country Planning Act 1990 has been committed. NLC has been well aware for many months that the applicant is not the owner of the Duke William but does not appear to have challenged the Ownership Certificate.

The Application Form refers to 4 'existing parking spaces', but there do not appear to be any such existing spaces within the area designated by red edging on the plan as submitted?

The applicant claims that "the pub has been financially unviable for 10+ years" and states that accounts to support such claim have been submitted. No such accounts have been made available for public inspection. Why? The Parish Council takes the view that if financial documents are relied upon in support of this application, then all relevant accounts should be made available for public scrutiny. or else reference to them should be expunged and no account of them should be taken by either officers or the committee in their deliberations. The applicant has not produced irrefutable evidence that the facilities of the Duke are no longer economically viable and this application thus fails to satisfy such requirements as laid down in Policy C2 of the Local Plan. If, on the face of unseen accounts, lack of profitability appears to be the case it must be stressed that financial 'unviability' may well be a result of management, absence of investment and reasons other than lack of public support. The bland statement as to the pub's finances does not appear to have been investigated by NLC planners, who seem to take the applicant's claim at face value. This was identified in earlier responses. As the pub and restaurant have now been closed by the applicant for a considerable time, it would not be surprising, relying alone on revenue from the continuing letting of bedrooms, were the business not now to be trading profitable!

There must be concern as to servicing the chalet rooms to the rear (north) of the main pub building were the pub to become a private residence? Were those rooms to be allowed to fall into disrepair such could become the foundation for a further application for planning permission made overall to mirror the earlier two unanimously refused applications? To change the use of this pub to a private house is to court disaster in terms of maintenance and upkeep of the remainder of the current Duke property (that to the rear and east side of the pub building). The fact that the main pub building and restaurant have been 'boarded-up' and allowed by the applicant and/or The Duke William (Haxey) Limited to fall into disrepair so as to create an increasing blight on the street scene is certainly not a reason to support this application. 'Boarding-up' may itself create Health & Safety issues such as lack of fire exits.

On behalf of the owner the applicant himself actually agreed that the main pub and restaurant building be designated an Asset of Community Value (“ACV”). In the previous applications NLC planners do not appear to have attributed either sufficient weight or appropriate importance to such designation. The Duke remains an ACV and must be protected as such. Whether as a Community Owned Pub complex or under different private management and ownership it is believed that the Duke will once again be a vital and vibrant Community Asset. The ‘Sales Particular Cover Letter’ (RTA Business Sales dated 7 December 2009) appearing on the NLC portal is totally meaningless. If anything, it simply shows that draft sales particulars were sent to the applicant and his co-shareholder, Mr A Booth. It provides no evidence whatsoever that the Duke was actually marketed as such. No-one recalls ever seeing either ‘For Sale’ boards or advertisements. It appears to be that there was no real proper effort to sell as a going concern. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that all options for continuance of the pub and restaurant have been fully explored and this application thus fails to satisfy Policy C2. Such also fails as no potential replacement with similar facilities exists.

There can be no conceivable doubt that the Duke William occupies a fundamentally vital position in the historic tradition of Haxey life and community wellbeing including, but by no means only, the Haxey Hood. Just because the applicant has proved unable to manage the business in an attractive profitable manner there is no reason to allow the asset to be lost, to do so would be a condemnation of this generation and its representatives! Conversion of the main pub building to a private house would not constitute or provide Affordable Housing. Conversion to a private residence of the main pub building, which already contains landlord’s accommodation, would make no contribution to the overall housing supply in North Lincolnshire. There is no requirement for what would be a large residence. Although not currently a designated Conservation Area the Duke adjoins a Listed Building and is situated in Haxey’s important historic centre, a fact recognised by the Planning Inspector. The unfortunate effects of the Covid-19 pandemic should not be a major factor in planning decisions affecting future generations. In terms of parking, the application is unclear as to where the siting and access would be. The site plan makes no indication at all.

In terms of the impact on the community from the loss of amenity, the Design and Access Statement makes reference to the alternative public houses within the community albeit one has no off-street parking in an area already blighted by parking difficulties and the other has no restaurant. As a pub and restaurant, the Duke William has been closed since 2019 but within the application there is no statement of measured loss, either financial or social, to the community. So far as concerns tourism - whilst offering a range of facilities for local people, the Duke also provides important amenities for visitors; any loss of even part of such facilities is adversely on attracting visitors to Haxey and its immediate area. Relevant planning policies include: CS1- supporting thriving rural communities and a vibrant countryside through the protection and enhancement of local services, creating opportunities for rural economic diversification and the promotion of tourism. Rural settlements will be supported as thriving sustainable communities, with a strong focus on retaining and enhancing existing local services to meet local needs. Development will be limited. CS2 - contribute towards the creation of locally distinctive, sustainable, inclusive, healthy and vibrant communities. Contribute to achieving sustainable economic development to support a competitive business and industrial sector. CS15 - The loss of leisure, arts or cultural facilities will be permitted only where there are overriding regeneration or community benefits from such a development, in which case consideration must be given to the replacement of the facilities elsewhere. Existing tourist facilities and infrastructure will be protected and enhanced and the development and promotion of sustainable tourism focusing on the area’s natural and built assets will be supported. CS22 - the loss of community facilities or land allocated for such purposes will be resisted, unless there is no longer a need for the land or building in any form of community use, or there is an acceptable alternative means of meeting such need.

**To summarise the Parish Council sees little change in this application.**

A. Decision notice PA/2021/240. The Parish Council formed an opinion that the evidence to support the claim that the business was unviable and that the pub no longer had a community use was unsupported as confirmed in the decision by the Local Authority.

B. The sales brochure only confirms our long-held view that the site has never been properly marketed, the brochure makes statements that support a sales value of £1.1million and it failed to sell as it was most likely an unrealistic value. It is at odds with the planning applications claims it is an unviable business as quoted.

1. Consistently high levels of retail turnover and profitability on restricted hours. The applicants' primary reason for the planning application has been it was a failing business and therefore no alternative use for the site as a business. Local plan C2 have not been fulfilled
2. Widespread local reputation and regular customer base, this has not been supported in statements for planning, quite the opposite it has been a lack of customers that has led a lack of profit.
3. Lots of year-round passing trade benefits. We would not dispute this statement, but consider this element was not capitalised on to the benefit of the business
4. Outstanding freehold price for quick sale, is questionable and to date no independent survey to confirm its value has been produced

C. Interested Party Report. Only records the sales particulars were downloaded, it shows no interest in anyone considering it would be a good investment given the marketing price or that the interest extended beyond a casual enquiry.

We note the comment on the inconsistent planning refusal and take the view, each officer independently views the information and offers his advice. It may also be that certain aspects of an application are not always fully explored. This Parish Council has challenged all aspects of the proposal and consistently commented the areas the Design Access Statement questions.

The property is currently been marketed and the sale value in our view will result in no sale as its sale value is in excess of its market value given it present trading status and condition and unrealistic for the purpose of the local plan.

**Proposed: Cllr Holgate, seconded: Cllr Thorpe. 8 for with 1 abstention.**

**2021/1325** – planning permission to erect a wooden cabin to the rear of property at 9 Craycroft Road, Westwoodside.

**Resolved – no objection with the following comments: -**

Good sized plot that can accommodate this proposal, given the size and height of the proposal should not impact on light or privacy. The proposal is in rear of garden and should not affect the street scene.

**Proposed: Cllr Parkin, seconded: Cllr Thorpe. All in favour.**

**2021/1336** – application for permission in principle to erect up to three dwellings at land adjacent to 51 The Nooking, Haxey.

**Resolved – object with the following comments: -**

**This is a “permission in principle”** and we have been advised by NLC the only considerations are: -

1. Location
2. Land use
3. Amount of development

This site has been the subject of numerous applications to develop the plot.

The proximity to the school is a concern.

Our principal objection is it outside the development limit in the LC14 Isle of Axholme Historic Environment and therefore subject to the Rural development policies of the Local Plan There has been no change to the development limit at this site and until such time as it is included it fails the local plan policy and we consider fails the first test of Location.

It is proposed to build three dwellings in what is a large paddock, it is in our view high value agricultural land and as such should not be developed both local plan and NPPF apply. For the purposes of this application, it fails the test as to land use.

The proposal for three dwellings in the open countryside with no connection to agriculture or forestry is not only inappropriate but introduces excessive dwellings in the open countryside and does not conform to Local plan policies or NPPF.

**Additional information in support of the above: -**

The site is outside the development limits of Haxey, in the historic isle of Axholme landscape LC14 it has not been previously developed. This site has been proposed for inclusion previously in land allocation process but rejected and remains outside the building envelope of Haxey, several applications have also been made to develop but again have been refused, we see nothing that changes these previous decisions. It is our view that until it is included in the building envelope through the proper legal and democratic process, it should be refused. Any application should it be included in the building envelope should then be subject to planning rules relating to rural village policies. This proposal is not consummate with policy CS3, it is subject to CS1, RD1 of the local plan and NPPF 70.

CSI 5.44 Outside the area's rural settlements or in those villages without a defined development limit, the priority will be to maintain and enhance the countryside including the area's landscapes. This will involve limiting future development to the type which needs a countryside setting such as agriculture, forestry, rural diversification and tourism development. It doesn't have any associated agricultural or rural needs, which is required in Rural development section of the local plan to which this application being outside the development limit apply.

CS8 in rural settlements in the countryside and in the open countryside outside development limits, **housing development will be strictly limited.** Consideration will be given to development, which relates to agriculture, forestry or to meet a special need associated with the countryside. All development should not have an adverse impact on the environment or landscape. Development on greenfield sites will only be allowed where it can be demonstrated that this will bring additional community benefits, contributing to building sustainable communities and is acceptable in terms of its impact on the high-quality environment of the urban space and adjoining countryside.

CS3 development limits are clear that gardens and paddocks should be excluded and this is reflected in the current building envelope for this site. We must point out that NPPF 70 is clear, gardens should not be regarded as windfall site's, we feel it equally applies to paddocks and should have the status as recognised in CS3. It remains agricultural and not previously developed and therefore cannot be regarded as best use of land or a windfall site. CS3 • Character - the limit will be drawn to reflect the need to protect and enhance settlement character. This means protecting areas of open space or land with the characteristics of open countryside within and adjacent to settlements by not including them within development limits. Large rear gardens or paddocks stretching well out the villages-built form will also be excluded. The extent of the development limits will be defined in the Housing & Employment Land Allocations Development Plan Documents and shown on the accompanying Proposals Map and settlement insets. Not a windfall site for the purposes of policy this is outside the development limits and is subject RD1 of the local plan. Was it within the defined development limit it would not qualify as it would be subject to planning policy CS3 as it is currently a large paddock? This council in its decision-making is mindful of aiming to protect and enhance the character of the area and we feel this development fails to meet the NLC policies in this respect and Haxey parish plan. No evidence is provided to show the need for this development and it does not fulfil any identified housing need within the parish of Haxey or any other identified need. It is not affordable or social housing and we believe fails the test of CS2. 'Small scale developments within the defined development limits of **rural settlements to meet identified local needs.** Any development that takes place outside the defined development limits of settlements or in rural settlements in the countryside will be restricted. Only development which is essential to the functioning of the countryside will be allowed to take place. This might include uses such as that related to agriculture, forestry or other uses which require a countryside location or which will contribute to the sustainable development of the tourist industry.

**Proposed: Cllr Holgate, seconded: Cllr Parkin. 8 for and 1 against.**

**2021/1352** – planning permission to erect a ground floor side extension at Richmond Hill, 40 Brethergate, Westwoodside.

**Resolved – no objection with the following comments: -**

Large plot that can accommodate the proposal, it should not affect the street scene and should not create any overshadowing or privacy issues.

**Proposed: Cllr Layton, seconded: Cllr Bond. All in favour.**

**2021/1373** – planning permission to vary condition 1 of PA/2011/0540, opening hours to be changed to 9am-5pm Monday to Saturday and 10am-3pm on a Sunday and to remove condition 4 to allow for outside seating at Mowbrays Café, 35 High Street, Haxey.

**Resolved – object with the following comments: -**

Extend opening times currently 9am to 4.30pm Mon to Fri and 10.00 to 2pm Saturday and no bank holidays.

Proposed 9am to 5pm Mon to Sat and 10am to 3pm Sunday.

To have outside seating, to protect amenity of area policy DS1.

There is no clear site plan as to the precise placing of outside seating other than a statement on the forecourt, it does not indicate the number of proposed outside seating or spacing.

This area to the front of the cafe is a sloped concrete area and the only space for off road parking for customers and will only increase problems of on street parking in this location. It would only offer restricted access for mobility issues in good weather. Consideration should be given for improving access to the cafe for people with mobility issues

There are a number of objections which indicate problems with noise and privacy, the council have always been mindful of its setting in a largely residential area.

There are concerns of the parking in the area as this needs to be monitored to ensure residents are not inconvenienced.

The Parish Council accepts the proposed amendment to the opening hours but object to the use of the outside space and therefore object to the full application as it stands.

**Proposed: Cllr Foreman, seconded: Cllr Bond. All in favour.**

**2021/1386** – outline planning permission for a single residential building plot with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent approval at land adjacent to 23 East Lound Road, Haxey.

**Resolved – no objection with the following comments: -**

A large plot that can accommodate the proposal, within the development limits of Haxey.

It is identified in the application as garden and therefore is subject NPPF 70 the local plan does allow for small infill development but fails to recognise the importance of large garden on the character of rural villages.

The DAS 4.1b Policy CS2 states development should be focused on para 3 “Small scale developments within the defined development limits of rural settlements to identified local need”. It is the latter part of this policy that has not been met as no indication as to what type of dwelling is proposed and until this is identified we cannot support the proposal as the only current need for Haxey like most rural villages is social or affordable housing, should it meet this housing need the parish council would support the proposal however if it market housing then it would fail the test for this policy and we cannot support it.

**Proposed: Cllr Carlile, seconded: Cllr Parkin. All in favour.**

**2021/1456** – to erect a double car port at Alma House, Cove Road, Westwoodside.

**Resolved – no objection with the following comments: -**

This is outside the building envelope of Westwoodside in the LC14, while it is proposed to build a double car port it has to be viewed as building as it is enclosed apart from the fronts. The plot is large and can accommodate the proposal; It does form what could be described as cluster form and it should not impact on the LC14.

**Proposed: Cllr Foreman, seconded: Cllr Bond. 9 for with 1 abstention.**

b. Planning Enforcement update

**Land East of Richmond Farm, Station Road, Graizelound** – the timber outbuilding has now been removed. NLC are accessing the expediency of taking further action in respect of further uses of the field.

**Allendale, A161 – containers, horse boxes on site** – PA/2021/1247 on this evening agenda.

**Update on Willow Field and Walkabout Farm** – awaiting a report. An email has been received from the owners of the property to which the Clerk has stated once the report has been received further communication can be arranged. Cllr Carlile added that if the response from NLC is not satisfactory then the Parish Council will look into engagement with the owners and consideration of any further measures to clarify the legal situation at the site.

**Barn, Upperthorpe Road, Westwoodside** – Officer currently on leave, therefore no report received.

**2108/07 Clerks Report**

- a. Clerk to contact NLC about the overgrown hedges on Upperthorpe Road which are blocking access to the footpath. This has been reported several times.
- b. Confirmation that the Police & Crime Commission Engagement Officers have been made redundant. It was stated that this was a great loss as Claire Welford had provided a good interface with the previous PCC.
- c. Publication of Notice of an Order for a Public Path Creation, BR119.
- d. NLC Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21.
- e. NLC Joint Walk Programme Sept 21-March 22.
- f. ERNLLCA National Resilience Strategy Call for Evidence.
- g. NLC Highway updates. The Clerk has complained to Cllr Rose and Cllr Waltham with regard to the lack of information on the portal responses from operatives. Cllr Waltham has stated that this has been reviewed and Clerks should see a difference. The job for 3 pot holes logged has been closed but the pot holes are not repaired. Clerk to chase up with Cllrs Rose and Waltham.
- h. CPRE Membership renewal – agenda item for the next meeting.
- i. Handyman job list – Clerk to provide a list for the handyman for September.

**Resolved** – the handyman will include minor works for the PFA's as and when required. **Proposed: Cllr Bond, seconded: Cllr Thorpe. All in favour.**

**Improvement / Projects**

**2108/08 To consider a parish heritage exhibition centre, room or display determining actions required.**

A response has been received from the owner of the old BT exchange in Haxey stating that they would consider the future of the building. A Memorial Hall meeting has been scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> September when the item will be discussed. Both Haxey Parish Council and We Live Here Haxey could work together on the project. Further discussion at subsequent meetings.

**Highways / Neighbourhood Services / North Lincolnshire Council items.**

**2108/09 To be notified of the correspondence with regard to a noise complaint to NLC determining any actions required.**

The Parish Council have been copied in on all emails sent to NLC Environmental Department. The resident complaining about the noise has received no communication from NLC and again asked the Parish Council for assistance. The Clerk has forwarded this request to Ward Cllrs to pursue with the Environment Department.

Clerk was asked not to forward all the correspondence of videos and recordings but to keep a note to report back at meetings of progress with the complaint.

**2108/10 To determine actions required with regard to the ASB and litter issues within the parish.**



A meeting has been arranged with NLC and the Police to discuss the ongoing issues on Thursday (2 Sep 21). The results of the meeting will be reported back to the Council.

Cllr Carlile stated that he has been in contact with some residents with regard to the ASB and the litter particularly at Blackmoor Bridge. The CCTV is now working again and the litter is being dealt with. Cllr Carlile stated that he was pleased that the residents had been engaging which has resulted in some actions being taken by the Police and NLC. Thanks, were also given to the members of the public that had helped clear the site.

**2108/11** To consider the request with regard to the longevity of the Epworth verge and PROW cutting, determining actions required.

**Resolved** – the Parish Council will continue with the agreed and in force contract between NLC and Haxey Parish Council.

**Proposed: Cllr Carlile, seconded: Cllr Orton. All in favour.**

### **Reports / Updates**

**2108/12** To receive a report from the Ward Councillors on activities within North Lincolnshire Council.

Apologies received from the Ward Cllrs. A report had been provided to the Clerk and circulated to members.

**1. Willow Fields** – a full report was provided.

**2. Highways** – The Nooking, Greenhill and Turbary Road (to Coneygarth Farm) have now been resurfaced. Further work on the A161 should re-commence in September.

**3. Idle Bank** – A meeting has taken place with consultants to discuss options for incorporating passing places in Idle Bank Road between Cove Road and Park Drain Crossing on the B1396 to overcome passing problems encountered with HGVs. The concerns of residents about the routes taken through Westwoodside and Haxey by HGVs which are causing disturbance was also discussed with a view to examine possible alternative options.

**4. Blackmoor Road bridge** – Following complaints about the problems with youths congregating under the bridge and subsequent litter/rubbish nuisance and wall damage, arrangements were made for the litter/rubbish to be removed and for the provision of new bin bags.

PC Sarah Jackson was contacted via email and an email received from a resident showing photos of the problem site was forwarded to her. Following this Police Notices have been put up at the site. North Lincolnshire Council has also installed a new metal handrail to replace the broken wooden handrail.

**5. Haxey Library** – the library is now open:

Monday 14.00 – 17.00

Tuesday 09.00 – 12.00

Friday 09.00 – 12.00

**6. Electric Car Chargers** – we have recently received a government grant and 22 additional chargers will be located across North Lincs including two chargers on Church Street, Epworth.

Cllr Thorpe stated that a drainage survey was undertaken on the Nooking prior to the road works commencing which delayed the works. Drainage issues were supposed to be rectified prior to any works but this did not happen and has resulted in the flooding still be a major concern. In some cases, the drains have been infilled with tar? Cllr Thorpe contacted Cllr Rose to look into this. Clerk to chase for an update.

**2108/13** To receive a report from the Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee.

A meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August. The minutes will be circulated in due course.

**2108/14** To receive an update on Westwoodside Pond determining any actions required.

Clerk to contact the Pond Lights Committee to find out why the aerator is not working.

### **General Items**

**2203/15** To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Clerk to be informed of any items by 20<sup>th</sup> September.

- 2108/16** To notify the Clerk of any items to be included in the information to be placed into the Arrow.  
Clerk to add information with regard to the Parish Councils involvement in trying to rectify the issues on Blackmoor Bridge in either the September or October edition of the Arrow.
- 2108/17** To consider Remembrance Day celebrations for 2021.  
Clerk has applied for the road closure for 11/11/21.  
Clerk to ask Cllr Booth to provide the procedure and requirements for the Celebrations to allow Cllrs to consider taking on the organisation of this years and future years events. The Clerk will carry out all administration for the event.  
Cllr Layton offered to remove the poppies. Clerk to check with Cllr Booth.
- 2108/18** To be notified of correspondence received for the Queens Platinum Celebrations June 2022 determining actions required.  
Clerk to forward the information again to Cllrs.  
Clerk to find out why the Inter mowing team have not cut the area between the Haxey village sign and the tower on Tower Hill.
- 2108/19** To consider attendance to the WW2 Lancaster Crew Memorial at Owston Ferry on 18<sup>th</sup> September.  
Cllrs Harris & Knowles to attend. Clerk to inform the organiser.
- 2108/20** To consider the request to submit a letter of support for Haxey Tennis Club and to submit on their behalf a funding bid to the FCC Communities Foundation.  
**Resolved** – letter of support to be provided to the Tennis Club.  
**Resolved** – submit the funding bid to the FCC Communities Foundation.
- 2108/21** To receive the closed churchyard memorial safety report determining any actions required.  
The report was circulated prior to the meeting. One memorial has been identified as in need of repair.  
Clerk to inform the PCC of the one repair that is required.  
**Resolved** – repair to the memorial as per the quote received.  
**Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded: Cllr Holgate. 9 for with 1 abstention.**
- 2108/22** To consider attendance to the ERNLLCA AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.  
Cllrs Carlile & Knowles along with the Clerk will attend the online event. Clerk to inform ERNLLCA.
- 2108/23** To receive the Best Kept Village competition results determining any actions required.  
Clerk to question why Haxey Playing Field was included as this was not on the entry form.  
Two representatives from Low Burnham will be attending. Cllrs Knowles and Smedley to be put forward to attend from Haxey.
- 2108/24** To determine the response to the Flood Risk Questionnaire.  
It was agreed that Cllr Knowles will complete on behalf of the Parish Council.  
**Finance**
- 2108/25** To receive a copy of the Financial Statement up to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021.  
Item noted.
- 2108/26** To consider attendance to the ERNLLCA training seminars – Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, 7<sup>th</sup> September and Finance training, several date options.  
Items noted, no attendance requested.
- 2108/27** To receive the completed AGAR determining any actions required.  
The Clerk was thanked for a clear report requiring no further action.
- 2108/28** To consider the cost of the SLA for emptying the litter bin on Dr Dysons Garden.  
**Resolved** – SLA approved at a cost of £96 for the remainder of the year.  
**Proposed: Cllr Orton, seconded: Cllr Layton. All in favour.**
- 2108/29** To be notified of the Insurance renewal and determine actions required.

**Resolved** – insurance renewal approved. This is the second year of the 3-year agreement.

**Proposed: Cllr Layton, seconded: Cllr Orton. All in favour.**

**2108/30 Grant Requests**

**Expenditure**

**2108/31** To approve the following accounts.

Salary, expenses & admin		
H M Revenue	Employers NI	
JB Rural Services	Verges cuts	£354.00
		£1,110.00
		£582.00
		£354.00
VANL	Membership renewal	£20.00
Lincolnshire Lowland Search &	Donation	£10.00
Kyanite	Website	£147.16
		£43.20
PKF Littlejohn	External audit fee	£480.00
Serenity Memorials	Closed churchyard memorial checks	£2,118.00
Graham Kelsey	Allotment dyke clearance	£880.37
Axholme Wildlife Management	Pest control	£40.00
Handyman	August jobs	£120.00
Arrow Publication	Local magazine	£108.00
NS Groundcare	Verge/parish grass cutting	£135.00
		£315.00
		£1,495.00
		£1,495.00
		£315.00
		£60.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance renewal	£957.69
BT	Phone & Broadband	£64.98
Total Expenditure 31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2021		£ 3,775.11

**Resolved** – approval of the monthly accounts for payment.

**Proposed: Cllr Holgate, seconded: Cllr Parkin. 9 for with 1 abstention.**

**2108/32** The time and date of the next meeting is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at 7pm at The Foreman Carter Centre.

**2108/33** To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed.

**Resolved** – the meeting was closed to the public and press who were asked to leave the room.

**Proposed: Cllr Layton, seconded: Cllr Orton. All in favour.**

Cllr Carlile declared a personal interest.

**Parish Land** – a discussion took place with regard to the 3 options for the land and the tenant has specified the preferred course of action.

**Resolved** – permission was not granted. Clerk to inform the tenant.

**Proposed: Cllr Orton, seconded: Cllr Parkin. 5 for, 3 against and 2 abstentions.**

**Appendix A****Summary of continuing and newly agreed actions.**

<b>Minute number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Review Date / Completion Date</b>
2011/254	Repair of Greenhill wall – NLC are responsible for these costs.	Repairs have now been completed although there is some tidying up to do on one area of repair.
2013/245	Cemetery requirements	On-going
	NHP – future development plans	On-going – approval for designated area. Volunteer request. Waiting on completion of the NLC Local Plan.
	WWS Pond ducks/rats	Actions taken on the rats. Monitor & Ongoing actions.
2014/81	Gollands Lane Traffic	On-going
2014/177	Enforcement Issues	On-going
2001/22	Parish Beacon	Slabs to be laid, basket to be painted and plaque to be sourced.

**Appendix B – Abbreviations**

AA	Allotment Association
CCC	Caravan & Camping Club
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
Cllrs	Councillors
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
WLHH	We Live Here Haxey
WPFA	Westwoodside Playing Field Association
WPFMC	Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee
WWS	Westwoodside