

NOTES

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Hemingby Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 18th January 2018
Village Hall Hemingby at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Bryant (Vice Chair), Cllr A Kemp, Cllr S Chapman and Cllr J Harrison

In Attendance: Mrs. A. Bushell (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public

1. Chairman's remarks

Cllr Bryant welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that he would be chairing the meeting in the absence of Cllr Rodwell.

2. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

Apologies were received and reasons given were accepted from Cllr D Rodwell and Cllr J MacInnes. Cllr C Logan was absent.
PCSO Wass had also sent apologies.

3. Declaration of Member's interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and requests from members for a dispensation on any items on the agenda

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared in matters on the agenda, which had not already been declared to the Monitoring Officer at ELDC.

4. Notes of the meeting held on 16th November 2017 to be approved as the minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Chapman, seconded by Cllr Kemp and unanimously RESOLVED to accept the notes as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. Report of the Clerk and Councillors on matters outstanding.

The following matter was reported on:

London-Edinburgh-London cycle ride: The Clerk read out an e-mail which had been received from the organiser of the event. The organiser had suggested that the village could be involved in the 2021 event by running a refreshment stop from the village hall as the riders pass through overnight on the Sunday. The organiser offered to pay for the food and drink, and provide stuff like banners and t-shirts, and he also offered to pay for the hall hire. All that the village would have to do would be to provide the volunteers.

Councillors commented that it sounded promising, but it was a bit early to commit the village into doing something that was 3 years away. The Clerk was asked to find out when the organiser needed firm details of Hemingby's involvement with the 2021 event, and then the matter could be discussed in detail nearer the time and advertised in the village magazine.

6. Reports from District, County Councillor and the Police

District Cllr Andrews: commented that his report had been missed from the notes from the previous meeting, the Clerk apologised but commented that she didn't think he was in attendance although she admitted that he was listed as attending in the notes. Cllr Andrews reported that there had been some issues with resident's wheelie bins not being emptied and he had spoken to the Area Manager and this had been due to frozen bins. Anyone whose bin does

not get emptied was told to contact ELDC Customer Services who would arrange for the bin to be emptied. He also spoke about two consultations which were out at the moment and these were the East Lindsey Local Plan Modification Order, and the ELDC budget consultation. ELDC was proposing a 3.75% increase in Council Tax which was equivalent to £4.95 per year to those living in a Band D home.

County Cllr Bradwell: reported that she had come to the Parish Council meeting straight from the Coastal Highway engagement session being held in Horncastle. She explained what the engagement session was all about and provided some feedback from the session. Cllr Bradwell told the meeting that the Government had launched a campaign on Fairer Funding and a consultation on this was currently underway, and LCC was happy that the Government had agreed to do something. There was also a draft AONB consultation active at the moment, and Cllr Bradwell agreed to send a link to this consultation to the Clerk. It was also reported that the European Development Fund was giving grants to business projects and it would be the last chance to apply for one of the grants before Brexit.

7. Reports from the Village Hall and Play Area Committees

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Kemp reported that the usual Christmas events had gone well, and there had been an impromptu Folk concert evening that had been very enjoyable. He reported that improvements to the village hall would be starting the following week and he explained what the refurbishments were and confirmed that the work would not interrupt any of the events already booked to take place in the hall.

Play Area Committee: Cllr Bryant reported that the Children's Christmas party had gone well and lots of positive comments had been received. The annual Fashion Show was booked for April, and the 100 Club was continuing, and things were all going well apart from the Committee had nobody to cut the play area grass at the moment.

8. To consider and respond to planning application S/082/02405/17 – Eastgate House, Green Lane

Nobody had any objections, it was therefore proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to support the application to extend and alter the existing dwelling.

9. To consider items of correspondence received since the last meeting

The Council noted the following items of correspondence which had been received since the last meeting and were available to read on request:

1. East Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for a financial contribution
2. LALC – updated model Standing Orders
3. Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Services – Lincolnshire Wolds Facilities Guide. *They have requested that the Parish Council can let them have any alterations required to the leaflet by 31st January.*
4. Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2018 Magazine
5. NALC – Information about the new diversity commission and a link to a survey about diversity which councillors are being requested to complete – *E-mailed to councillors*
6. LALC – Training events scheduled for 2018 – *Councillors to inform the Clerk if they would like to attend a training event.*

7. Church Lane resident – Letter regarding High Speed Broadband in Hemingby – *Letter scanned in and e-mailed with the agenda*

The letter regarding superfast broadband was considered, and councillors agreed that it seemed ludicrous that such a small section of the village had not benefitted from the broadband upgrade, and they couldn't believe that work couldn't be done to provide superfast broadband to this section of the village. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to write to BT and ask why the properties in Church Lane had not benefitted from the broadband upgrade, and ask for this area to be upgraded. The Clerk was also asked to send a copy of the letter sent to BT to Victoria Atkins MP.

10. To receive an update on Winter Preparations

Cllr Chapman reported that he had checked the village grit bins and there was plenty of grit in them; and one of the bins contained a bucket and shovel as residents had been using the grit on corners on frosty days. It was agreed that there was nothing else to be done at the current time.

11. To award the 2018 grass cutting contract for the verges and parish footpath to Andy Jackson at a total cost of £450.00

Members were informed that Andy Jackson had kept the price for cutting the verges and footpath the same for the past 8 years. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to award the grass cutting contract for 2018 to Andy Jackson at a cost of £450.00 (£375 grass verges and £75 parish footpath).

12. To receive a financial report

The Council received a financial report and the Vice Chairman signed the bank reconciliation and bank statement.

13. To approve the budget and set the precept for 2018/19

Members considered the draft budget which proposed a 6% increase which would mean an additional £1.26 per year to residents. The Clerk explained what the changes to the budget were and she answered questions.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to adopt a balanced budget of £2,486 and set the precept for 2018/19 at £2,046.

14. To consider and respond to the following consultations:

a. East Lindsey Local Plan Main Modifications

It was agreed that councillors would respond to this consultations as individuals.

b. Building Communities of Specialist Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Lincolnshire

It was agreed not to respond to this consultation.

15. Items for the next Agenda

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 15th March, the following items were suggested for this agenda:

- To appoint an Internal Auditor
- Highways update on Green Lane gullies
- To confirm arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting
- To receive the update from BT on superfast Broadband

The Chairman declared the meeting closed 8.22pm

Notes from the Public Forum (7.30pm – 7.45pm)

- Cllr Bryant read out a letter from a resident regarding the recent broadband upgrade in the village. The resident that had written the letter to the Parish Council commented that he had been pleased when BT had installed the new box in the village so that all residents would benefit from faster broadband, but this was not the case, and the properties closest to the box were not benefitting from the upgrade because these properties in Church Lane were still served by a cable underneath the road.
- Another resident commented that the gulleys at the side of the road on Green Lane had still not been filled in and were therefore still unsafe. Cllr Bradwell offered to bring the Highways Officer out to the village to show him the issue, and residents and councillors informed her that they would be grateful if she would arrange this. She agreed to e-mail the Clerk to let her know when the visit would take place.
- A member of the public spoke about the amount of litter present on Baumber Road and he informed the meeting that he had litter picked the area on the Sunday and it was as bad again by the Tuesday. It was felt that it was drivers using the road as a cut through that were dropping rubbish. Residents were asked to keep a look out and report any incidents to the District Council.