NOTES

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Hemingby Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 12th July 2018
Village Hall Hemingby at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr D Rodwell (Chair), Cllr A Kemp, Cllr J Mac Innes, Cllr C Bryant and Cllr J Harrison

In Attendance: Mrs. A. Bushell (Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public, District Cllr Andrews and County Cllr Bradwell

1. Chairman’s remarks
Cllr Rodwell welcomed everyone to the meeting and he and the Clerk apologised to County Cllr Bradwell for not inviting her in good time to the previous meeting.

2. Apologies for absence and reasons given.
Apologies were received, and reasons given were accepted from Cllr Chapman. Cllr Logan was absent.

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
Cllr Rodwell declared an interest in item 11c. There were no other 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 annual meeting held on 24th May to be approved as the minutes.
It was proposed by Cllr Kemp, seconded by Cllr Mac Innes and unanimously RESOLVED to accept the notes as a true record of the meetings. The Chairman signed the minutes.

There were no outstanding matters reported.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors
County Cllr Bradwell reported that additional teams were making progress with repairing the roads, but there were still potholes occurring, so it was still important to report them. Highways were looking at putting stone between the road edge and the verge on minor roads to stop roads eroding away. LCC had started consulting on-line on the route of the Coastal Highway because it was important for work on the scheme to start soon in order to secure funding. Cllr Bradwell commented that the by-pass wouldn’t really affect Hemingby, and she mentioned that Wragby didn’t want to be by-passed because it felt it would impact on the village. She also mentioned that the A153/A158 traffic light junction in Horncastle was over capacity, so improvement work was needed there.
District Cllr Andrews reported that the Chief Executive of ELDC – Stuart Davy was taking early retirement at the end of September. The Local Plan would be going to full Council the following week to be adopted; and he mentioned that Horncastle Town Council had been given power to determine minor planning applications. It was initially a 12-month trial which might be rolled out to other councils if it was successful.
7. Reports from the Village Hall and Play Area Committees

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Kemp reported that this year’s Flower and Vegetable show would include free tea, cake and coffee in memory of the late Terry Salmon who left a contribution to the Hall in his will. The Doughty Material sale would take place in September, and a date had been set for the Lincoln Red Evening. The issue of the outside light at the village hall had been addressed by installing a timer and they were looking into solar powered outside lights. Two rural touring dates had been awarded to the hall for 2019.

Play Area Committee: An event was being planned for 9th September to raise funds. The 100 club renewals were going well, and the Committee was in a financially good position. The Play Area was looking tidy and Community Lincs would be using the play area for safety training at the end of September.

8. Update on the grips in the verges on Green Lane

The Chairman reported that the grips were silting over nicely. Highways would be coming back to the village to do the two grips which they promised to do, so no further action was needed.

9. Further update from BT on superfast Broadband in the village

The Chairman spoke about his experience with trying to get superfast broadband at his home, and he raised concerns to County Cllr Bradwell about the information coming from the Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Manager at LCC. It was agreed that it was frustrating that most of the village could get superfast broadband and it was just 6 properties that couldn’t, and these were the properties closest to the cabinet which had superfast access. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to go back to Victoria Atkins MP and inform her that the matter had still not been resolved and ask her to take it up with the Broadband Minister.

10. Correspondence

a) 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. Victoria Atkins MP – Invite for Councillors to celebrate the centenary of women’s suffrage – E-mailed to Councillors, no-one was available to attend.

2. LALC News – E-mailed to Councillors

3. Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2018 Magazine

4. Information about ‘Catch the Bus week’ community tour – Leaflets delivered to Doug and bus visited Hemingby on Thursday 5th July (advertised in village magazine)

5. ELDC Town and Parish E-newsletter – E-mailed to Councillors

The Chairman thanked Marie and Graham Marshall and his wife Joy for their assistance with Catch the Bus week which took place in the village hall, and he commented that it was nice to have a local bus service and he encouraged residents to use it. It was mentioned that young people who were registered with Call Connect were able to travel for £1 during the school holidays.

b) To decide if anyone will attend the LALC AGM and Conference at a cost of £10 per delegate

It was agreed that nobody would attend the LALC AGM & Conference.

11. Financial Matters
a) To resolve to pay the Clerk’s Wages for the period of 1st April to 30th June
It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to pay the Clerk’s wages of £334.00 for the period of 1st April to 30th June.

b) To resolve to pay the Clerk’s expenses
It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to pay the Clerk £15.97 for expenses incurred.

c) To resolve to reimburse Cllr Rodwell for ink purchased to print the village magazine
It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to reimburse Cllr Rodwell with the sum of £32.47.

d) To resolve to pay Page Paper for paper purchased for the village magazine
It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to pay the Page Paper invoice for £26.10.

e) To receive a financial report
The Council received a financial report and the Chairman signed the bank reconciliation and bank statement. The Clerk reported that a couple of companies had decided not to renew their magazine adverts and she was asked to chase up the companies which had still not paid for theirs.

12. To review the Council’s Complaint Procedure
It was confirmed that no changes had been made to the Complaints Procedure since it was adopted in 2015. The procedure was reviewed, and no changes were made to it.

13. Items for the next Agenda
The next meeting would be held on Thursday 20th September, the following items were suggested for this agenda:
- Further update on BT superfast broadband issue
- GDPR rules relating to cameras (raised during the public forum).

The Chairman declared the meeting closed 8.11pm

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

The following issues were raised by members of the public:
- Litter continues to be a problem on Baumber Road and people were asked to keep an eye on the issue. The fly tipping had been cleared, but there was no further update on getting a bin in the lay-by on Caistor High Street. District Cllr Andrews agreed to chase this up.
- Cameras on private properties that record someone else’s property need to be registered with ICO in order to comply with the GDPR. It was agreed that this statement would be checked out and if true would be put in the village magazine.
- The Lindsey Trail wooden information board on land off Green Lane needed a varnish. Nobody knew who it belonged to as it was provided by a one-off grant and there was no provision for future maintenance. It was questioned whether the person who raised the matter would varnish it to show community spirit.