

Hemingby Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 17th January 2019
Village Hall Hemingby at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Bushell (Parish Clerk), 6 members of the public and District Cllr David Andrews

1. Chairman's remarks

Cllr Rodwell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those people who had also attended the fire safety event which had taken place earlier in the evening which had been very useful.

2. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies with reason given were accepted from Cllr Logan. County Cllr Bradwell 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 or requests for a dispensation.

4. Notes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2018 to be approved as the minutes

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

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

There were no outstanding matters reported.

6. Reports from District Councillor, County Councillor and the Police

District Councillor Andrews reported that Rob Barlow had been appointed as the new Chief Executive. The renewal of the green waste service for residents had started. Cllr Andrews assured the meeting that he had been reporting the need for a litter bin on Caistor High Street, but as it wasn't his patch it was proving more difficult to get one installed. The next meeting of ELDC had been postponed until 6th March to accommodate the delay with the Police setting their precept.

District Cllr D Andrews left the meeting at 7.40pm and did not return.

7. Reports from the Village Hall and Play Area Committees

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Kemp reported that he had missed the last Village Hall meeting, but he was aware that a good profit had been made from Christmas lunch, and the sing along event had been well attended. He commented that it was good to see the hall busy over the Christmas period. Details were given of the upcoming events.

Play Area Committee: Cllr Bryant reported that the children's Christmas party had gone well and been well attended. Some repairs were needed to the play equipment and these were in hand. The Committee would next meet in February when it would discuss launching the 2019 fundraising campaign to replenish the funds to be spent on the repairs.

8. Update on superfast broadband in the village

The Chairman thanked those residents who had taken part in gathering wi-fi speeds information to pass to County Councillor Bradwell to pass onto to Steve Brooks at LCC. The information had showed that much lower broadband speeds were being received in Church Lane compared to the rest of the village.

9. Update on winter preparations

The grit being provided by LCC had not yet been delivered, so the Clerk agreed to chase this up. It was reported that a couple of new residents to the village had offered to assist with snow clearance. The grit bins in the village had been checked and they were a 1/3 full but the grit was a bit solid so needs breaking up.

10. To award the 2019 grass cutting contract for the verges and parish footpath to Andy Jackson at a total cost of £350.00

Members were informed that Andy Jackson had reduced the price for cutting the verges and footpath for 2019. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to award the grass cutting contract for 2019 to Andy Jackson at a cost of £350.00 because he had reduced the price and did a good job.

11. 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. LALC News – *E-mailed to councillors*
2. Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2019 Magazine
3. ELDC Town and Parish E-newsletter – *E-mailed to councillors*
4. Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service – Lincolnshire Wolds Local Facilities guide
5. Citizens Advice Lindsey – request for funding
6. LCC County News magazine – Winter/Spring 2018-19 issue
7. Community Liaison Group – Biscathorpe-2 Oil Drilling Operation – Information about the group and a copy of the bulletin which we have been asked to circulate – *E-mailed to councillors with the agenda*
8. LALC – Request for nominations for councillors who have served as Chairmen to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 29 May 2019 – *Copy of e-mail sent to councillors with the agenda*. AGREED to nominate Cllr J Harrison.

12. Financial Matters

a) To receive a financial report

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

b) To resolve to pay the Page Paper invoice for £26.10 for paper for the village magazine

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to approve the payment to Page Paper.

13. To approve the budget and set the precept for 2019/20

Members considered the draft budget which proposed leaving the precept at the same amount as set in 2018/19 which meant a 24 pence per year or 1.09% increase to residents because the number of band D properties had reduced.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to adopt a balanced budget of £2,444 and set the precept for 2019/20 at £2,046.

14. To agree the theme for the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April 2019

The Chairman explained that two suggestions had been received. These were: inviting the candidates who were standing in the East Lindsey District Council elections in May to attend the meeting and introduce themselves; and inviting the U3A to speak about their organization and activities.

AGREED to go with the first suggestion and invite the ELDC election candidates to attend.

15. Items for the next Agenda

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 21st March 2019. The following items were suggested:

- To appoint an internal auditor
- Review of winter arrangements
- Further update on superfast broadband
- To meet one of the Directors from 'JoeFest'

The Chairman declared the meeting closed 8.00pm

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

- Positive comments were received about the Fire Safety event hosted by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue prior to the meeting.
- A resident asked whether public money had been spent on the electricity connection application at Bicker Fen, and District Cllr Andrews explained that ELDC had refused the application but had not defended its decision at appeal. Cllr Bryant commented that it was a very sensitive issue amongst landowners.
- A resident asked if a note could be put in the village magazine about using the bin in the bus shelter to dispose of dog waste as the one opposite the village hall was frequently overflowing.
- It was asked if anything could be done about widening the footpath to the Church from the Church Lane end of the village. It was commented that it was almost impassable. The Clerk agreed to report this matter to County Cllr Bradwell to see if she could arrange anything.
- Potholes outside the pub and church were reported, and the Clerk agreed to report these to LCC.