

HEMINGBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Doug Rodwell (Chair), Mrs Amanda Bushell (Clerk), County Councillor Patricia Bradwell, District Councillor David Andrews, PCSO Nigel Wass and 18 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed residents and thanked them for attending. He also welcomed Anna Richards from Lincolnshire NHS Trust.

2. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Tim Beeth, Sue Sutcliffe, James Sutcliffe, Carolin Blondel, Martin Blondel and Alan Kemp.

3. To read, approve and sign the notes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 27th April 2017

The Chairman asked if everybody had seen the notes of last year's meeting and it was proposed by Jo Mac Innes, seconded by Marie Newmarch and unanimously resolved to accept them as being a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the notes.

4. Chairman's Report on Parish Council activities for the last year

The Chairman commented that he had had the privilege of being Chairman of the Parish Council since 2001 and at times it had been difficult to fit this around his other community duties and work, but since he had recently retired he was hoping to have more time to carry out his various duties, and hopefully find time for some relaxation.

He reported that the past year had been a quiet time in the community, which felt at odds with what was happening elsewhere in the world. He spoke about the flood alleviation scheme which was now complete and had been recently tested due to some appalling weather and it had operated as designed and property had been safeguarded. Around fifty residents were given a tour of the site by John Harrison which had been greatly appreciated by those that took part in the visit, and John was thanked for giving up his time to do this. The Chairman also reported that the redesign of the village website had been completed last year, which also meant that it was now much easier to upload documents onto it, which was good news for the Parish Council as it was now required to post all documents relevant to meetings and financial information online. He reminded residents that the website existed for the benefit of residents and not solely for use by the Parish Council. The Parish Council had supported Lincolnshire County Council in its campaign for Fairer Funding, and he commented that one area that desperately needed funding was pothole repairs as he could not recall a time when roads in the county were as bad as they were now. Residents were encouraged to report potholes either online, or through the Parish Council for those who do not have access to a computer.

The Chairman finished his report by thanking his fellow councillors, Amanda the Clerk, all those people who work so hard in the individual groups and committees and his wife Joy who continued to support in every way. He also thanked residents for their continued contribution and support which added to the vibrancy of the village.

5. Report on Parish Council finances

The clerk announced that copies of the council's accounts had been circulated around the room and she ran through them. The bank balance as at 31/03/2018 was £1,141.98 which included £333.32 earmarked for election costs, the receipts for 2017/18 financial year were £2,499.12 of which £1,909.00 was the precept. Payments were £2,264.97.

6. Reports from representatives from the Play area Committee and the Village Hall committee

Village Hall Committee: Marie Newmarch gave the village hall report in the absence of Alan Kemp. Thanks were given to the late Terry Salmon who had left money to the Village Hall in his will. There had been a change of Treasurer during the past year, and details were given of the events which had taken place in the hall during the previous 12 months. Marie commented that it was a great hall used for a diverse range of events. Both Doug and Marie were thanked for securing grants to improve the hall.

Play Area Committee: Charlie Bryant was pleased to report that the Committee was in good fettle, but the play area was not in as good a condition as would have liked but some of this was weather related and out of the control of the Committee. The play equipment had recently been cleaned and the paintwork would be touched up. Lots of positive comments had been received from users of the play area and the Committee was very proud of the facility. Charlie thanked the committee members for their hard work, and he gave details of forthcoming fundraising events. New members were encouraged to come forward and attend the AGM being held in May. It was reported that the Committee was in a good place and it had a healthy bank balance. A new mower would be purchased shortly as the maintenance of the grass would now be carried out by committee members and volunteers.

7. Reports from PCSO, District Councillor and County Councillor

County Councillor Patricia Bradwell reported that she had been very proud to be elected in 2017, and she tried her best to attend every Hemingby Parish Council meeting. She spoke about the Fairer Funding Campaign, the Wellbeing Service, LCC's Capital Programme and the Coastal Highway. Cllr Bradwell explained that LCC had acknowledged that the county had a huge problem with potholes so had appointed a few extra teams to deal with the backlog. Cllr Bradwell was meeting weekly with the leader of LCC to discuss highways issues and get assurance that potholes were being repaired. It was explained that the bad winter had made the matter worse. Residents were encouraged to report potholes to LCC as Lincolnshire had such a large road network, Highways Officers couldn't spot every pothole without assistance from the public. Cllr Bradwell was made aware of a dangerous pothole on the A158 which she agreed to report and she was asked whether LCC had any initiatives to deal with roadside litter in areas where there wasn't a local community to clear up.

District Councillor David Andrews commented that it had been a honour and a privilege to be the District Councillor for another year and he had always been made welcome when attending events in the village. He mentioned the East Lindsey Local Plan which he had reported at last year's meeting would be in place by October 2017, but this had not happened, but he assured the meeting that it would be in operation by October this year. Cllr Andrews reported that the NPPF was being updated and this year all the District Councillors had been given Community Grants to award within their wards, so any community organisation that needed some funds was encouraged to apply. He mentioned an issue with Green wheelie bins

not being emptied over Christmas and he agreed to pass back the issue of litter along A roads to the waste team at ELDC.

PCSO Wass reported that there had recently been a 'Friends against Scams' course held in the village which had received good feedback. The Horncastle and Wragby Neighbourhood Policing team was now up to full strength with three PCSOs and a Beat Manager; and there had been four incidents which had occurred in Hemingby this year which had been reported to the Police. Residents were encouraged to note the details of any suspicious vehicles as it was coming up to the time of year when criminals became active. Details were given of ways to prevent crime. PCSO Wass commented that Hemingby continued to be one of the best villages that he visited.

8. To speak with Anna Richards from United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust about hospital services, plans and developments

Anna introduced herself and explained that United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust (ULHT) ran the largest hospitals in Lincolnshire, but she was attending this meeting on behalf of the whole NHS so that she could take back comments about other hospitals and GP surgeries. Anna explained that she had visited a lot of parishes during the past 18 months to listen to a wide variety of people and the issues that they had experienced with the NHS, and she was trying to get a feel of what happens in Lincolnshire, of what works and what doesn't work. She reported that she would be leaving leaflets for residents to take, and she was keen to hear from residents of their experiences. Anna spoke about data that had been released which showed long waiting times for A&E in March, and this was a lot to do with the bad weather, discharging patients and the capacity of A&E departments. She reported that retention rates for staff in Lincolnshire were good, but the goal posts kept changing. ULHT was working with East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) to improve ambulance change overs. Residents spoke about their hospital experiences which Anna noted. It was reported that the NHS would be ending the year with eighty million pounds of debt, and there was currently an enormous piece of work underway to digitise patient records, and link hospital and GP surgeries computer systems together. Anna spoke about walk in medical centres, the '111' service, patients with disabilities, and the amazing support which the NHS received from LIVES.

Anna thanked residents for all their feedback and Anna was thanked by residents for attending the meeting to speak to them.

9. Any points that any parishioner may wish to raise.

A resident mentioned that the two post boxes in the village had the wrong plaques on them which needed to be swapped over as they were giving the wrong information. It was agreed that Royal Mail would be contacted.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and he closed the meeting at 8.40pm.