

HUNDLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th FEBRUARY 2020

In the Chair

Mrs. P Badley

Councillors present:

Mr. M Badley, Dr D Cartwright, Ms. L Corten- Miller Mr. M Dales, Mr. A Foster,

Mr. P Maddison and Ms J Slaymaker.

1. Apologies.

County Councillor B Aron sent apologies, all Cllrs were present.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Corton-Miller declared an interest in item regarding tree pruning at 51 Main Road and Cllr Dales declared an interest in item 7 regarding the request for change of use for the property at the Old Reservoir on Raithby Hill.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 6th January to be approved.

Councillors had already received a copy of the minutes. It was proposed by Cllr P Maddison and seconded by Cllr J Slaymaker that these minutes were accepted, all voted in favour. They were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising.

The salt bag had not yet been removed from North Beck House (see item 5c).

5. Highway Issues.

a) The Clerk had checked 'Fix my Street' on the website. The street light outside 142 Main Road had been reported as not working. Details had been passed to LCC contractors and it will be repaired.

b) The new speed watch signs had not been put up.

A Cllr reported that the drain at the top of Laundry Lane was blocked and causing flooding. The Clerk will report this.

c) Cllr had contacted LCC regarding grit bins, they telephoned the Clerk and said that the Parish Council could site their own bins anywhere without permission provided they did not cause an obstruction to pedestrians or vehicles. However, a Cllr brought in an article which said that Parish Councils could apply for grit bins which would be sited near roads or footpaths which were not on the Councils gritting routes, these would be filled by LCC. Cllrs discussed this and decided that one bin should be purchased and placed on the Main Road at Hundleby Springs (near the Anglian Water pumping station). The Clerk will contact LCC and ask if they will provide a bin ½ way down North Beck Lane.

6. Finance.

There were no accounts to be paid

b) Cash at bank:

Treasures Account £5766.35

Business Bank Instant £2740.90

7. Planning.

Planning application no N/088/02283/19 for 114, Main Road had been approved, with some restrictions regarding access for vehicles, especially during construction.

The application for a bungalow at the end of Brewery Yard had been approved.

The owners of the property on Raithby Hill had applied for change of use from letting to residential. This had been rejected by ELDC last year. Following a discussion 4 Cllrs objected to the change, 3 were in favour and 1 abstained.

The Clerk had received a copy of an application to reduce the size of some trees in the garden of 51 Main Road. 1 Cllr abstained and the rest voted in favour. The Clerk will notify ELDC.

8. Village Green and Village Matters.

A Cllr said he would prune the cotoneaster in the Village now that the birds had eaten all the berries.

9. Parish Rooms.

a) General

The builder had checked the roof again and said that no action needed to be taken at the moment. He said that the flooding in the kitchen had been caused by a crack in the mortar which was letting in water, this had been dealt with. He also reported that the fascia was rotten and needed replacing at the front of the Parish Rooms, he was asked to attend to it and any other external items causing concern. Cllrs suggested that a list was prepared showing repairs that needed sorting out, ie the front door was sticking, there is a mark above the side window which needs checking to see if it's damp and the back door sill needed replacing. The windows had still not been painted, a Cllr said he would do this. The Chairman will contact ELDC to ask whether or not planning permission is required to replace the other 4 windows with UPVC windows.

Fire Stop had carried out their annual inspection of the fire extinguishers etc.

b) Parish Room working party. It was suggested that another Cllr should join the working party, Cllr Foster said he would do this.

There had been a meeting to investigate some of the possibilities for improving the Parish Rooms, these would then be discussed by the Parish Council at a later date. All Cllrs attended this meeting, M Badley sent his apologies. Others who attended this meeting were: Ms S Smith from Community Lincs who gave advice about the grants that might be available, Mrs P Powell from Old Bollingbroke Village Hall Committee who told the meeting of the experiences of their Committee in updating their Hall, Mrs J Cartwright and Mrs P Sykes who represented hirers of the Parish Rooms (the Book Swap and the W I) who gave the views of the members who used the Rooms on a regular basis and Mrs S Foster, the Booking Clerk who gave observations from other hirers.

This item was discussed at length and it was agreed that the Parishioners should be consulted by giving them all a questionnaire. A test group will be asked to complete the questionnaire to ensure the questions are correct. Cllr said that the Parish Council should be consulted before this was sent out. The working group will compile the questionnaire and they will also write a list of all the items they think would improve facilities in the Rooms. Cllrs were going to meet later in the month to see if the Hall could be altered and how best it might be done, if that is the way forward.

10. Allotments.

Cllr reported that the hedge had been cut. The holder of the allotment had asked permission to put up some buildings/ containers to collect water. Cllr said that he felt that the position suggested should be changed and he would discuss it with the hirer. These buildings would be removed if the allotment was vacated in the future.

11. Possible siting and purchase of a notice board.

It was suggested that this could be sited near to Bowman's Ridge and the Village seat. The Clerk will contact LCC and see if planning permission is required. Enquiries will be made regarding the cost and type of notice boards.

12. Training Courses for Councillors.

Some Cllrs were keen to attend training courses, run by LALC, to keep up with new legislation and rules. It was decided to join the LALC training scheme to reduce the cost of meetings.

13. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence this month.

14. Any other business.

The Cllr who runs the Parish Council website will attend a meeting on March 12th to learn how the website is being altered.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

There were no other items to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.