

# Hibaldstow Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Hibaldstow Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the Village Hall, Hibaldstow.

**Present:** Cllr Brooks, Cllr Broomhall, Cllr Charlton, Cllr Easters, Cllr Sodha, Cllr Sheppard, Cllr Stothard, Cllr Talliss (Chair), Cllr White & Cllr Wragg.

**Also Present:** Cllr J England, Cllr N Poole, Shaun Ringwood - Evening Telegraph & approx. 40 residents.

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#### 40. Public participation

Cllr Talliss welcomed the residents to the meeting.

Several members of the public raised concerns regarding the recent issue of the Cemetery Regulations specifically item 17 regarding flowers and memorabilia on plots. Discussion ensued.

The following questions were raised:-

- Why had all those that have relatives in the cemetery not received letters and the new regulations - Due to the inherited admin all contact details were not available and the Council and the Clerk were working to get all this information up to date.
- Why was the implementation of the new regulations not advertised in the Village Voice - this was because it was an update to previous regulations which should have been issued when the cemetery first came in to use in 1996.
- Who is responsible for levelling the graves and when should this to place - this is the responsibility of the grave owners who should ask the Funeral Directors to undertake this task and should be left for approx. 6 months to allow the soil to settle.
- Tiles are not required on the grave, why should they be paid for by residents - this it to identify all reserved plots.
- Relative buried in 1998 and did not receive any regulations - this is down to the last administrative.
- The community views should be respected - petition raised with over 700 residents on stating the new regulations item 17 is not acceptable.
- The NLC side of the cemetery is in disrepair and needs sorting out.

The Clerk stated that it had not been the Parish Councils intension to upset parishioner but this is obviously the case and on behalf of the Parish Council apologised.

Due to the lack of interest in running the Fete this year it was asked if the Parish Council could organise it - this item is on the agenda for discussion.

#### 41. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Hyslop.

#### 42. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Broomhall declared a personal interest in agenda item 49 & 55b.

Cllr Brooks declared a personal interest in agenda item 51.

Cllr Sheppard declared a personal interest in agenda item 49 & 57e.

Cllr Stothard declared a personal interest in agenda item 49.

Cllr Sodha declared a personal interest in agenda item 49 & 57e.

Cllr Talliss declared a personal interest in agenda item 57e.

#### 43. Minutes of Previous minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were approved and signed as a true and correct record with the agreed matters of accuracy.

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It was resolved to move agenda item 51 and 55d forward on the agenda.

### 51. Cemetery

- a) Cllr Talliss stated that the regulations could not be amended for 6 months from approval unless a rescission notice was raised.  
Cllr Brooks stated that he had received several comments and that this was a very sensitive issue and the Parish Council can learn in retrospect. There have been several items raised that the Parish Council will need to take advice on such as levelling of graves, spoils from the grave diggers which have previously been distributed around the edge of the cemetery, containers for the spoils.  
The full Council made the decision to adopt the regulations and will take into consideration the comments received from parishioners.  
Cllr Easters asked that the Parish Council look at involving parishioners when revisiting the regulations - again advice will be sought on this.  
It was agreed that the regulations will not be acted upon until they have been reviewed and in the meantime the cemetery sign will be removed.
- b) Nothing to report.
- c) **It was resolved that** after taking into consideration the request of siting a bench in the cemetery by Mr Bore this will be granted. The bench will be located along the boundary and at the foot of Mrs Bore's plot in between the trees. A photograph and details of the bench were shown to the Parish Council.

### 55. Correspondence

- d) To consider the email received from a resident on West Street regarding the state of repair to a neighbouring property and the change of use to the garden.  
**It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr England to update the Council and residents on this issue.**  
Cllr England informed the meeting that there has been a meeting organised with NLC Legal and all other relevant department to discuss this issue and what enforcement can be taken.  
Cllr Talliss stated that the Parish Council cannot do anything other than support resident and ask that correspondence is sent to NLC with a copy to the Parish Council for information.  
**The meeting was reopened.**

### 44. Clerk's Report

- a) Clerk has contact NLC regarding the drainage investigations for East and West Street. NLC have completed the jetting work and the crew did not report any blockages with the carrier drain.  
It is suspected that the local issue is standing water. A wet weather inspection will be carried out with a view to some maintenance work and if there are a couple of key locations where local knowledge would suggest an additional gully this would be beneficial.  
There are two soak aways on West Street located in front of the Hall and 49 West Street and on East Street the drainage needs to be reviewed going down to join Church Street.
- b) Clerk has written to Mr Bore regarding what type of bench he would like to place in the cemetery, the maintenance and the security. Agenda item.
- c) Clerk has contacted the Surgery regarding the proposed temporary closure. See correspondence.  
**It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Council to ask residents if they had been informed of the move.**  
Some residents had not been informed of this move.  
**The meeting was reopened.**

### 45. Chairman's Report

Nothing further to report.

### 46. Police Matters / NATs Report

The crime stats from Humberside Police were circulated prior to the meeting.

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### 47. Report from Local Councillors

Apologies from Cllr Foster.

Cllr England informed the meeting that North Lincolnshire Council had recently agreed the budget which has seen the council tax frozen for the second year. The new regime has seen the honouring of the majority of the pledges made including the reduction of the post 16 travel costs, free parking in Brigg, Ashby and Scunthorpe and more funds available for the 'Aids to Communities' funding pot.

Cllr England stated that there had been a reduction in NLC Cllrs allowances by 10% and a reduced mileage allowance.

20mph zones are being introduced outside schools.

There is to be a reduction in the Humber Bridge tolls from 1<sup>st</sup> April and the Leader of the Conservative Party has played a significant role in bringing on board all the local authorities.

Cllr Poole stated that NLC are to employ 120 apprentices over the next 3 years across all department of the Council.

£440k has been allocated for rural youth initiatives including Street Sport and Outreach work.

£1.5m is being allocated to rural transport and the Humber Bank infrastructure will see an extension to the road.

Cllr Poole informed the meeting the he was part of a team looking at delivering broadband to rural areas. Central Government have provided £570m and North Lincolnshire Council along with North East Lincolnshire have received £2.3m of this. The NLC team has now to look at developing a delivery programme for both authorities and need a total of £11m. A joint board is working to raise the remaining funds by applying for development funds.

It is hoped that the fibre optics will be laid by April 2013.

Partners will be sought by setting up a competitive tender process in the next 5 to 6 months.

When there is difficulty in setting up broadband due to bad topography or access, a wireless alternative will be looked at.

BT has agreed to increase the capacity at Brigg and Scunthorpe exchanges.

### 48. Village Voice

No further meeting has taken place.

Clerk to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting, invite all residents and representatives from organisations within the village.

### 49. Village Hall / Playing Fields

a) No correspondence has been received from either solicitor. Cllr Broomhall and the Clerk to ask that this issue is resolved ready to present at the APM and AGM's respectively.

b) Cllr Stothard informed the Council that a VHC meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February and due to no one prepared to organise the Fete it would not be held but it was possible to hold a mini-Fete in conjunction with the celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The Friends of Hibaldstow School are thinking of doing something and the VHC, FOHS and the PC should form a group to discuss ideas for the Jubilee Celebrations.

The play ground safety surfacing is not to be repaired at present as there are only a few holes.

A scheme for the refurbishment of the toilets is being looked into. Cllr Brooks to send the plumbing costs to Cllr Broomhall.

### 50. Highways

Cllr Charlton raised concerns regarding recent flooding to houses on Gainsthorpe Road due to mud being brought on to the road from a recent event held at the 4 x 4 club. NLC did attend the site for 3 days to jet the drains but a wheel wash should be in place for both the club and the quarry to alleviate these issues.

Cllr Sheppard asked that the white lining be looked at within the village as it is faded in a few places.

Clerk to remind NLC about the state of repair to the Hibaldstow Bridge road.

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### 52. Delegates Report

Cllr Brooks updated the meeting re: The School Federation. Hibaldstow Primary School will be looking to change its status to an Academy from 1<sup>st</sup> April; the new name will be announced in due course. The Governors meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### 53. Planning

To consider the following planning applications received from NLC. To receive decisions made by NLC and to discuss any planning applications received from NLC after the agenda was posted were a decision is required prior to the next meeting.

**2012/0155** - Mr J F Hoult, Kirton Off Road Centre Ltd - planning permission to retain the change of use of land, buildings and associated structures for use as part of the Kirton Off Road Centre with associated parking. The Parish Council ask that a condition is placed on this application that all vehicles leaving the site use a wheel wash and this is monitored and enforced by NLC and that due the noise pollution hours are restricted on a Sunday - 10am to 4pm.

**2012/0191** - Mr R Dent, 36 Hopfield, Hibaldstow - planning permission to erect a first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and detached domestic garage. No objections or comments.

**2012/0201** - Mr A Carter, The Forge, West Street, Hibaldstow - planning permission to change the use of building to funeral home and associated alterations. The Parish Council fully support the Environmental Protection Teams report and recommendations.

**2012/0247** - Mr T Creasy, 50 St Albans Close, Hibaldstow - planning permission to erect a two storey side extension. No objections or comments.

### 54. Hibaldstow Petrol Station

To be notified of the closure of the Petrol Station and determine if any further actions are required. Noted.

### 55. Correspondence for Discussion / Decision

- a) To be notified of the NLC - The Localism Act 2012 - Standards and determine any actions required. ERNLLCA will be issued advice to Town & Parish Councils on this issue.
- b) To be notified of the letter received from NLC regarding the Brigg Heritage Group Meeting and determine attendance. Noted.
- c) To be notified of the correspondence received from the Surgery regarding the proposed temporary Surgery and determine if any further action is required. Noted.

#### Correspondence for Information

- e) Thank you email received from CPRE for the recent donation. Noted.
- f) Notification received from HWRCC of a move of address. Noted.

### 56. Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

**It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Council to ask residents if they would like to be involved in the organising.**

**The meeting reopened.**

**It was resolved that** a Working Group is set up to include Cllrs Talliss, Easters, Wragg, Sodha & Stothard and Mrs White and Mrs Shaw (members of the public) along with Friends of Hibaldstow School and representatives of the Village Hall Committee to discuss organising the celebrations.

**It was resolved that a donation be provided for payment of memorabilia for the children of the village.**

### 57. Accounts

- a) **It was resolved that** the quote received for cutting the cemetery grass for 2012 is approved. The Working Group will meet with the contractor to discuss the specifics of the grass cutting.
- b) **It was resolved that** a new cheque is issued to replace the lost cheque presented to Hibaldstow Village Voice in September 2011.

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- c) **It was resolved that** the quote to replace the current doors of the notice board is accepted. The doors will be replaced by one single door stay and the notice board will be cleaned prior to this installation.
- d) **It was resolved that** the Village Hall insurance renewal from March 16<sup>th</sup> March up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> May is approved for payment.
- e) **It was resolved that** a donation of £150 is given to the Hibaldstow Gardening Club towards the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual show of Horticulture, Bakery & Craft.
- f) **It was resolved that** the March accounts are approved and signed for payment. See financial sheet.

### 58. Minor Items

- a) To take any points from members.
- b) Matters of correspondence for information which arrived after the agenda was posted.

### 59. Agenda Items for the next meeting –

### 60. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as 7.15pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012 which will include the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

### Outstanding Actions

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Review/Completion Date</u>
11a	Best Kept Village Competition Strategies	April 12
14a	Queens Jubilee Celebrations	AGM – April 12
16a	Consumable replacements	April 12
51a	Cemetery Regulations	June 12