

Hibaldstow Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Hibaldstow Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Thursday 10th November 2011 at the Village Hall, Hibaldstow.

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

Also Present: Cllr England, Cllr Poole and Mr & Mrs Bilson.

183. Public participation

Mrs Bilson presented the framed certificates that she had collected on behalf of the Parish Council at the Best Kept Village competition which was held on 31/10 at the Red Lion at Redbourne. The Parish Council came 3rd in the large villages and won the Community Planting which received a £25 Garden Centre voucher.

Cllr Talliss thanked Mr & Mrs Bilson for their past efforts in helping make the village a more colourful place.

184. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Hyslop.

185. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Broomhall declared a personal interest in agenda item 192.
Cllr Brooks declared a personal interest in agenda item 192 & 194.
Cllr Sheppard declared a personal interest in agenda item 192.
Cllr Sodha declared a personal interest in agenda item 192.
Cllr Stothard declared a personal interest in agenda item 192.
Cllr Easters declared a personal interest in agenda item 196 2011/1343.

186. Minutes of Previous minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2011 with the agreed matters of accuracy were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

187. Clerk's Report

- a) Clerk has written to land owners regarding allotment facilities. To date a response has been received from Scawby Estate who has no land at present but has placed the request on file.
- b) Clerk has informed PC Teal of the issues at the Village Hall and asked that the area is monitored on a Wednesday night 6pm-7pm. This area has been placed onto the route.
- c) Clerk has reported the overhanging bushes and trees within the village to NLC.
- d) Clerk has reported the pot holes on Church Street to NLC.
- e) Clerk has written to NLC and thanked them for their planting in 2011 and has also sent the comments from the BKV results. Clerk to also ask that the Cemetery hedge is cut in August in future the same time as when the Parish Council cut their side. Due to NLC Policy the hedge is not allowed to be cut until September.
- f) Clerk has written a letter of congratulations to the school on their recent Ofsted success.
- g) Clerk has submitted the snow warden and salt information to NLC and has also stipulated that the salt pile on Gainsthorpe Road is to stay.

188. Chairman's Report

Nothing to add.

189. Police Matters / NATs Report

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

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190. Report from Local Councillors

Cllr England informed the meeting that the Winter Review Policy had been signed off and included the allocation of funding to Parish Councils to use for snow clearance. Hibaldstow had been allocated £1,000. The Policy will be issued to Parish Councils with a list of contractors in the area.

The Parish Council will identify to the Snow Warden areas that need clearing who will then engage a contractor of choice – make payment for services and then forward to NLC for reimbursement up to the value allocated.

Cllr Charlton suggested that the Snow Wardens have a joint meeting arranged by NLC to discuss their responsibilities. Cllr England to put this to NLC.

Cllr Poole also informed the meeting that NLC were investing money into improving the broadband speed for rural areas and it had been agreed that by 2013 cabling would be installed. The project was to cost approximately £6m of which £3m would be provided by Government and the remaining funds by NLC and external partners which could be BT or O2 among others.

E-tendering and E-options was a new initiative implemented by NLC which in the first 6 months has seen a saving of £1.3m and joint services with N E Lincolnshire will also see a cost saving.

191. Village Voice

Cllr Brooks stated that there would be a meeting next month.

192. Village Hall / Playing Fields

a) The Clerk had received a request for the land registry number but no further correspondence had been received.

b) Cllr Talliss informed the meeting that he had resigned from the VHC due to commitments and not being able to attend all the meetings but he would still be willing to attend the Fete meetings when available.

Cllr Stothard informed the meeting that there had been no further meetings. The Fete had been provisionally arranged for 24/06/12.

The VH AGM is scheduled for 19/01/12 and there is a meeting on 12/11 where all the groups using the VH have been asked to attend with ideas of improvements. The youths who have requested a BMX park have also been invited to attend.

193. Highways

a) The Clerk read out the email from NLC regarding the colour and planting scheme for 2012 which the Parish Council decided not to follow. Clerk to obtain a quote for 2012/13 planting and place on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Sheppard stated that the bed on the corner of Manton Lane had been maintained by a resident at no cost to the Council. Cllr Sheppard to check that this would be continued next year and if not this would be included in the quote from NLC.

b) Clerk to report the following issues to NLC:-

- 25 Church Street, overgrowing hedge.
- Ford Lane Bridge is very slippery and needs looking into.
- Pot holes on Church Street.
- Gainsthorpe village sign has been knocked over and has now gone missing.

194. Cemetery / closed churchyard

a) Cllr Brooks to obtain a quote as the cemetery gates are sticking and need attention.

b) To consider the new Cemetery Procedure and determine actions required. Deferred to the next meeting.

195. Delegates Report

a) Cllr Broomhall had attended a meeting with NLC Monitoring Officer to discuss a request for dispensation to vote at parish Council meetings on items related to Hibaldstow Village hall by members of the Parish Council who are also serving members of the Village Hall Committee.

The details of the request were explained to NLC Will Bell. i.e. that a lease and management agreement between the Parish Council and VHC was being drawn up and that as over 50% of the Parish Council

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were also members of the VHC votes on the subject could not be taken and therefore the lease could not be dealt with. It was explained that the Village Hall was a registered Charity and a lease was needed by the VHC to secure the tenancy of the building at the request of the Charity Commission and to enable the VHC to apply for funding.

Will Bell explained that the Standards Board were very reluctant to give dispensations and that the request would probably be refused. He said that he had spoken to a colleague who worked for the Standards Board about the situation and had been told that it would be unlikely a dispensation would be granted in this case and that the Board would ask the Parish Council and VHC to look into other ways of dealing with the problem.

He explained that there were two ways of dealing with the problem:

1. That the Parish Council set up a subcommittee of councillors to deal with the management of the Village Hall instead of having a separate committee. This would mean that a lease would not be needed as the PC owned the building, but would mean that the Village hall would lose its Charity status and may have problems applying for grants or funding from outside bodies.
2. That some of the members of the VHC who are also Parish Councillors leave the VHC enabling the number of Parish Councillors able to vote to be increased and so a dispensation would not be needed. This would leave members who serve on both committees able to discuss any Village Hall related matters at parish council meetings but, unable to vote on them. They would also have to declare an interest on any matters related to the Village Hall at Parish Council meetings and any matters related to the Parish Council at Village Hall Meetings.

Cllr Broomhall asked that if the request for a financial contribution from the Parish Council to the VHC was removed from the management agreement would it make a difference to the situation but was told it would not as the problem could arise again if the VHC needed financial help from the Parish Council in the future.

- b) Cllr Brooks informed members that Hibaldstow Primary School Working Party are preparing for the process to short list and interview for the new head.

196. Planning

To receive decisions made by NLC, to discuss the planning application received from NLC listed below and any received after the agenda was posted.

2011/0072 - notice of hazardous substances consent granted for Beeching Chicken Farm, Carr Lane.

2011/1070 - outline planning permission granted to remove an agricultural occupancy condition at Mayscroft, Ings Lane.

2011/1303 - Mr A & H Borrill, Slate House Farm, Hibaldstow - planning permission to construct a boundary wall.

2011/1216 - Mrs J Carrington, The Old Cottage, 41 West Street - outline planning permission to erect a dwelling. Clerk to point out that mains sewer had been selected under the heading Foul Waste but that also no connection would be into the main drainage - was this a mistake or are the owners having their own drainage system?

2011/1343 - Mrs C Gomez-Lucas, The Bungalow, 106 Redbourne Road - planning permission to retain a change of use of domestic garage to a treatment room for holistic and sports massage.

2011/1252 - Mr R Rafferty, Hibaldstow Farm, Carr Lane - planning permission to erect a 50kW solar array on existing poultry farm roof.

197. Correspondence for Discussion / Decision

- a) To determine attendance to the NALC/CPRE Planning training seminar to be held on January 20th at Scawby Village Hall commencing at 10am. Cllr Talliss and Cllr Brooks to attend.
- b) To consider the Parish Online web based mapping system and determine actions required. Clerk to investigate the free months trial and report back at the next meeting.
- c) To consider the letter received from Mumby Funding and determine actions required. Noted.

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- d) To determine attendance to the Scawby Parish Council Civic Service to be held on November 20th in St Hybald's Church, Scawby. Cllr Talliss to attend.
- e) ERNLLCA newsletter - October 11. From the information within the newsletter, consider registering with Data Protection. **It was resolved that** the Parish Council register with the Information Commissioner.
- f) To be notified of the Brigg Town Business Partnership and determine actions required. Noted.
Correspondence for Information
- g) To be notified of the support letter submitted to NLC Stronger Communities for the bid for a Heritage Centre in Brigg. Noted.
- h) Information received from ERNLLCA regarding the dispensation of VHC representatives. Noted.
- i) NATs meeting summary - 12th October 2011. Noted.
- j) To noted the St Hybald's Concert invitation scheduled for 16th December commencing at 6.30pm. Cllr Talliss to attend.

Cllr England & Cllr Poole left the meeting at 8.30pm.

198. Accounts

- a) **It was resolved that** a donation of £25 is granted to Hibaldstow Pre-School towards the Christmas Party.
- b) **It was resolved that** the November accounts were approved and signed for payment. See financial sheet.
- c) **It was resolved that** the Precept for 2012/13 is set at £15,000 the same as 2011/12.

199. Minor Items

- a) To take any points from members.
 - Cllr Sheppard asked why we had not received the LDF information for Gainsthorpe. Clerk to chase again.
- b) Matters of correspondence for information which arrived after the agenda was posted.

200. Agenda Items for the next meeting –

- Snow Warden & Winter Policy
- Planting 2012/13

201. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as 7.15pm on Thursday 8th December 2011.