

BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
7th June 2023
At Holy Trinity Church, Bilsby

Present: Cllrs E. Cooper, N. Gaston, D. Morley
Mrs J. Cooper (Acting Temporary Clerk)
Cllrs S. Devereau and G. Marsh (ELDC)

There were no members of the public present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed (Cllr D. Morley), seconded (Cllr N. Gaston) and **resolved** that Cllr E. Cooper be elected Chairman for the forthcoming Civic Year.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS

All Councillors had completed their Acceptance of Office declarations prior to the commencement of the meeting, all signed by the Acting Clerk.

Cllr Cooper signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman, which was signed by the Acting Clerk.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed (Cllr Gaston), seconded (Cllr Cooper) and **resolved** that Cllr Morley be elected Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Civic Year.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllr Matthews (LCC).

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9TH MARCH 2023

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held 9th March 2023 as a correct record with the following amendment:

Cllr Gaston was missed from the apologies.

A slight typing error was noted.

7. UPDATES FROM THAT MEETING

Acting Clerk reported that the pothole outside Holy Trinity Church had been repaired, and she had reported the discarded TV in the dyke at Asserby.

Acting Clerk had contacted S. Fletcher regarding the Internal Audit and would deliver accounts to him at the end of June.

It was agreed that letters of thanks be sent to all outgoing councillors.

8. FINANCIAL

a) Accounts for payment. It was **resolved** that the following account be paid:

Zurich Insurance £221.84

It was also **resolved** that Cllr Morley be authorised to purchase plants for the village planters and that payment will be made between meetings up to value of £50. Any overspend would be paid at the next meeting.

b) Additional Cheque Signatory

It was **resolved** that Cllr Gaston be added as a cheque signatory.

Discussion on the issue of correspondence address was raised, it was felt it would be difficult to change correspondence address with the bank for a possible short period of time. To be looked into.

c) AGAR Audit Forms

It was **resolved** that the Chairman sign the following audit forms:

(i) Certificate of Exemption

(ii) Governance Statement

(iii) Accounting Statement

9. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

It was agreed that the Council needed to recruit more members as a matter of urgency, Acting Clerk to put notices on notice board, on Facebook and on Website. Members to speak to people in the village and surrounds. Cllr Gaston agreed to post on "My Neighbourhood".

10. RECRUITMENT OF PARISH CLERK

The Acting Clerk advised that one person was interested, but was yet to move to the area. It was agreed to keep that application on file and to advertise for a replacement Clerk. Adverts to be placed with Lincs Association of Local Councils, parish Council website, notice board and with ELDC Community pages.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Police outlining new system of communicating with Parish Councils, which involved 6 monthly meetings via Zoom/Teams. It was noted that a Zoom meeting would be impractical.

Outer Dowsing consultation document – discussion followed on the recent consultation received from Outer Dowsing regarding the possible siting of on shore sub station between Thurlby Road and Asserby and the subsequent cable route. Cllr Marsh was invited to explain the application was a National Infrastructure application and both ELDC and LCC were consultees but not decision makers in this case. Cllr Cooper was particularly concerned at the scale of the proposed on shore sub station should the site be the favoured option. Consultation events are being held, locally at Anderby Village Hall on 21st June to which members were encouraged to attend, and detailed plans available to view at Mablethorpe Library, ELDC Offices and other locations as well as on Outer Dowsing Website.

12. PLANNING

N16/733/23 – Erection of 2 houses adj Jasmine Cottage. Discussion followed on the proposal which would result in loss of significant tree area in the village, the potential levels of the site and the access. It was **resolved** that the Council object to the proposal on the same grounds as the previous application – being (in brief) flooding; loss of green space and wildlife, loss of habitat; size of dwellings proposed being out of character with existing local properties; area was designated as Protected Open Frontage in ELDC Local Plan, wooded area important in street scene, setting of listed building; access to sites.

N16/472/23 – Erection of chicken unit, off Thurlby Road. It was agreed to discuss this application at this meeting. Whilst it was acknowledged that the unit could provide some employment, concerns were raised regarding additional lorry movements, transport of waste by tractor/trailer and eggs in HGVs along Back Lane, visual impact, alien to local environment, cumulative effect of numbers of units in the area. Cllr Devereau (ELDC) explained that officers had to follow the National Planning Policy which did not determine how many units were considered to be too many in one area. After further discussion it was **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds of over intensive; blight on the open countryside; already felt sufficient units; out of character with the visual aspect of the area and potential for increased large traffic in the area. It was also agreed to ask that the application be dealt with by Planning Committee.

13. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Marsh (ELDC) gave an update on Eversleigh – now a Heritage Issue. Time limit for works to be completed had been extended to 30th June, due to health issues of owner and ELDC in process of applying for order to carry out the work.

Cllr Cooper asked ELDC members who at ELDC checks that conditions on planning approvals were carried out properly – Cllr Marsh to find out answer.

Cllrs Marsh and Devereau updated members on ELDC matters – mainly new administration following elections and Councillors were attending various training events.

14. NEXT MEETING

This is set for Thursday 1st August 2023 – 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm