

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BILSBY
ON 2nd January 2020

Present: Cllrs Morley (Chair); Cooper; Bailey; Wilson-Brown, Gaston & Scarisbrick.
Cllr G. Marsh (ELDC)
Cllr S Devereux (ELDC)
Cllr C Mathews (LCC)

1 member of the public present

Mrs M Hoad, Parish Clerk took the minutes

It was noted in the public forum that a resident who regularly attended Parish Council Meetings was not present due to ill health. The Clerk was asked to send a card of best wishes to the resident on behalf of the Parish Council and visiting Councillors. It was also brought to the attention of Council that the trees on the opposite side of the road from Willoughby Farm, Alford Road were dangerous in high winds and one had in fact blown into the field. This had been reported and Cllr Mathews (LCC) was made aware at the meeting

116 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were required.

117 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Parish Councillors at this meeting.

118 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD 7th NOVEMBER 2019**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th November 2019 as a correct record.

119 **MATTERS ARISING FROM 7TH NOVEMBER MEETING**

The Chairman advised that she had managed to speak to the owner of the Spar shop by telephone regarding the defibrillator, but she said it was nothing to do with her. The Clerk was therefore asked to contact EMAS and LIVES to identify to who the device was registered to. Cllr Devereux asked if the location of the defibrillator could be publicised on the web site to raise local awareness.

120 **FINANCIAL**

a) Accounts to be paid/authorised - It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the following accounts be paid: BT Payphones £1, LALC Training Day- Cllr Scarisbrick £15 and Clerks Nov/Dec Salary.

b) Accounts & Budget Statement – the accounts and updated budget statement as at the 29th November 2019 and been circulated to Council, following debate **it was resolved** to accept the accounts/budget statement; the Chairman signed the document.

c) Draft Budget & Precept for 2020/2021. – The amended draft budget had been circulated which included a reduction in the monies ring fenced for election costs, however it was proposed that a small increase would be required to cover future maintenance of assets. It was considered that some Parish Council reserves would be required in the forthcoming year in order to offer extended grass cutting services and possible tree planting. **It was resolved** that a small increase to the precept would be required and being mindful of residents finances an increase from £3432 to £3630 was agreed. Clerk to submit the document for a Precept of £3630 and place the agreed budget information on the website to ensure full communication with residents. p DM s JC

121 **PLANNING**

The contract from BT for the purchase of the telephone box in Farlesthorpe was reviewed and **it was resolved** that the Parish Council would take over ownership of the box. The contract was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk asked to check with ELDC regarding change of use.

There were no further planning applications to review.

122 **BADGE**

It was noted that the Council had not received any response from BADGE to the requests for information from residents. As the Parish Council itself does not have any further remit to obtain information from BADGE any further action would need be down to residents/members of BADGE direct.

123 **HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk had circulated a spreadsheet to Council advising of the Highways issues that had been reported and any responses received. Cllr Morley advised she had spoken to the residents of Bilsby Barton regarding their hedge and asked the Clerk to put a further request to them in writing.

The Clerk advise the meeting regarding the LCC online consultation on Rights of Way.

Following discussion, **it was resolved** to ask the Clerk to complete the online questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council.

124 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Invitation to Victoria Atkins Broadband Summit 9th November. Circulated to all, advised at last meeting.
- b. Emailed crime figures from Alford police. Circulated to all and posted on web page.
- c. LALC training schedule and costs for 20/21 – emailed to all.
- d. Cllr Mathews brief and link to 2019 Rights of Way survey, emailed to all.
- e. Contract from BT for purchase of telephone kiosk for £1. Circulated to all and printed for signature.
- f. Confidential protocol email circulated to all.
- g. Invitation to nominate outstanding Chairperson for Buckingham Palace garden party – emailed to all.
- h. Notice of Precept timetables and forms. Emailed to all with budget figures.
- j. Invoice for LALC training for Cllr Scarisbrick added to payments below.

125 **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr Marsh advised the Parish Council that the matter of 'Eversleigh' was still ongoing and he would report further when any update. Cllr Marsh provided Council with the key and instruction document for the interactive speed sign. It was agreed that Cllr Marsh would still take ownership of moving the sign while he continued to reside in the village.

Cllr Devereux advised the meeting of the Lincs Partnership Mental Health Event taking place on the 27th January at the Trinity Centre Louth and requested local support. Cllr Devereux

had been working hard to secure better access for young people in need of mental health support within Lincolnshire.

Council were also advised of the Alford Road closure at Miles Cross Hill on the 11th and 12th of January for tree works.

126 **LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cllr Matthews advised the meeting of the new CEO for LCC – Debbie Barnes, who was also temporarily covering the role of Director of Children’s Services until a replacement was in post. Cllr Matthews advised he had been working with Anglian Water to address the issue of foul water flooding and requested the Parish Council contact him with any problems they were aware of in this area. It was noted there had been some issues in Back Lane and these were brought to Cllr Matthews attention.

127 **PCSO REPORT**

A report had been received from Alford Police which indicated latest crime figures for the area. This information was also available on-line. The Clerk was asked to request from Alford police only the crime figures relating the immediate area. A question was also raised by Council as to why they had not been informed of a recent burglary in the village and the Clerk was requested to contact the Community Policing Team to ask for details.

128 **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk advised Council that the new laptop had now been fully set up and that the old one was available to be ‘re-used’. It was resolved to advertise details of the old laptop to residents with a request for any interested parties to place offers for the equipment to be considered at the next meeting.

129 **ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA**

The Chairman reminded Council that there was still a spare seat on the Parish Council and asked Councillors to raise awareness of this vacancy within the community with a view of co-opting a further member to the Council.

Next Agenda: Meeting dates for forthcoming year to be agreed. Review of Parish Council policies

130 **CLOSING THE MEETING TO PUBLIC & PRESS**

In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council considered closing the meeting to public and press in order to discuss a confidential matter of protocol and it was resolved to close the meeting.

131 Council then discussed and agreed the confidential protocols as instructed.

There being no further business the Council meeting was closed at 8.40pm. Next Meeting 5th March 2020

Appendix 120a

Payee	Net	VAT	Total	Chq.No
BT Payphones Adoption	1.00	0.00	1.00	100575
LALC training invoice	12.50	2.50	15.00	100576
Mrs M Hoad Salary & Expenses Nov / Dec	308.84	0.00	308.84	100577
		Total	324.84	

Signed :

..... Chairman Date:

..... Clerk Date: