

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE CALL
ON 14TH MAY 2020

Present: Cllrs Morley (Chair); Cooper; Bailey; Wilson-Brown; Gaston & Scarisbrick.

No members of the public were present. The Parish notice of the teleconference call had requested any questions or comments from residents to be provided to the Clerk prior to the meeting as it was not possible to hold a public gathering under current COVID 19 restrictions.

Mrs M Hoad, Parish Clerk took the minutes

There had been no public comments received and the Chairman opened the meeting for business.

147 **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllr Morley had indicated her agreement to continue in office unless there were any other candidates who wished to stand. Cllr Gaston nominated Cllr Morley to continue as Chair this was seconded by Cllr Cooper and **resolved by all**.

148 **ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllr Cooper had indicated her willingness to remain in office unless any other candidate wished to stand. Cllr Gaston nominated Cllr Cooper to remain as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Bailey and **resolved by all**.

149 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Marsh & Cllr Devereux (ELDC) were not able to attend due to technical problems with WhyPay system invite.

150 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

151 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD 5th MARCH 2020**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5th March 2020 as a correct record.

152 **MATTERS ARISING FROM 5th MARCH MEETING**

It was asked if any further information had been obtained regarding the Community Wildlife Grants. Due to lockdown this had not been progressed however Cllr Morley and Cllr Cooper agreed to look into this further and the Clerk was asked to place this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

It was noted that a few grass cuts had taken place on the 'green' opposite the church and the Clerk was asked to approach Alford Garden Centre to confirm agreed number of cuts for the season.

Cllr Bailey requested that the PC consider contributing towards the costs of cutting the grass at Farlesthope Church yard. Cllr Bailey to discuss with current grass cutter in Farlesthope and report back to Council.

Council noted the planned Ward Walk (WW) to identify highways defects, arranged prior to the lockdown, had been cancelled and asked the Clerk to liaise with Cllr Matthews to confirm when/if the WW would be taking place.

153 **FINANCIAL**

a) Accounts to be paid/authorised - It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the following accounts be paid: Zurich Annual Insurance renewal £205.63; LALC Annual Subscription £148.83; HMRC £27.00 and Clerks Mar/Apr Salary.

c) Annual Mandatory Insurance Policy Renewal – The Clerk had circulated details of the renewal quotation and cover prior to the meeting, **it was resolved** to renew the current

insurance policy with Zurich Insurance due on the 1st June 2020 and authorised the payment of the premium as above.

b) Accounts & Budget Statement – the accounts and updated budget statement as at the end April 2020 and been circulated to Council for comment and approval. **It was resolved** to accept the accounts/budget statement; the Chairman to sign the document.

154 **UPDATES ON COVID 19 – COMMUNITY SUPPORT ACTIVITY**

The Clerk had circulated an email from Alford Helpline Services indicating the number of volunteer activities undertaken from the 30/03/20 – 04/05/20. So far, no monetary contribution had been requested for the cover provided to Bilsby & Farlesthorpe.

155 **PLANNING**

N/016/00691/20 DRYBY BARNES, WIDOW FEN LANE BILSBY: Planning permission requested for change of use, conversion of and alterations to the existing barns to create 2no. dwellings, existing farm buildings on site to be demolished.

Following debate, **it was resolved** to object to this application on the grounds that no proven need had been established for additional development in the area and concerns were raised regarding the safety of vehicle access to and from the site. It was noted that the development would not be particularly visible from the village of Bilsby and could be an improvement to the overall appearance of the current site. However, it was considered the points in connection with road safety and proven need for development (in accordance with the Local and National plans) override any visual improvement.

N/016/00414/20 ALCOMBE, ALFORD ROAD, BILSBY – planning decision to approve application had been received and circulated to Council

156 **HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk advised that the defect with the road barriers on the junction of Brickyard Lane & Farlesthorpe Road had been reported to LCC Highways along with the hedge outside Bilsby Barton. It was noted during the lockdown period very little highway repairs were being carried out and therefore there had been no update on outstanding issues. The agenda items for the proposed Ward Walk provide to Cllr Matthews. As above note Clerk to contact Cllr Matthews for update on Ward Walk.

It was reported that the surface of the footpath along Bilsby Road from the Bridge to the post box on the (A1111) was broken up and the Clerk was asked to report this to Highways. A complaint had been received from a resident that a hedge on Alford Road, Bilsby was also encroaching ¾ over the footpath. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners of the property to request action taken to cut back the hedge

157 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Email of annual insurance renewal docs and quote – circulated to all
- b. Household Waste Poster – circulated to all and displayed on website & noticeboards
- c. Email - Age Friendly Survey – circulated to all
- d. Email Alford Helpline Services, data from 30/03/20 to 17/04/20 and additional info up to 04/05/20 – circulated to all.
- e. Easy Read Info regarding COVID 19 – circulate to all and attached to website
- f. LALC survey regarding COVID 19 support requirements – circulated to all.
- g. Town & Parish Newsletter re Boston BC & ELDC strategic alliance emailed to all.

Agreements:

- a. To conduct meetings by teleconference call until July 2020.
- b. AGAR and signing off of 2019/20 accounts and audit to be delayed to July meeting in hope that this may be conducted in person.
- c. Annual Parish Meeting cancelled until public meetings are able to resume.

158 **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

There was no further update at this time.

159 **LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

There was no further update at this time

160 **POLICE STATS REPORT**

Cllr Scarisbrick had circulated downloaded police stats for the area, and all agreed these were a useful tool to monitor and review local crime.

161 **CLERKS REPORT**

There was no further update at this time

162 **MEETING DATES FOR 2020/21**

It was resolved to hold the coming years meetings on the first Thursday of Jul/Sep/Nov/Jan & Mar for 2020 and into 2021. The Clerk was asked to email the church with these dates for when physical Parish meetings could resume.

163 **ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA**

It was hoped that the next Parish Meeting on July 2nd could be held in Holy Trinity Church if social distancing measures could be upheld.

Next Agenda: Farlesthorne Telephone Box; Community Wildlife Grant; Grass Cutting and Parish Newsletter.

There being no further business the Council meeting was closed at 7.50pm. Next Meeting 2nd July 2020

Appendix 153a

Payee	Net	VAT	Total	Chq.No
Zurich Insurance	205.63		205.63	100583
M Hoad – Clerks Salary Mar/Apr	241.84		241.84	100584
HMRC Mar / Apr	27.00		27.00	100585
LALC Annual Subscription	148.83		148.83	100586
		Total	623.30	

Signed :

..... Chairman Date:

..... Clerk Date: