

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Kettlethorpe,
on Monday 04th March 2019 at 7.40 pm**

Present

Cllr Richard Barnard, V / Chairman,

Cllr: Lauren Flinders

Cllr Tim O'Callaghan

Cllr Tony Scawthon,

Cllr Catherine Turner

Mr. Ron Gee, clerk.

Mr Barrie Davies, Resident

Cllr Richard Barnard, Acting Chairman welcomed Mr Davies to the meeting, who said that chicken waste tipped nearby is causing continual problems for himself and his neighbours with a bad smell and much worse coming from the dump site.

The chickens are owned by a farmer from Newton on Trent, and their waste is being deposited on land rented by him at Hatchery Lane, Laughterton. In addition, there is every indication that the site is being used as a 'transit' station for transfer of waste between farms, as it is also being brought into this site from other locations. Tractors and trailers have been seen going in, and laden lorries going out, and it is unlikely that the necessary waste transfer licence is held.

There is a limitation on the length of time that a site can be used, yet this site is known to have been in operation for at least 5 years and it was commented that the Rural Payment Agency may be unaware of the circumstances.

Mr Davies said that on several occasions the heap had spontaneously combusted, producing clouds of black smoke and dirt, leaving grime both inside and outside their homes and creating a hazard to health,. He had photographed the situation and had been in touch with the farmer, who had assured him that the heap would get smaller, but nothing has happened. Consequently, Mr Davies aided by several neighbours, had logged details and reported the issue to Environmental Health Following a discussion about Environmental Protection at West Lindsey and the Environment Agency, the Chairman took further details from Mr Davies and promised to investigate the issue on his behalf.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Richard Elliott, Cllr David Byrne, PC Martin Doherty, PCSO Glenn Patchett .

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the February meeting had been circulated to all members and were proposed as a true record, seconded and agreed by the meeting

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Local Policing issues – The Crime Report for February listed 4 thefts, 3 vehicle crimes, no burglaries and no criminal damage. None of the reported offences had taken place in Kettlethorpe Parish.

3.2 Jubilee Park i. Tree lights – The circuit breaker had been checked to ensure that no electricity is being used by the Parish.

The standby battery and control unit discussed at the last meeting are to be bought later in the year to maximise the guarantee period.

ii. Fences and barriers – To be dealt with when the weather is more settled.

3.3 Highway Matters i. Tesco funding and Speed Watch – It was suggested last month that sharing the purchase of a Speed Gun with the neighbouring Parishes of Fenton and Torksey could provide benefits for each of the villages concerned and letters were sent to that effect, but in their responses, both Parishes advised that they were currently setting up their own Speed Watch. (See Correspondence item 4.2). It was learned that the cost of each Speed Gun was £286.50, plus ancillary expenses i.e. joining the scheme, hi viz jackets etc making a total of £490.

It was asked if it would be worthwhile creating a flier, to ask if there is any interest., but the Chairman felt that it is not really necessary, as a number of keen individuals are already known to the Council. These residents are to be asked, because of the need and cost of training, if they are prepared

to make a serious commitment to Speed Watch. Several names were mentioned, and are to be approached with a view to pulling the scheme together.

As a result, the Chairman asked if the expenditure on a speed gun and training etc could be approved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that if the cash is not forthcoming from the Tesco 'Bags of Health' scheme, £500 could be used on the purchase of Speed Watch equipment and training.

- 3.4 Parish Council Surgery** – The February Surgery had been run by Cllr O'Callaghan who only had one visitor, Mr Davies, who was invited to bring his complaint about waste dumping to this meeting. The clerk offered to create an advertisement advertising the surgery, giving dates in advance that should offer plenty of warning to residents of when each surgery is due. The following dates will apply for the near future:- 18th March: 15th April: 20th May and 17th June,.
- 3.5 Parish Council Facebook** – A reply had been received from the former Parish Councillor who had operated the Facebook page, to say that hopefully, he had managed to de-activate it. A new Facebook page entitled Kettlethorpe Parish Council will be created and launched shortly at a more convenient time.
- 3.6 Leaning trough, near Millfield G.C.** – The Chairman suggested raising the trough by means of a 'Farmer's Jack' and sliding wooden blocks underneath to level it. Arrangements will be made by members to meet up and resolve the problem.
- 3.7 Smells from waste** – See opening discussion with Mr Davies.
- 3.8 Best Kept Village** – After some debate it was decided not to enter this year.
- 3.9 Parish Council Dinner** – It was agreed by all to be a enjoyable evening with good food, good company and a very pleasant atmosphere.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Police Crime Report for February
- 4.2 Shared Speed watch, Messages to Torksey & Fenton PCs + responses
- 4.3 Best Kept Village Competition (c/f from last month for information)
- 4.4 WLDC – Parish Election papers, various
- 4.5 WLDC – District Election
- 4.6 WLDC - Great British Spring Clean
- 4.7 WLDC - Transport and Travel in and around Lincoln
- 4.8 LCC - Reporting Highways Issues
- 4.9 Clerks & Councils Direct - magazine
- 4.10 WLDC - Independent Remuneration Panel - Vacancy
- 4.11 Alex / clerk – Facebook

E-mailed items for February – see list appended to these minutes

5. PLANNING

- 5.1 Planning Application 138686 – Silver Trees Farm, result of appeal, Inspector's report. The Meeting noted that approval has been given for the development to go ahead.

6. FINANCE

- 6.1 PAYE / Salary for end February - Payment of these items had been proposed and accepted for the year and it was agreed by the meeting that each item should be paid.
- 6.2 Parish Accounts for end February – the clerk reported a balance of £11,097 with an expenditure of £8,049 to date as confirmed by the HSBC bank statements and the accounts sheet. It was agreed by the meeting that the Chairman and clerk should sign the monthly Parish Accounts sheet.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 7.1 **Waste** - Referring back to item 3.7, 'smells from waste', It was mentioned that the slurry tankers

passing through Laughterton were not an issue at the moment. It was suggested that this is probably due new equipment being brought into service that burns off some of the more unpleasant aspects of the waste.

This prompted a discussion on another facet of waste: specifically, dumping, at the traveller's site at Drinsey Nook, where the present occupants are said to be very active. Waste is being dumped willy nilly in the protected woodland, which is rapidly becoming an eyesore. Based on local knowledge, there is a strong suspicion that waste is being taken in for cash. A report is to be sent to WLDC.

It was further noted that there are 7 or 8 wheelie bins, some of which have fallen over towards the carriageway, spilling out rubbish on the verge by the entrance to the traveller's camp. A report is to be sent to LCC.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will take place in Kettlethorpe Village Hall on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.40 pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

E-MAILS FOR FEBRUARY

Date	SUBJECT	from
04-Feb	Lincs Police Report for January	Police / clerk
05-Feb	Training course rescheduled - Cllr David Byrne	LALC / clerk
"	Cllr Byrne advised of new date for Play Area Training course	clerk
"	LALC advised that Cllr Byrne should be OK for new date	LALC / clerk
"	CPRE Lincolnshire Best Kept Village Competition - Initial Invitation	Clerk
"	Best Kept Village - worth a go ???	Cllr Scawthon
"	Advice to MKS that Park trees have been cut	clerk
"	PCC advised of Parish donation - comment re: high cost of grass cutters	clerk
"	Request to PCC to send receipt for Parish Council donation	clerk *
"	January minutes to Duncan / Parish website	clerk
06-Feb	Trentside Memories books - gifts, Sue Oliver	clerk
07-Feb	Transport and Travel in and around Lincoln	clerk
"	Application No 138686 - Silver Trees Farm - result of appeal	WLDC / clerk
"	Parish Surgery notice for Tim / responses	clerk
11-Feb	Help for Dave with election papers	clerk
12-Feb	Invitation to diversity training	clerk / LALC
"	Parish map / "Images by hand" - Jason Smith	clerk / Richard
"	February minutes	clerk
19-Feb	Messages to Torksey and Fenton re: sharing a Speed Gun	clerk
"	Invitation to Police to PC meeting	clerk
20-Feb	Independent Remuneration Panel - Vacancy	LALC / clerk
"	Great British Spring Clean - National Campaign	WLDC / clerk
"	Fenton response to Speed Gun query	clerk
21-Feb	Further e-mail to Alex re: Facebook	clerk
22-Feb	Torksey response to Speed Gun query	clerk
"	Further answer from Fenton	clerk
25-Feb	Message to Chair re: health	clerk
26-Feb	Response from Chair	clerk
"	Message to Vice Chair re: meeting	clerk
"	Reminder to PCC receipt needed for Parish Council donation	clerk *
	e-mails and responses.... to / from Richard B and Richard E, re: Chair of next meeting	clerk
27-Feb	Facebook... Response from Alex. Will attempt de-activation / Copy to Catherine	clerk
"	Agenda out for next meeting Mon 4th March	clerk
28-Feb	Confirmation - Lauren to attend Councillor training course 18th June	clerk