

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th July 2022 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Luddington.

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr C Winters, Cllr Scott Walker
Ward Cllr J Briggs,

2207/01 To Note apologies for absence and resignations.

Apologies received from the clerk, Cllr Simm, Cllr Thorpe and Ward Cllr Reed

The Council further RESOLVED to advertise Councillor vacancies (2) and the Clerk vacancy using Facebook and the newsletter as well as contacting parties that might be able to assist.

2207/02 Public Participation.

The Council welcomed Mr Allen, Mr Carver and Ms Lemon. Mr Allen reported that whilst the field off Halkon Close had now been cut by NLC the residue had been left upon the ground and that the grass was in need of an immediate follow up cut. Cllr Briggs confirmed that NLC would be responsible for maintaining the land until the land is sold and he would follow up. The Chair thanked Cllr Briggs for his involvement in this matter. Cllr Walker queried the possibility of registering the land as a green space. Cllr Briggs reported that it might be possible to register the plot as an "Asset of Value" but given the pending sale and planning applications felt that this was unlikely. Cllr Briggs would contact the appropriate NLC officer.

Ms Lemon raised the issue of vehicles speeding through the village reporting that she had experienced a near miss when crossing the Meredyke Road due to a fast-moving car. Cllr Briggs asked whether we had recently had speed monitoring wires in the village, no-one present could recall any recently. Cllr Briggs will look into this. The council RESOLVED to encourage residents to report speeding vehicles to the police, whilst this would be unlikely to result in a prosecution repeated reports of the same vehicle would possibly result in a police visit to the driver. Cllr Briggs raised the subject of SpeedWatch a community program with police training in the use of monitoring equipment commenting that recently introduced schemes are showing to be successful in changing behaviour. The council RESOLVED to investigate further.

Ms Lemon was keen to continue with improvements on The Square and asked whether anyone could assist in the painting of the ornate lamppost there, there was no objection to this from the NLC Highways Officer. Cllr Walker offered to provide scaffolding and to assist and Ms Lemon was advised to complete a microgrant form to cover costs.

Mr Carver reported that he was trying to improve the footpath through the church yard and wondered what grants might be available to assist. He estimated that the path is 25 metres and would require some extensive works and estimated £600.00 to complete. It was noted that this land is the property of the church and we would need to consult before anything further could be done. The Council RESOLVED to assist in any way needed.

2207/03 Declaration of Interest.

No declarations of interest.

2207/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

The council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 6th June as a correct record and they were signed by the chair.

2207/05 Clerks Report/Accounts.

In the absence of the clerk the chair presented a financial statement.

The bank account balance as of 30th June 2022 £15758.65

The Chair noted that a recent receipt of £2767.00 from NLC was actually destined for the Village Hall and whilst included in the above figure can in fact be disregarded.

Invoices to be paid: None outstanding

Direct Debit to sign for Eon for village hall.

2207/07 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues.

Nothing to report.

2207/08 Reports.

To receive an update report on the following areas determining any actions required.

Bank Account – All matters.

No new matters.

Village Newsletter.

The council RESOLVED the next newsletter will be available in July and would carry reports of the Jubilee weekend and that the annual garden competition be announced with the judging to take place in August.

Footpaths.

The Council RESOLVED that no further activity by the council had taken place but see Mr Carver's comments in Public Participation. It was also noted that the Cotley Hall path is not being cut as part of the parish paths cutting program. The Council RESOLVED that the chair should consult with the outgoing clerk for full details of the cutting contract.

Improvements on the square

The council previously RESOLVED that the improvements could be incorporated into the War memorial funding. The Council has yet to produce a scheme and engage with local residents but RESOLVED to give this some priority.

Playing Field Committee.

A proposal has been received from the Village Hall that the emptying of the bin on the field be incorporated into a contract between the Village Hall and a waste collection company. The contract would mean weekly instead of fortnightly emptying and would cost the PC little more than at present. The current contract for emptying the field bin has not been signed so there is no PC obligation. The Council RESOLVED that this proposal be adopted.

Cllr Walker reported that several plans were being considered for the playing field including hard standing and seating areas for use in conjunction with the village hall.

Northern Forest Planting Scheme.

The council RESOLVED that the application had been submitted, trees identified and ordered. The Council RESOLVED that the Chair make contact with the owner of the adjacent land..

Tractor repairs.

The Council RESEOLVED that the repairs were now complete and that contact be made with volunteers for assessment.

Online Documentation.

The council RESOLVED that those documents that clerk had updated were acceptable but still had not been placed on the website and noted that those documents with a “responsible person” listed still need to be updated.

Speeding in the village.

See Public Participation

2207/09 Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch.

Next meeting Thursday 21st July 2022 at 7pm

2207/10 Highways /NLC Issues / Parish Issues.

The Council noted that road closures would be in place on the 11th July on Eastoft Road & Meredyke Road for re-surfacing.

It was noted that some Meredyke Road gutters were becoming overgrown with weeds. The council RESOLVED to investigate and report to the Highways Officer any findings.

2207/10 Planning.

No new Planning Applications reported.

Ref: PA/2021/645 this was removed from the planning meeting agenda 5th July 2022 - “issues with the application”.

Objections were made to PA/2022/1040 following the Chair meeting with affected residents.

A lengthy discussion on planning matters took place, it was suggested that as the sale by NLC of land off Halkon Close is dependant on planning consent maybe there is a conflict of interest as that consent is given by NLC members. Cllr Briggs emphasised the impartiality of the Planning Committee and that each application was reviewed on its merits.

2207/11 Correspondence.

None received.

2207/12 Microgrant Applications.

None

2207/13 Agenda Items for the next meeting.

Continued maintenance of land of Halkon Close as per Mr Allen’s complaint above.
Village Hall matters.

2207/14 To confirm date for next meeting.

Monday 2nd August at 7pm at Luddington Village Hall.

Minutes approved 7/8/2022

R.M. Adams - Chair