

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr C Winter, Cllr S Walker, Cllr Lisa Simm, Ward Cllr Briggs, Ward Cllr J Reed.
Apologies received from Cllr R Thorpe

2211/01 To note apologies for absence and resignations.

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2211/02 Public Participation.

Member of the public Mrs C. Fox attended the meeting but had no items to raise.

2211/03 Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Adams declared an interest in the matter of Chair's expenses.

2211/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

The council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10th October as a correct record and they were signed by the chair.

2211/05 Chair's Report/Accounts

Financial report –

The bank account balance as of 2nd November 2022 - £9,782.83

1 grant payment & 1 invoice outstanding –

VAT refund requested - £1002.25 has not yet been received.

There will be a second VAT request to complete within this financial year.

The Council RESOLVED to honour the Chair's expenses in full. Expenses relate to the garden competition, the rose memorial to Queen Elizabeth II & Land Registry information pertaining to the planning application for the Halkon Close development.

2211/06 Personnel Committee report

The Chair reported that there had been one expression of interest in the vacant Clerk position but as yet no application has been made.

2211/07 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues.

The Ward Councillors reported that Mayoral proclamations regarding Queen Elizabeth II & her successor Charles had been made and acknowledged by The Crown.

Ward Cllr Julie Reed reported that she had obtained quotes for the provision & installation of a replacement gate for the playing field. The council RESOLVED to accept the suggested quotation and further RESOLVED to contribute £480.00 (10%) to the project the remainder to be funded by grant.

Cllr Reed also had obtained quotes for two benches to be installed at the rear of the village hall. The Council RESOLVED that Ward Councillor Reed should proceed with procurement of benches.

Reports.

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

Clerk vacancy

See comment above relating to personnel committee report.

Precept and elections 2023

The Chair reminded the meeting that the precept for 2023 needed to be set in December and that The Council needed to be ready for the possibility of elections in May should there be an increase in interest in Council positions.

Village Newsletter

No action but the Council RESOLVED to investigate the possibility of a combined Village Hall & Parish Council publication.

Footpaths

Cllr Walker reported that three footpath fingerposts were in need of replacement, Eastoft Rd, the rear of St Oswald's church & Meredyke Rd. The Council RESOLVED that Cllr Adams would provide specific location details to the ward councillors who would contact the Footpaths Officer for action.

Highways

No update.

Improvements on the square

Cllr Reed reported that the trees on the square would need to be pruned and the Council RESOLVED to open the task to tender. Cllr Reed had met with the Highways Officer and some residents. It was agreed that the brick paving be replaced and that landscaping should be implemented. The Council RESOLVED to consult with residents and landscaping contractors be invited to tender.

Playfield field committee update

Cllr Adams reported that play equipment of the playing field is due an annual inspection, The Play Inspection Company is our regular contract and has been commissioned again for this year. The inspection will take place without notice in the near future.

No committee meeting had been held since the last PC meeting. There are a range of proposed improvements on the field Council RESOLVED for Cllr Walker to obtain covenant for the field from Cllr Reed.

Cllr Walker to convene a meeting of the playing field committee to discuss activities for 2023.

Northern Forest Planting Scheme

Cllr Adams reported that he had approached the landowner a second time with the proposal that The Council enter into a covenant regarding proposed hedgerow planting on Church Mere. The landowner kindly reconsidered the proposal but finally felt it unworkable and declined. Cllr Simm reported that the hedging plants had arrived and the Council RESOLVED that a working party should be convened to seek alternative locations. Councillors made some suggestions and these will be considered by the working party.

Tractor replacement

Cllr Adams reported that funding would not be available for a machine over 3 years old and the cost of new would far outweigh amount of use that it would receive. Given questions over the future of cricket in the village the council RESOLVED to continue as before and re-visit this topic when a clearer picture of future use is available.

Online Documentation “Responsible persons”

The council RESOLVED that Ward Cllr Reed would undertake to update these documents as she has latest templates for the same. Cllr Reed outlined the Council’s responsibilities in the event of any safeguarding issues, the elected members having a duty to report any suspicions to the relevant North Lincolnshire Council department.

Speeding in the village & Speedwatch

A comprehensive discussion took place around the use of speed reduction signage and community Speedwatch. Council RESOLVED to add this to the priority list for 2023

Christmas Celebrations

The Council RESOLVED that no objection should be raised regarding the positioning of illuminated decorations in and around the village and, subsequent to quotations received, the Council RESOLVED to provide additional funding for the project.

2211/09 Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch.

No matters to report.

2211/10 Planning.

Planning Application PA/2021/645 – 9 houses Halkon Close

Submissions on NLC planning portal appear indicate an intention to attempt to circumvent clause 5 of the original application regarding ground floor habitation.

No further updates on any of the below applications

Planning application PA/2022/96 – 3 houses Meredyke Road - superseded

Planning application PA/2022/1040 – 3 houses Meredyke Road - Not yet determined

Planning Application: PA/2022/1373 – no approval needed

2211/12 Correspondence.

Further Email correspondence received from Mrs D Griffiths regarding Christmas event; this was shared with the Council. The Council RESOLVED to acknowledge receipt.

Letter received from village hall requesting payment of the water & sewage charges – the Council RESOLVED at the last Council meeting to request bank details and make payment. These have not yet been received.

2211/13 Microgrant Applications.

Funds remaining £350

Children’s crafting workshops (J Fox), funds applied for £300 Council RESOLVED at the last Council meeting to award full amount but this has yet to be claimed.

Village Planting (R Baker) to improve/refresh the planters around the village, this grant approved at the last Council meeting and the Council RESOLVED that the funding has been put to excellent use.

2211/14 Agenda Items for the next meeting.

Precept 2023

Christmas decorations for the village – funding

2211/15 To confirm date for next meeting

Monday 5th December 2022 7pm at Luddington Village Hall