

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Luddington.

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr C Winters, Cllr Scott Walker, Cllr Lisa Simm, Cllr Richard Thorpe,
Ward Cllr J Reed

2209/01 To Note apologies for absence and resignations.

Apologies received from Ward Cllr Briggs

2209/02 Public Participation.

No public participation

2209/03 Declaration of Interest.

No declarations of interest.

2209/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

The council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 4th July as a correct record and they were signed by the chair. No meeting was held in August as there were insufficient councillors present to be quorate.

2209/05 Clerks Report/Accounts.

In the absence of a clerk the chair presented a financial statement and details of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

The bank account balance as of 25th August 2022: £12590.68

The Chair noted that there was still an outstanding grant from NLC to receive for the MUGA.

Invoices to be paid: £28,250.40 to Kompan

In the absence of a clerk the AGAR for y/e 3/2022 had been prepared by the Chair following the recruitment of a new internal auditor, Mr M. Peterson and the council RESOLVED to use this same auditor for y/e 2023.

The Chair reported that the AGAR declarations are available for public scrutiny on the Parish Council website and the council RESOLVED to submit the same to our appointed external auditor PKF Littlejohn as a matter of urgency.

As part of the Clerk's report the Chair presented a suggested letterhead for the council and the council RESOLVED to adopt this letterhead for any written correspondence.

As part of the Clerk's report the Chair advised the council of a new code of conduct & that any changes to the councillor's original published Declaration of Interests need to be advise to NLC.

The councillors RESOLVED to familiarise themselves with the Code and report any DoI changes.

Ward Cllr J. Reed joined the meeting at this point and the Chair raised the subject of the local elections which are due in 2023. Cllr Reed reported that the Parish Council would be contacted in advance by NLC's democratic Services and should receive full details of due process.

2209/07

Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues.

Cllr Reed reported

that NLC ran "Fuelled" program throughout the summer holidays.

that highways improvements are ongoing.

that A public transport review was undertaken with just two routes amended, otherwise stable.

that JustGo was still available with concessionary fares available.

Cllr Reed raised the subject of the recently proposed gate for the playing field and Cllr Adams would provide measurements. The Council RESOLVED that the gate would include a pedestrian gate for access to the playing field.

Cllr Reed produced information on benches for the Village Hall / playing field and the Council resolved to purchase 2 benches.

Cllr Reed and the Council discussed the situation of the memorial & landscaping for "The Square", Meredyke Road. The difficulties in sourcing material for the original proposal were discussed and the Council RESOLVED to change the design for a simpler yet still striking design. It is possible that the NLC Highways Officer might have a suitable large stone for this purpose. The Council further RESOLVED that the existing brick area would be replaced by a smaller flagged area with benching and flower beds. Designs would be produced and the Council RESOLVED that local residents be involved and their approval for a design be gained.

Cllr Reed gave the results of the barged competition:

Sycamore House – Hanging baskets & planters

No 3 Laurel Villas - Pots & planters

No 1 Britton Close – Best overall garden frontage.

The Council RESOLVED that the winners would each receive a £25.00 garden centre voucher.

Cllr Reed made special mention of the Village Hall's display which was highly commended and that the village as a whole was benefitting greatly from the planters placed throughout. Work done by a number of villagers with Micro grant financing from the Parish Council.

2209/08

Reports.

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

Bank Account – All matters.

No new matters.

Village Newsletter.

It was noted that with the lack of a clerk and a shortage of councillors the next newsletter scheduled for July was not produced and the Council RESOLVED that an issue would be produced as soon as possible with garden competition results, advert for the clerk post and developments on The Square & the playing field.

Highways & Footpaths.

Nothing to report at this meeting on footpaths.

Concern was raised about tree pruning on Eastoft Road, it was not clear who had done the work but it was not done with any concern for the aesthetic, a fairly rough hacking seems to have taken place. Cllr Reed RESOLVED to investigate.

Improvements on the square

See Ward Councillor's report..

Playing Field Committee.

It was reported that there is a possibility that the Cricket Club might fold. Playing field volunteers have said that should that happen then they would no longer provide the service that they do.

The Playing Field Committee would meet on the 26th of September @7pm.

Northern Forest Planting Scheme.

Cllr Adams reported that contact had been made with the landowner but that she had reservations about the practicality of the project. The Council RESOLVED that a covenant guaranteeing maintenance of the planting could be produced. Cllr Adams to pass this on to the landowner, The Council further RESOLVED that alternative planting areas be found as a backup plan. The Woodland Trust had given a delivery date of the 31st of October.

Tractor Replacement

On hold

Online Documentation.

The council RESOLVED updates to some documents were still needed and this should be a high priority once the Council had a new Clerk in place.

Speeding in the village.

See Public Participation

2209/09 Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch.

Nothing to report

2209/10 Planning.

PA/2022/1040 3 dwellings on Meredyke Road seems to be on hold.

PA/2022/1373 changes at the school

PA/2021/645 The Council RESOLVED to object to the proposal to raise the height of the land but it was also noted that It was noted that the application for this development was still stalled having not appeared on recent planning meeting agendas. The Council RESOLVED to investigate what means might be available to purchase this land & Cllr Reed informed the meeting that a Public Works Board Loan might be possible.

No new applications.

2209/11 Correspondence.

None received.

2209/12 Microgrant Applications.

None

2209/14 To confirm date for next meeting.

Monday 3rd October at 7pm at Luddington Village Hall.