

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023 at 6pm at the Village Hall, Luddington.

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr R Thorpe, Cllr A Hewitt, Ward Cllr Julie Reed.

2312/01 To note apologies for absence and resignations.

Apologies received from Cllr S Walker and Ward Cllr John Briggs.

2312/02 Public Participation.

Mrs J. Christopher requested an update on the teen shelter and microgrants. She also informed the council of the Village Hall proposal to update the kitchen and possible plans to create a hatch in place of the window and create a patioed outside space on the Playing Field. Mrs Christopher was informed that as the playing field is owned by the parish a public consultation showing all the VH plans would need to be actioned. The council **RESOLVED** to add this to next month's agenda.

2312/03 Declaration of Interest.

None received.

2312/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th of November 2023 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

2312/05 Chair's Report/Accounts.

The Chair reported the bank account balance as of 29th November 2023 was £8,084.64.

6 Invoices paid since 24th October 2023 with the Playing Field gates grant outstanding.

2024/25 Budget & Precept – Deadline 26th January 2024 to inform NLC. The Chair to action.

Electricity supplier – the Chair has approached Octopus but as this would be treated as a business account our consumption is too low. Solar panels may be an alternative. The Chair will contact other suppliers for further discussion.

Chloe Patten's co-option application was accepted onto the full council and personnel committee.

The council **RESOLVED** to accept the Chair's report.

2312/06 Personnel Committee

The council **RESOLVED** the next Personnel Committee meeting would be held on Monday 11th

December 2023 at 6pm at Boundary House, High Street, Luddington to finalise the Grounds Person vacancy advert and job description and the clerk's annual review.

2312/07 Policies and Procedures

Emergency Plan Response form – The council **RESOLVED** to distribute with The Luddite in January.

2312/08 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues.

Ward Cllr Reed wished all the councillors a Merry Christmas and thanked them all for their continued help and support. The devolution of NLC, NELC and LC to Greater Lincolnshire has been signed and a mayor will be elected in May 2025 for the combined authority. 20 million will initially be available for area specific employment skills training, brown field sites clean up and regeneration

and local transport links. The 361 bus now has a Sunday service and No: 97 is the new Isle shopper bus service. The NLC are also signing up local companies to be foster friendly employers.

2312/09

Reports:

1. Village Newsletter – The Luddite

Cllr Thorpe confirmed the 2nd Issue would be ready for proof reading at the January meeting.

2. Parish Council meetings.

The Chair confirmed an alternative venue is in the final stages of conclusion.

3. Footpaths.

Cllr Reed confirmed Mr Carver has been working hard for the community. Finger posts have been replaced and the process of formally adopting some footpaths to match up odd bits has commenced but this is a very slow process and could take 6/7 years.

4. Highways.

Overhanging trees Breck Gate and corner of Ox Pasture - The Chair is waiting a response from NLC. Safety concerns - The clerk confirmed that a meeting will be held with Mick Johnson to discuss our concerns for recommendations, suggestions, and procedures.

5. Improvements on the square.

In Spring the council **RESOLVED** to lay topsoil and seed the area rather than turfing. Cllr Thorpe confirmed SSE have volunteers who can help. The council **RESOLVED** to confirm a date for the work in the Spring.

6. Playfield Field update.

The telephone number for the padlock key location sign has not yet been agreed.

The Chair has received a quote for the play equipment repairs which is unrealistic. Cllr Reed agreed to forward details of another company. The council **RESOLVED** the Chair to contact Kompan regarding the MUGA repairs.

The Chair confirm Cllr Reed will be submitting the grant form for a new mower.

The council **RESOLVED** that a fence to prevent access to the rear of the changing rooms will be actioned in 2024 when the weather improves.

The clerk confirmed the yellow lines feasibility will be discussed at the meeting with Mick Johnson. Lights for the MUGA would require planning permission, light pollution and disruption reports and an initial outlay of approximately £2,000. The council **RESOLVED** that they are not minded to consider at this time but may consider in the future.

7. Teen Shelter.

Mrs Christopher was informed that Cllr Reed has the grant form for processing a metal teen shelter. Mrs Christopher's suggestion of a wooden one was rejected due to safeguarding and durability. The youth club did approach the council initially for a shelter, but it needs to be user friendly and available for use by everyone in the community. The council **RESOLVED** to continue with the grant application.

8. Speeding in the village & Speedwatch.

Cllr Reed confirmed the Speedwatch scheme will not be going ahead due to police criteria, so the council **RESOLVED** to remove from future agendas.

High Street, Meredyke Road and Eastoft Road have all had speed monitoring done 2017 and Eastoft Road was the offending road with 40% of vehicles travelling above the speed limit. The Chair felt that the true figure now would be much higher, and Cllr Reed suggested fresh monitoring of Eastoft Road to bring data up to date. The Council **RESOLVED** that this should happen. Cllr Reed confirmed

she has been in discussion with Neil Thomas for placement of digital speed displays. The council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Reed apply for a grant for the displays.

2312/10 Police Matters/NATs/Neighbourhood Watch.

Next meeting Thursday 7th December 2023.

2312/11 Planning.

No new planning submissions.

2312/12 Correspondence.

The clerk confirmed an email regarding lack of road sweeping in the village had been actioned with NLC. Cllr Reed confirmed that this can be reduced at this time of year as drivers are on standby for night salt spreading.

The council **RESOLVED** not to promote the upgrading of the community broadband but let residents make their own decisions.

The council **RESOLVED** no change to Luddington's Polling Station.

2312/13 Microgrant Applications.

None received. The council informed Mrs Christopher there are funds still available.

2312/14 Additional agenda Items for the next meeting.

Village Hall improvements and Public Consultation.

School Fencing.

2312/15 To confirm date for next meeting.

Monday 8th January 2024 at 7pm.

Venue to be confirmed.