

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Luddington.

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr R Thorpe, Cllr C Winter, Cllr Lisa Simm, Ward Cllr J Reed.

2301/01 To note apologies for absence and resignations.

Apologies received from Cllr S Walker, Ward Cllr Briggs

2301/02 Public Participation.

No members of the public present

2301/03 Declaration of Interest.

None received.

2301/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

Matters arising from previous meeting were discussed with updates which will be included in the minutes below.

The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 5th December 2022 as a correct record and they were signed by the chair.

2301/05 Chair's Report/Accounts

Financial report

The Chair reported the bank account balance as of 3rd January is £10,414.88, 3 invoices paid in December.

The microgrant has an increased balance due to a request no longer required.

Parish Councils Annual commitments – Appendix B – reviewed.

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

2301/06 Personnel Committee report

The council welcomed C. Fox into her new role as Clerk.

2301/07 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues.

A small grant possibly available for Coronation celebrations in May.

NLC Children's services has been inspected by Ofsted and grade "Outstanding in all areas with no recommendations for improvement".

The new build of the Alvingham Road complex care centre for children with disabilities which will replace The Cygnets Respite Centre is on track for opening in September. We are working with health to ensure that it can be utilised for palliative care also.

The Well-Spring Academy new build for Post16 (for children with a complex physical disability) is also on track to open in September as follow on from St Luke's and St Hughes, our special schools. It will be a very well-equipped centre offering the mix of therapy and education with a hydra pool and treatment rooms. A comprehensive program of life skills and employment skills will be delivered. It is also the first passive school in Europe and will further our commitment to the environment.

Winter "Fuelled" ran over Christmas with 6000 letters going to eligible families for free holiday activity with lunch provided, there were a good number of providers and options and children responded that it was great. <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/leisure/holiday-activities/>

Our area is engaged with the £2 fare cap for bus journeys and this scheme runs until 31st March '23.

NLC have been allocated £6m from the shared prosperity fund over the next 3 years and they are looking at which projects they will deliver with the funding.

24th May 2023 is the date for "Isle of Axholme Day" and NLC are asking communities to join in and celebrate the culture and heritage of The Isle. This is the day that King Charles 1st and Cornelious Vermuyden signed the Drainage Charter in 1626.

2301/08 Reports.

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

2301/08-01 Precept 2023/4

Will remain at £6,000.00, for the third year running, as agreed at December 2022 meeting and the additional £324.00 grant offered by NLC has also been accepted by the Chair.

2301/08-02 Elections 2023

Cllr Reed confirmed these will be held in May and details will be circulated in advance.

2301/08-03 Coronation of HM Charles III

The council have **RESOLVED** to support the Village Hall and **RESOLVED** to add to the current Playing Field grant application 3 benches, which will be placed in suitable locations in the village to commemorate this occasion.

2301/08-04 Village Newsletter

The council **RESOLVED** to produce a New Year Parish Council newsletter and for the Chair Cllr Adams to liaise with the Village Hall for dates of their newsletter for the Parish Council to contribute. The council also **RESOLVED** to help with the distribution of the newsletter.

2301/08-05 Footpaths

One finger-post missing & one on Meredyke Rd to St Oswald's is still down.

2301/08-06a Highways

No update.

2301/08-06b Pavement Gritting & Spreader Purchase

The council **RESOLVED** that a spreader must be purchased for the gritting of the pavements as a Health & Safety issue. 3 quotes obtained. Cllr Adams to proceed.

2301/08-07 Improvements on the square

Mr M Johnson, NLC Highways Officer, confirmed to the Chair prior to the meeting that a 4ft boulder was available for the memorial on the square. The trees only need topping not trimming. The council **RESOLVED** for the clerk to obtain 3 quotes for this work. The council also **RESOLVED** for Cllr Reed to obtain 3 quotes for the landscaping and design of the memorial area. No response regarding the highway width of Church Mere.

- 2301/08-08 Grass Cutting Contract**
The Chair confirmed the 3 years devolvement agreement with the NLC had been renewed until 2026. The council **RESOLVED** that the current contract with Complete Weed Control needs to be clarified to determine if 2023 tenders are required, Clerk to investigate.
- 2301/08-09 Playfield Field committee update**
The council **RESOLVED** to hold a committee meeting prior to the February meeting at 6.30 to discuss the Forward Plan for 2023 due to concerns affecting the contract and covenants.
- 2301/08-10 Northern Forest Planting Scheme**
Cllr Adams has been unable to contact the Landowner of Ox Pastures. The council **RESOLVED** to continue with the urgent planting in January subject to the landowner's agreement.
- 2301/08-11 Online Documentation "Responsible persons"**
Initial drafts for all documents received. Cllr Reed to finalise and email to the clerk.
Community Emergency box and Plan. The council **RESOLVED** to create 2 new updated boxes and discover the whereabouts of the old ones. A survey will be sent to all Luddington households for completion.
- 2301/08-12 Speeding in the village & Speedwatch.**
The council **RESOLVED** for Cllr Reed to obtain quotes for 3 speed monitoring displays and liaise with the NLC regarding positioning and erection.
- 2301/08-13 Notice Board**
The council **RESOLVED** to replace the existing one with a larger one and re-site in front of the Village Hall. Cllr Reed to obtain the quotes.
- 2301/09 Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch.**
Cllr Winters attended the latest meeting and gave the council an overview.
Actual crime stats are unavailable due to the new system implementations, but the overall results are showing a decrease in domestic violence. Crowle is experiencing an increase in ASB drug issues, but Keadby's have reduced. Police priorities are wildlife crime (hare coursing etc) , drug use & supply and speeding. Sarah Jackson, Beat Manager Epworth, would also like to arrange for Community Officers to attend local events, clubs and coffee mornings to emphasise the importance of reporting crime. The Luddington Youth Club organisers were highly praised for their work with our young residents. The council **RESOLVED** to inform residents the importance of reporting any crime via the 101 number or the website www.humberside.police.uk. Initially this will be through social media and the website.
- 2301/10 Planning.**
No additional planning applications. Nothing to report on existing applications.
- 2301/12 Correspondence.**
Receipts received in support of the microgrant for the Seniors Christmas lunch.
- 2301/13 Microgrant Applications.**
There are monies still available in the 2022 / 23 fund and the council **RESOLVED** to draw attention to this availability in the forthcoming newsletter.
- 2301/14 Agenda Items for the next meeting.**
None to add.
- 2301/15 To confirm date for next meeting.**
Monday 6th February 2023 6.30pm at Luddington Village Hall