

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr S Walker, Cllr R Thorpe, Cllr A Hewitt.

2311/01 To note apologies for absence and resignations.

Apologies received from Ward Cllr Julie Reed and Ward Cllr John Briggs.

2311/02 Public Participation.

No public participation.

2311/03 Declaration of Interest.

None received.

2311/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd of October 2023 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

2311/05 Chair's Report/Accounts.

The Chair reported the bank account balance as of 24th October 2023 was £14,439.79.

7 Invoices paid since 22nd September 2023 with the Playing Field gates invoice and grant outstanding. The Chair also confirmed he would pay the Shed on the Isle microgrant.

2024/25 Budget & Precept - the council discussed the proposed Budget for 2024/25 and **AGREED** the precept would remain the same at £6,000.

Leaves on the Square - to be monitored for clearance.

British Legion donation - the council **RESOLVED** that no donation will be made as it is a national not local charity and to remove it from the Appendix B Annual Commitments.

Christmas celebration contribution – the council **RESOLVED** to fund £340 for the purchase of 6 x 7ft artificial trees for the village.

Electricity supplier – the Chair is approaching cheaper alternative suppliers for the council to discuss at the next meeting.

Garden competition entry form – the council **RESOLVED** that the competition be better organised next year by approaching the judges for a confirmed date in July and advertising it in The Luddite.

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

2311/06 Policies and Procedures

Emergency Plan Response form – The council **RESOLVED** to distribute in the New Year

2311/07 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues.

None present but a narrative from NLC in addition to Ward updates sent by Cllr Briggs was read by the Chair. The report outlined future NLC projects in the area, improved bus services including digital bus timetables in prime locations, multi-storey car park to receive high security upgrade, electric charging points, fighting hospital service reductions and the opening of the soft play centre at St John's market.

Reports:**1. Village Newsletter – The Luddite**

Cllr Thorpe confirmed the 1st issue of The Luddite will be distributed this week (w/c 06/11/2023)

2. Parish Council meetings.

The Chair waiting for responses from other locations for consideration/discussion by the council.

3. Footpaths.

No updates.

4. Highways.

Overhanging trees Breck Gate and corner of Ox Pasture. The council **RESOLVED** for the Chair to contact NLC.

Safety concerns raised by Cllr Walker for the junction at Eastoft Road, High Street and Meredyke Road. The council discussed possible railings, roundabout, lights and **RESOLVED** for the clerk to contact NLC Highways 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.

6. Playfield Field update.

The new gates are complete with further positive feedback from Luddington residents. The council **RESOLVED** that a sign with the telephone number for the padlock key is needed.

The Chair is completing a Quickline grant form for a new mower.

The Chair confirmed the clerk has found a basic job description and pay grade for a Grounds Person. The clerk confirmed advertising the position on the website, noticeboard and Facebook community page meets requirements after the Personnel Committee agree the recruitment is necessary. The Chair **RESOLVED** to send the proposed job description and draft an advert to the Personnel Committee to review for agreement at the next meeting.

The council **RESOLVED** that a fence to prevent access to the rear of the changing rooms is to be erected.

The council **AGREED** to the planting of a 3ft Christmas tree in the corner of the playing field by the Village Hall Committee.

The Chair suggested, following social media comments, that double yellow lines be put across the playing entrance to a distance of one metre either side. The council **RESOLVED** to approach NLC Highways for a feasibility discussion.

7. Teen Shelter.

The Chair expressed his concerns for a wooden shelter and the council **AGREED** a metal one is preferable. The Chair **RESOLVED** to meet Cllr Reed to discuss the grant situation.

8. Speeding in the village & Speedwatch.

Luddington is low priority for speeding concerns by the police as no incidents reported. The wheelie bin stickers have arrived and will be distributed with the newsletter. The Chair **AGREED** to also discuss the digital displays when he meets with Cllr Reed.

- 2311/09** **Police Matters/NATs/Neighbourhood Watch.**
No meeting held.
- 2311/10** **Planning.**
No new planning submissions.
PA/2023/631, PA/2022/1948, PA/2021/645 Halkon Close – The Chair confirmed this application was passed unanimously. There were no residents present and no other objections at the meeting.
- 2311/11** **Correspondence.**
The Chair confirmed an application to register Far Pasture Lane, formally known as Cow Pasture Lane, as a bridleway.
- 2311/12** **Microgrant Applications.**
None received.
- 2311/13** **Additional agenda Items for the next meeting.**
Personnel Committee
Lights for the MUGA
- 2311/14** **To confirm date for next meeting.**
Monday 4th December 2023 at 6pm.