

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024 at 7pm at the Luddington & Garthorpe Primary School, Luddington.

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr S Walker, Cllr C Holloway.

2411/01 To note apologies for absence and resignations.

Apologies received from Cllr A Hewitt, Cllr C Patten, Cllr J Richards, Cllr J Reed & Cllr Bint.

2411/02 Public Participation.

The Chair suspended the meeting for Mrs J. Christopher, Mr J. Clark & Mr M. Thompson to raise their subjects.

Mrs Christopher queried the panto coach payment which the clerk confirmed was awaiting an invoice for payment, the Christmas light donation which the Chair confirmed was on the agenda for discussion & if a microgrant could be used for the purchase of gifts for the community. The council **RESOLVED** to add this to the next meeting.

Mr Clark presented the Rural Housing Enabler & NHS "have your say" leaflets for the council to review. He expressed his disappointment on the lack of poppies/remembrance symbols in the village. The clerk mentioned that the war memorial is on this month's agenda & one of the proposals is to purchase a Tommy solider. Mr Clark suggested Shed on the Isle would be happy to make these. The council **RESOLVED** to discuss further when the meeting resumed.

Mr Thompson raised a potential issue regarding access during some refurbishment to be undertaken on Housing Association properties on The Square. The council **RESOLVED** to discuss further when the meeting resumed.

2411/03 Declaration of Interest.

None received

2411/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th of October 2024 as a correct record and they were signed by the chair.

2411/05 Chair's Report.

A resident has requested the trees on The Square are removed due to lack of light & fallen leaves. The councillors agreed these are 80/90-year-old trees that cannot be replaced. The Community Operative would thin branches where possible to allow more light & clear the leaves as required. There is no valid reason or funding to fell the trees. The council **RESOLVED** to accept the Chair's report.

2411/06 Clerk's Accounts/Report.

The clerk confirmed the bank account balance on 4th November 2024 was £ 5,763.81. This includes the microgrant fund balance of £1,051.26. 9 invoices & 2 microgrants paid since the 2nd October & 3 invoices paid after the agenda issued. This was supported by a copy of the bank statement at 31st October & reconciliation. Grant for the benches/picnic tables outstanding. The clerk confirmed the NALC Pay Agreement 2024/25 had been received. The council **RESOLVED** to accept the clerk's reports.

- 2411/07 Report from Personnel Committee.**
Minutes from the Personnel Committee meeting held on 14th October 2024 were presented to the council. Both the Clerk and Community Operatives reviews were very positive.
The council **RESOLVED** to accept and agree recommendations.
- 2411/08 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues.**
None present.
- 2411/09 Reports.**
- 1. Village Newsletter**
The Chair reported that the Autumn issue of the newsletter is almost ready for distribution.
 - 2. Highways**
At present nothing to report.
 - 3. Improvements on the square.**
Bricks now removed and grass seeding to proceed this month as weather favourable.
There are no vehicles permitted on the square which has raised concerns with the contractors accessing the Housing Association properties for refurbishment. The Chair has agreed to write to Ongo informing them of this restriction.
 - 4. Playfield field committee update**
A replacement part has been ordered for the broken bench. The Chair will contact Mr Knapton regarding possible tree/wildflower planting in an area of the field. The clerk will contact P. Lindley, CWC, to flail the hedges.
 - 5. Playing Field changing rooms refurbishment**
No update at present.
 - 6. Additional picnic benches**
The 2 picnic tables & 3 benches have been purchased and are awaiting positioning. Cllr Walker has some paving slabs that could be used.
 - 7. Speeding in the village**
No results/updates.
 - 8. War Memorial**
The council discussed options. The council **AGREED** to commission Shed on the Isle to make 3 life size Tommy statues to be positioned at the entrances to the village. The council also **RESOLVED** for a memorial plaque to be placed on the square. The clerk will source wording and costings.
 - 9. Village Hall Christmas Lights**
The council **AGREED** to donate £400 to this event by requesting a shopping list from the Village Hall and purchasing on their behalf.
- 2411/10 Police Matters / NATs.**
No update.
- 2411/11 Planning.**
No new applications reported.
- 2411/12 Correspondence.**
The council thanked for clearing the surplus bricks on the square.
Mrs W. Swannick would like to regularly bake cakes for the community. The Chair will speak to Mrs Swannick to confirm exactly what help she needs.

- 2411/13** **Microgrant Applications.**
None received
- 2411/14** **Agenda Items for the next meeting.**
Community Christmas gifts.
- 2411/15** **To confirm date for next meeting.**
Monday 2nd of December 2024 at 7pm Luddington & Garthorpe Primary School.