

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr S Walker, Cllr A Hewitt, Cllr C Patten, Cllr C Holloway, Cllr J Richards & Cllr J Reed.

2410/01 To note apologies for absence and resignations.

Apologies received from Cllr Bint.

Cllr Adams announced he would resign after the January 2025 meeting & Cllr Hewitt also confirmed she was resigning at the end of this year. All other councillors agreed they would be sadly missed especially Cllr Adams for his commitment and hard work over the years.

2410/02 Public Participation.

None

2410/03 Declaration of Interest.

None received

2410/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th of September 2024 as a correct record and they were signed by the chair.

2410/05 Chair's Report.

The proposed Budget 2025/2026 was presented, reviewed and discussed by the council with the proposed to increase the precept, for the 1st time in 4 years, to £8,000, (approx. £1.60pm over 10 months on a Band D). The council **RESOLVED** to approve the increase for 2025/2026. The Chair and RFO signed the proposed Budget for 2025/2026.

The October Annual Commitments of leaves on the square & autumn newsletter are all in hand.

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

2410/06 Clerk's Accounts/Report.

The clerk confirmed the bank account balance on 2nd October 2024 was £ 9,593.76. This includes the microgrant fund balance of £1,451.26. The final NLC grass cutting payment of £2,850 and 13 invoices paid since the 28th August. This was supported by a copy of the bank statement at 30th September & reconciliation.

The clerk confirmed the AGAR had been finalised and the Notice of conclusion of audit was posted on the website on 27th September 2024 for 28 days.

The clerk requested the Personnel Committee convene this month to review the Community Operative's 6-month review and the Clerk's annual review. Cllr Hewitt, Cllr Walker & Cllr Holloway **AGREED** to meet on Monday 14th October 2024 at 6pm in the Luddington Village Hall.

The clerk informed the council there had been some positive feedback on Facebook regarding how lovely the village was looking and being maintained.

The Sexual Harassment Policy & Procedure was reviewed, approved & signed by the Chair.

The council **RESOLVED** to accept the clerk's reports.

2410/07

Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues.

Cllr Reed advised that the response from Luddington Parish on community governance and the review of councillor numbers will be sent to committee preparing the report and they will then reply, the matter will go to NLC Full Council, some councils undertake only statutory function whilst others employ staff and do extra provision around the village so there will be variations across the county.

All residents have received letters inviting them to the Ward Councillors surgeries with any issues. Speeding on Eastoft Road is an issue raised by a resident which Cllr Bint is involved in the reconsideration of the Community Speed Watch programme. Tractor concerns also raised – residents advised to record & report details of location, dates & times for action to be taken.

Devolution honoured – £24m per year for North Lincs – concentrating on regeneration of employment scheme & development of brown filled local sites. Local decision making.

Residents preferred to be part of Greater Lincolnshire rather than the Hull and Humber, but we will still work with Humberside Health, Fire & Police authorities. This is the 1st Devolution deal, and we hope that with successful delivery we will be allocated more areas of responsibility and funding. Greater Lincolnshire will have additional responsibilities over time. There will be an election for a Mayor next May.

Humber Health Partnership continues to meet, and I attend to represent residents, we are strongly disagreeing to the move of more services from Scunthorpe hospital to Princess of Wales hospital in Grimsby. The new CDC Community Diagnostic Centre opening shortly in Scunthorpe gives the community a service reportedly for 150,000 appointments per year including diagnosing scanning and x-rays. This does not remove the need for a hospital in Scunthorpe which NLAG (Northern Lincolnshire & Goole Hospital Trust) advises us is not planned for full closure. A recent visit to China from NLC Chief Exec, Director of Business and Regeneration and the Leader of Council formed some collaborative conversations regarding enabling 300 acres of old British Steel site for new businesses and jobs that will be needed as the Steelworks move to a greener steel making model which will need less staff.

SSE winter warmth grant £750 is available again this year. Also, VE & VJ Day grants of £250 each.

2410/08

Reports.

1. Village Newsletter

The Chair reported that the Autumn issue of the newsletter will be distributed this month.

2. Highways

At present nothing to report.

3. Improvements on the square.

Removal of the surplus bricks and a general clean-up of the site before grass seeding needed.

Cllr Reed expressed her concerns that a record of the WW victims may be lost. Is the consideration of a memorial garden for all involved in conflict still a possible option? The council **AGREED** to discuss options at a future meeting.

4. Playfield field committee update

The Chair will contact Mr Knapton this month regarding possible future plans. Cllr Walker reported that the upgrade to the fence surrounding the school had begun. The council raised the question of a Christmas tree which was offered last year but not planted. Cllr Walker will enquire. The council **RESOLVED** plans will be reviewed next year due to the square completion & approaching Christmas season.

5. Playing Field changing rooms refurbishment

No update at present. The council **RESOLVED** this will be reviewed next year due to the square completion & approaching Christmas season.

6. Additional picnic benches

Community Grant of £1,416 offered. The clerk presented the quotes & options for 2 picnic benches & 3 benches. The council **AGREED** for the clerk to purchase the seating from Recycled Furniture.

7. Speeding in the village

No updates but Cllr Reed informed the council that Cllr Bint is approaching the police to endorse the benefits of a Community Speed Watch team.

2410/08 Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Reed reported there had been lots of car thefts targeting high-end cars in the surrounding area. Nothing else significant to report.

2410/09 Planning.

No new applications reported.

2410/10 Correspondence.

Councillors had read the new Public Space Protection Order sent out by the clerk.

2410/11 Microgrant Applications.

Halloween Party - £200 – clerk has requested bank details for payment.

Christmas Party - £200 – clerk has requested bank details for payment.

Panto Coach Hire -£300 – quote received for £320.

The council **AGREED** to donate the extra £20 for the coach hire.

2410/12 Agenda Items for the next meeting.

Village Hall Christmas Lights event

War Memorial

2410/13 To confirm date for next meeting.

Monday 4th of November 2024 7pm Luddington & Garthorpe Primary School.