

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Present;** R. Gore (Chair), C. Cuckson, S. Farrow, C. Hunt

39/18 **Apologies for absence;** had been received from L. Hoggarth

40/18 **Minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> May** were approved and signed.

41/18 **Clerk's Report** an update of progress since the last meeting was tabled and will be made available on the new village website. There was only one item requiring discussion;

- **Accounts format** – it was agreed that these should be maintained on a spreadsheet, rather than the cash analysis book, in future.

42/18 **Matters outstanding**

- **Telephone box** – closer inspection had identified that the power supply was still connected and the cost of disconnection was likely to be quite high. There was some discussion over whether this was good use of the precept. Given the fact that there had been unanimous support for moving the box at the Annual Parish Meeting and that the cost of renovation and moving would be minimal, thanks to the work of volunteers, it was agreed to go ahead.

**Action GP**

- **Calendar of events** – had been prepared as agreed at the last meeting and was approved.
- **Pig sty** – in cottage garden had deteriorated further, its removal on safety grounds had become urgent.
- **Speed indicator Device** – was ready for installing but the poles in Kexby required extensions before this could be done. The chairman would contact Nev. Barnes to get the work done as soon as possible.

**Action RG**

The clerk would contact the suppliers to arrange installation, the device would initially be installed at Upton since they had completed all their preparations. It would rotate between the villages at monthly intervals.

**Action GP**

43/18 **Correspondence** – a list had been circulated, the following issues were addressed;

- **Cottage inspection and review** – this had been included in the calendar of events, the clerk to check with WLDC regarding frequency of rent reviews.

**Action GP**

- **Playing field funding request** – it was agreed to provide the same level of support as previous years (£675). No request had been received from the village hall committee.

**Action GP**

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- **Drains around well and village green** – complaints had been received during the wet weather but this was a highways issue rather than Parish Council. The clerk was asked to seek clarification of the location and extent of the problem from the residents and then take the matter up with the highways authority.

**Action GP**

- **Allotment** – a request had been received to purchase the allotment but there was some uncertainty regarding the size of the piece of land involved. The clerk was asked to contact the allotment holder to ascertain the size prior to the next meeting.

**Action GP**

- **Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils AGM** – an invitation had been received but no-one wished to attend.
- **Cottage repairs** – a second quote for repairs to an internal door frame and associated pest control had been received on which the cost was less ambiguous. Since this was specialist work and the firm had been recommended by a reputable local builder it was not appropriate to seek further quotes. It was agreed to go ahead with the work.

**Action GP**

- **Cottage fence** – a section of post and rail fencing on the northern boundary of the garden was in need of replacement. C. Cuckson declared an interest in this item as the fence adjoined her property and agreed not to take part in the discussion. The chairman offered to have a look at how much needed replacing and to investigate prices.

**Action RG**

**44/18 Asset Register** – the clerk was concerned that only the cottage appeared on the asset register and queried whether the allotment and playing field should also be included. There would be a better understanding of the value of the allotment once the assessment referred to above had been completed so this could be deferred to the next meeting. The playing field (and village hall) were not assets of the Parish Council but of a village trust and, as such, were the responsibility of the trustees.

**45/18 Date of Annual Parish Meeting** – agreed as 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and the clerk was asked to book the hall before it got booked for other purposes.

**Action GP**

46/18 Any Other Business

- **Transparency Fund** all work now complete, clerk to be paid £204 for time spent on training and set-up. Payment agreed
- **Hedge cuttings** – some residents had failed to clear up hedge trimmings after cutting the road side of their hedges which was making the village look untidy. It was suggested that charging for green bins by WLDC may have been a factor. Nothing the Parish Council could do about the matter as the mess was on land belonging to Lincolnshire Highways but the clerk was asked to write to WLDC to make them aware of the problem and to ask if they had any solutions.

**Action GP**

- **Weeds growing on edge of road** – soil had built up along the edges of the road and weeds were getting established in it. A similar problem was addressed by a group of volunteers some years ago after which the council sent a sweeper lorry to tidy it up. Health & safety would be an issue if the Parish Council formally organised such a group since they were not authorised to work in the road. If an informal group was to decide to tackle the problem they should wear high visibility jackets and be working in groups so that they were aware of traffic.
- **Cars parking on the corner of High Street and Glentworth Road** – this was becoming quite a problem again but was beyond the control of the Parish Council. If vehicles are creating a hazard or an obstruction they should be reported to the police on 101 (non-urgent phone line)
- **Weeds on roadside** – a particular problem on Glentworth Road but again nothing that the Parish Council could do as the area concerned was the responsibility of the Highways Authority.
- **Trees overhanging footpath** – this related to trees on the village green and the Parish Council would arrange for some of the lower branches to be trimmed back.

**Action GP**

- **Hedges obstructing footpath** – this was a particular problem on Kexby Lane, the clerk was asked to write to the house occupiers and ask them to cut back the hedge and clear up any trimmings.

**Action GP**

- **Village communication** – website still under development important to get it recognised as important line of communication for village. C. Hunt suggested Facebook page would be good in this respect and offered to look into the setting up of one.

**Action CH**

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47/18 **Date of next meeting** confirmed as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm. Please let the clerk have any agenda items by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August if possible