

Minutes of a meeting of Ashby Parkland Parish Council held on Monday 14th March 2022 at 6pm in Gunness Village Hall.

PRESENT : Chairman: Cllr B Holloway, Cllr D Oldfield, Cllr L Walker, Cllr P Devine, Cllr C Waters

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Pickering(Clerk), One member of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public felt that the council had been wrong in setting the precept with all councilors being co-opted members. He felt that a councilor could only vote on the precept if they were elected members. The member of the public was advised that 4 councillors are elected members and 1 councillor is a co-opted member, however every councilor is able to propose and vote on the setting of the precept. The member of the public advised the meeting that he would look into this matter further.

The chairman advised the meeting of the passing of Colin Vessey – previously a parish councilor and active member of the Neighbourhood Watch Group.

1. **APOLOGIES :** Cllr J Walshe

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY AGENDA ITEM** – Cllr D Oldfield – Item 6, payment 5 – personal interest declared.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2022**

Proposed by Cllr D Oldfield, seconded by Cllr C Waters and agreed unanimously.

4. CLERKS UPDATES

- Overgrown trees and shrubbery on land belonging to the IDB (Lagoon area) at the back of the Ashfield site and Capps Coal Yard – update on creating fire break
Cllr Holloway advised the meeting that a contractor, working for the drainage board, had been given instructions to cut back all vegetation which was touching the fences. Some residents felt that the contractor had cut back too much vegetation. This contractor also advised that in July 2020 he had put in a tender to clear the whole boundary which was accepted at the time but unfortunately covid prevented this work from taking place. Apparently the IDB have conducted a survey of residents asking if they wanted all the shrubbery cutting back and the result had been that they did not – however many residents have indicated that they have no recollection of any survey.

5. **PLANNING** - Opportunity for one person from each side to state within 3 minutes objection/support of contested applications.

No planning applications received.

6. FINANCE

The clerk advised the meeting that the new salary awards for 2021/2 have been agreed and the clerk – on salary scale point 12 receives an increase from £11.53 to £11.73/hr. This pay award is back dated to April 2021 and NALC have asked that it is implemented within this financial year if possible.

The clerk advised that tis pay award has been implemented within the March payment – but back dated to July 2021. Councillors agreed to this pay increase – as the national pay awards are followed.

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| a) Accounts for payment | | |
| | Ch. No. | Amount |
| 1. Clerk - Salary – Feb/March | 100580 | 344.73 |
| 2. Clerks Expenses : | | |
| Stamps – 4.25 | | |
| stationery/photocopy – 4.94 | | |
| Travel - £18.00 | | |
| Total Expenses | 100581 | 27.19 |
| 3. Inland Revenue – for Feb | 100582 | 40.00 |
| 4. Inland Revenue - for March | 100583 | 46.20 |
| 5. Room Hire – March 22 | 100584 | 15.00 |
| 6. Information Commissioner | 100585 | 40.00 |

The above accounts were approved for payment – proposed by Cllr D Oldfield and seconded by Cllr C Waters and unanimously agreed.

Income Received : 0

- b) To receive Income and Expenditure year to date sheet – circulated at the meeting and transactions noted.

7. North Lincolnshire council matters:

- i) Report from Ward Councillor J Walshe : No report to receive.
 ii) Any new N.L.C matters to report: Cllr Oldfield advised the meeting of two big projects within the North Lincolnshire Council region – the Barton By-Pass and the Scunthorpe town centre ‘levelling up’ project.

Speeding on Burringham Road –B1450 is still a problem. This should be raised at the NATS meeting.

The gullies on this road – Burringham village into Scunthorpe town are still blocked with silt. Some work has taken place – but unfortunately the silt was just left on the side of the road and the road sweeper has swept it back into the gullies. The silt actually needs removing from the road.

8. Parish Matters

- a) NATS meeting – Gunness village hall has been booked for the NATS meeting on Monday 21st March at 2pm.
 b) Ashfield Park Residents Association and Neighborhood Watch Scheme – There is lots of enthusiasm for this association but struggling to find someone to commit to being the coordinator. There is a Park Homes site regulation which is being implemented which states that any homes separated by a 3ft fence cannot park their vehicles side by side as this is considered a fire hazard. This regulation – which affects all Park Home sites – is being considered, discussed and negotiated nationally.
 c) Any new local or site matters: The Ashfield Park Homes site is hoping to hold a street party for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The clerk is to find out if a community grant for this event is still available. If this is the case – Cllr Holloway will forward to the clerk details of the event and costs so that the clerk can apply for the grant. The Parklands site representatives did not feel that they would be holding a street party. Clerk to contact Woodside Drive estate to advise them that if they are planning anything for the jubilee for residents they should let the clerk know and any grant achieved will be split proportionally between any events held.
 Councillors discussed providing a notice board for Woodside Drive – to be located at the entrance to the drive or near the bus stop on Burringham Road. Clerk to make a grant application for the notice board.

9. Correspondence

North Lincolnshire Council – Forthcoming meetings
ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
ERNLLCA newsletter
N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
Email from resident on Woodside drive.

10. Agenda items for next meeting

Funding for jubilee events.
Summer coach trips
Xmas party

11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd May 2022