

WILLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The Parish Council Meeting was held in the Village Hall,
Thursday 24th November 2022 @ 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Cllr. Mrs. K. Phillips, (Chair), Cllr. Ms. H. Goring (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Mr. P. Baldwin, Cllr. Mr. B. Moore, Cllr. Mr. G. Rowles-Nicholson, Cllr. Mrs. S. Rovezzano, and Ms Hazel Fox (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mr. D. Cowell and Cllr. Mr. P. Howitt-Cowan (W.L.D.C.).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. Mr. B. Moore expressed an interest as a member of the Committee of the Limestone Rangers Football Club. Cllr. Mr. G. Rowles-Nicholson and Cllr. Mrs. K. Phillips expressed an interest in The Tillbridge Solar Project.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 6th October 2022

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 6th October 2022, were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Precept for 2023/2024.

Discussion was held on the Parish Council Budget for the year 2023/2024, and Councillors had the opportunity to express their views on the estimate to be submitted to West Lindsey District Council.

RESOLUTION: It was agreed unanimously to submit an estimate of £8,000. This being £200 more than the previous year. **Action: Clerk**

b) Planning Application Ref: 145819. Prince William Lodge, 6a Vicarage Road, Willoughton, Gainsborough, DN21 5SA.

The planning application was considered with reference to the Willoughton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2017-2037 and conformance to the said plan.

RESOLUTION: Submission of the Council's views will be deferred. Cllr Mr. P. Baldwin will consult with Mr Nev Brown (W.L.D.C.) on the process to be followed and will report back.

Action: Cllr. Mr. P. Baldwin

c) Village Christmas Tree/Lighting Event.

Cllr. Mrs. S. Rovezzano will purchase the village Christmas tree from Fillingham. Cllr Mr. G. Rowles-Nicholson will arrange collection. Cllr Rovezzano advised the lights require repair and discussion was held on purchase of a new transformer. Cllr Rovezzano will obtain costings for either a transformer or new lights and will advise Councillors for a decision to be reached. The tree will be in situ for a joint event with the Village Hall Committee on 3rd December. Cllrs Mrs K. Phillips and Ms. H. Goring will assist with decoration.

Cllr. Ms. H. Goring informed Councillors of the plans for the Village Hall events. A pop-up market will be held between 1 p.m.-3 p.m. at the Village Hall. Villagers have expressed a desire for a light switch on gathering to be held and it is anticipated this will be at 5 p.m. on the 3rd December. A church service will follow with carols, and refreshments will be served in the Village Hall. Cllr Goring will arrange for the purchase of a tree for the church

Action: Cllr. Ms. H. Goring

d) Refuse centre in Kirton.

Cllr. Mr. P. Baldwin advised Lincolnshire County Council will not provide funding for residents to use the recycling centre at Kirton. The Clerk advised the leader of North Lincolnshire Council will not permit use of the centre until funding is received.

e) Waste Collections.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting, when Cllr. Mr. P. Howitt-Cowan is in attendance.

5. PLAYING FIELD

a) Funding for replacement equipment.

The Clerk advised several funding streams had been identified, however before applying, a decision is required on which items require replacing or repairing and costings should be sought.

RESOLUTION: It was agreed the Clerk would prepare a questionnaire to be distributed to ascertain the views of parents and children in the village. **Action: Clerk**

b) Damage to football pitch.

Cllr. Mr. B. Moore advised several cattle had caused damage to the football pitch. The pitch had been cleaned up, however topsoil required replacing.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Mr. B. Moore will arrange for the purchase of replacement topsoil at a cost of £30.

Action: Cllr. Mr. B. Moore

6. HIGHWAYS

a) Water at the corner of Gainsborough Road outside Caudle House.

Cllr. Mrs. K. Phillips will continue to press for a resolution with Anglian Water.

Action: Cllr. Mrs. K. Phillips

b) Drain running alongside Templefield Road.

A collapsed drain has now been diagnosed and repairs will be done by the Highways Department at West Lindsey Council before the end of April. A similar issue was identified outside the Stirrup Inn. Cllr. Mr. P. Baldwin has requested assistance from Cllr C. Perraton-Williams in pushing for this to be done earlier.

c) Drains on Church Street.

Cllr. Mr. P Baldwin advised the drains have now been cleaned out; however a street sweep is necessary to prevent a reoccurrence. Cllr Baldwin will make the necessary enquiries.

Action: Cllr. Mr. P. Baldwin

d) Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

Information has been received from West Lindsey District Council on the Community Speed watch Programme. The Clerk distributed a printed copy of the guidance. Cllr Ms. H. Goring will gauge interest from Residents and bring back to the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Ms. H. Goring

e) Signage to 1&3 Northfield Lane.

Cllr Mr. B. Moore advised of inadequate signage to 1&3 Northfield Lane. Cllr. Mr. G. Rowles-Nicholson offered to organise an informal sign.

Action: Cllr. Mr. G. Rowles-Nicholson

f) 30 m.p.h. signs.

Current 30 m.p.h. signs have become faded and require replacement. The Clerk will purchase three replacement signs at a cost of £10 each.

Action: Clerk

7. ACCOUNTS

a) The Clerk advised Councillors of the notification from NALC of the 2022/2023 Salary Award. From 1st April 2022, the rate per hour increases from £11.28 to £12.28.

RESOLUTION: It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £12.28 per hour

b) The following payments were approved:

Cllr Mr. P. Baldwin - Reimbursement of purchase of poppy wreath

£50.00

Willoughton Village Hall rent for postal outreach services Oct & Nov (30th Sep – 2nd Dec) 9 weeks @ 2 hours of £6	£108.00
Luana de Santis litter picking for November	£95.00
Hazel Fox salary for 28th October - 25th November (4 weeks)	£180.48
Luana de Santis litter picking for December	£95.00
Hazel Fox salary for 25th November – 30th December (5 weeks)	£225.60

Once these cheques are cleared, this will leave £5,190.97 in the Current Account and £11,508.09 in the Savings Account. This gives a total of £16,699.06 in the Parish Council Accounts.

Cheques were signed by The Clerk.

- c) The Clerk advised guidance from LALC is that bank transfers should be utilised wherever possible over cheques. Cllrs were concerned this adds an extra burden onto the Clerk. Cllrs requested the Clerk to investigate two-step authentication as a possible means of payment and to bring back to the next meeting for discussion.
- Action: Clerk**

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

LALC Annual Report (6th Oct)
LCC Bus service updates (10th Oct)
LALC E-news (10th Oct, 17th Oct, 24th Oct, 31st Oct, 7th Nov & 14th Nov)
Lincs Reservoir Project (13th Oct)
BHIB Fireworks Guidance (13th Oct)
PCC Newsletter (21st Oct)
YMCA Newsletter (25th Oct)
Tillbridge Solar Community Newsletter (26th Oct)
LCC Town & Parish Council update (28th Oct)
Cllr. Mr. P. Howitt-Cowan. District Councillor's Report November (31st Oct)
LCC Notice of temporary traffic restriction (4th Nov)
Parish online newsletter (9th Nov)
TQ Grounds maintenance (9th Nov)
WLDC Notification of planning application 145819 (11th Nov)
WLDC Parish News (11th Nov)

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr. Mr. B. Moore was concerned with the increase in dog fouling on the playing field. It was agreed, until those responsible can be identified, action cannot be taken.
- b) Cllr. Mr. B. Moore informed the Council, Mr Keith Betts has received an award from the Football Association for in excess of 50 years' service. Cllrs congratulated Mr Betts and agreed it was an outstanding contribution to the success of Limestone Rangers.

10. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No further items requested at this time.

11. NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting will be (subject to any change in circumstances) Thursday **26th January 2023 @ 7 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm