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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Andrews Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill on Thursday 29th August 2024 at 7pm

Present Cllr. James Brown (Chairman) Cllr. Richard Hartley (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Stu Brett Cllr Sue Renner

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

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<u> Public Forum – 7.00pm – 7.15pm</u>

- 1. A resident of Manthorpe suggested that the speed limit should be reduced to 20 mph as they felt that vehicles of all shapes and sizes were speeding above the 30mph limit.
 - Cllr. Hartley reported that the Road Safety Partnership would be doing an assessment of speed at Manthorpe in the future which would give the Council a better idea of speed.
 - Cllr Brett reported that the council could order more 30mph passive speed signs if required and encouraged residents to use the bin stickers.
- 2. A resident asked that the trees planted on behalf of the Council be tagged to avoid being cut by contractors when hedge cutting. **Action P Dawson.**
- The Council were informed that despite the concern over a number of newly planted trees there was still life in the stems. Trees planted along Wilsthorpe Road, Main Road and Layby. Action P Dawson.
- 044/24 <u>Chairman's remarks</u> Cllr Brown opened the meeting by thanking Cllr Stephenson for all he had done during his tenure as Chairman. All agreed.
- 045/24 <u>Apologies for absence & reasons given</u> Cllrs R Stephenson, D.Cllr Penny Robins. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> – Cllr Hartley item 051/24 (7) interest-advising Mr. Robinson tenant of Toft Lodge field on his sustainable farming incentive scheme and would take no part in the discussion or decision.
- 046/24 <u>Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising</u> held May 2024 was agreed as proposed by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Hartley. All agreed.
- 047/24 <u>Highways</u>
 - 1. Lincolnshire County Council-asked for evidence of flooding in the parish. T McWilliams circulated the request on behalf of the Council. **No Action required.**
 - 2. Cllr Renner reported that water was, especially after rain, was going along the side of the road at Toft. Councillors reported that they were waiting for information from Lincolnshire County Council. **Monitor.**
- 048/24 Planning
 - a. S23/1094 Pond Meadow, Toft-confirmation of compliance C3 & 4 pursuant of S19/1066. Complied 27.08.24

- b. S24/1299 Waterworks Houses, Lound-exemption for installation of 1 additional stay wirewayleave enquiry. **SKDC-no objection.**
- c. S24/0417 Mr Brown, Toft prune trees- Work Allowed 12.06.24
- d. S24/0278 Blanchard, Bowthorpe Park Farm-shop, café etc. Approved 07.06.24
- e. LCC minerals & waste local plan consultation to 2024 ends 24.09.24
- f. SKDC-Local Plan Review.
- g. Late-applications-None
- 050/24 Financial Matters
 - a) Balance to date-Total £26,259.62.
 - Clerk reported that the end of year accounts had been received by the External Auditor and placed on the parish website.
 - Signatories were required by Melton Mowbray Building Society before they would close the Councils account. Action Clerk.
 - Clerk reported that she had not paid the donations agreed at the AGM of the Council due to lack of signed cheques but this would be rectified asap.
 - Barclays Bank Online banking had opened with Cllr Stephenson and Clerk able to access. Action Cllrs Brown & Brett
 - b) Payments 1. Prestige Landscapes-mowing £102.00
 - 2. Rospa Playsafe-annual inspection £146.40
 - 3. Jason Kendall-painting street furniture £180.00

It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Hartley to pay the above. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**

c. Parish Hall hire – increased to £10.00 per hour.

051/24 Parish Property

- 1. Jasmine Cottage-it was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Brett that the Council goes into closed session due to its sensitive nature. All agreed.
- 2. Playing Field- Cllr Hartley reported that the grass growing under the matting of the swing had been dealt with. **Monitor.**

Clerk reported that ROSPA had completed its annual report inspection.

It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Brett that Cllr Hartley would take on the responsibility of a monthly inspection of the play equipment. All agreed. Action Cllr Hartley.

- 3. Noticeboards-Both had been repainted. No Action required.
- 4. Bus Shelters-Cllr Hartley reported that the roof had been repaired at Witham on the Hill A6121. Councillors thanked Cllr Hartley. **Monnitor.**
- 5. Defibrillators- It was agreed that Cllr Renner would take on the responsibility of checking the Defibrillators. All agreed.

Clerk reported that she had registered the new pads with Circuit on 24.05.24 No decision was made in regard to accepting LeisureSK offer of CPR/defib training. Cllr Renner reported that she had received the correct pads at no extra expense.

- 6. Marquees Cllr Hartley reported that a resident had hired marquee in July at charge £100.00. Action Clerk.
- 7. Townlands/Allotments- It was proposed by Cllr Brown & seconded by Cllr Brett that the Council goes into closed session due to its sensitive nature. All agreed.
- 8. Street Furniture-It was agreed that they may need re-painting summer 2025. Monitor.
- 9. BT Kiosk-Nothing to report
- 10. Computer Nothing to report.
- 052/24 Village Interests.
 - 1. The clerk reported that she had received the picture of King Charles 111 and had been accepted by Witham on the Hill (on a long term long) to be place in the Parish Hall. Action Cllr Hartley.
 - 2. It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Brown that the parish would have a fireworks party on Tuesday 5th November. Action Simon Lawton/Clerk.
 - 3. SKDC-Community Orchard-Clerk reported that if the Council wished to plant fruit trees along the highways then permission was required from Lincolnshire County Council, there would be no

funding for future maintenance of trees. It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Renner that the council would take no further action. All agreed.

- 053/24 Correspondence
 - 1. Mallard Pass Solar Farm-notice of change of date for decisions due to general election. Order granting development consent by Secretary of State for environment E Miliband MP.
 - 2. District Councillors May report.
 - 3. Lincolnshire County Council Rights of Way survey Action T McWilliams to circulate.
 - 4. SKDC Predujical Interest Forms Cllrs to update. Action Clerk/Cllr.
 - 5. SKDC-PC/TC Forums- Stamford 12.09.24 7pm Stamford Arts Centre DSJ 8.10.24 Opendoor Church, Bourne Corn Exchange 14.10.24
 - 6. SKDC Contamination land consultation ends 14.08.24
 - 7. SKDC-Biodiversity project report.
 - 8. LCC Town & Parish newsletter-solar farms, flooding, tree planting project.
 - 9. LCC-Survey landowners/farmers & managers to help shape 1st local nature recovery strategy for greater Lincolnshire. End 02.09.24
 - 10. Clear Council confirmation of receipt of annual parish insurance.
 - 11. Lincs Police-safer together
 - 12. Charrington Tree services, Stamford-offering contractor work-placed on file.
 - 13. Environment Agency-report of maintenance of assets-**Action T McWilliams to circulate.** It was agreed that the clerk would arrange a site meeting with members of E.A to discuss how the agency would be supporting the parish in the future in regards to flooding issues etc. **Action Clerk.**
 - 14. Lincs Reservoir project consultation & next stage.
- 054/24 <u>Reports from Outside Bodies</u>. Nothing to report.
- 055/24 Any Other Business. Nothing to report.
- 056/24 To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session -

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) Press and Public were asked to leave the meeting due to discussions of a sensitive nature involving Council owned land. All agreed.

Councillors agreed to continue with discussions in regard to Jasmine Cottage and Townlands with the tenants. Action Clerk/Cllrs.

057/24 <u>Date of next meeting</u>- Thursday 3rd October 2024 at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed 20.00