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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Andrews Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7pm

Present

Cllr. James Brown (Chairman)

Cllr. Richard Hartley

Cllr. S Brett

Cllr Richard Stephenson

Cllr Sue Renner

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

Public - 12

Cllr Brown welcomed Colin Wilkinson (Programme area manager-northern section) and Kate Atkins (Stakeholder Lead) from Anglianwater, who gave a presentation on the section of pipeline from Peterborough to Grantham. A question and answer then took place – Anglianwater were keen to work with the Council to help with environmental schemes, example- spring bulbs, trees, wildflowers. The reason why the pipeline and the proposed Reservoir could not use the same route-different size pipes, one for drinking water, current pipeline required to supply water from the north to the south to avoid water shortages, Reservoir to take longer to complete. It was agreed that the current sites are an isore and Anglianwater apologized and reported that the programme would re-start Spring 2026. They had concerns about the condition of the pipes, deterioration both in ground and above and are inspected. Finally, they said that costs had increased partly due to the Ukraine war, weather and covid.

Cllr Brown thanked Colin and Kate for attending the meeting.

Public Forum - 19:45-20:00

- 1. Request for a designated bus stop at Witham on the Hill Crossroads on north bound which would also include lighting and extension of footpath from the village of Witham.
- 2. A request for the Council to continue with its tree planting programme.
- 3. A number of residents in the parish had been affected by the flooding early in January and asked for the councils support.

Meeting commenced 20:00

- 001/25 Chairman's remarks Cllr Brown opened the meeting
- 002/25 Apologies for absence & reasons given D.Cllr Penny Robins.
- 003/25 <u>Declarations of Interest</u> None
- 004/25 <u>Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising</u> was agreed as proposed by Cllr Stephenson seconded by Cllr Renner. All agreed.
- 005/25 Highways
 - 1. A highways walkabout took place on 22.10.24 The following were discussed
 - Manthorpe Traffic Regulation Order, Sloping footpath at river bridge.
 - > Toft-flooding at Main Street, roadside.

- It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Renner that the Council would purchase a solar panel re-active speed sign and data would be downloaded. It was reported that the Road Safety Partnership had installed the structure to place the sign. All agreed. Action Cllr Brett.
- Lound-request for reduction of speed limit as currently 60mph -It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr. Brett to request a minimum of 30mph but would prefer 20mph speed limit. C.Cllr Reid advised that this was currently being reviewed by LCC Highways. Action Clerk
- 2. Manthorpe-Cllr Brett reported on the traffic survey results and the average speed was 23.2mph, therefore did not meet funding from Road Safety Partnership.
- 3. Witham on the Hill Crossroads-It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Stephenson to support the request Item 1. in the public forum and would write to C.Cllr Charlotte Vernon and Parish Councillors from Witham on the Hill to forward the request from Toft, Lound & Manthorpe Council. Action Clerk.
- 4. Toft-branches overhanging footpath. It was agreed that the council would write to those residents requesting they take action. Action Clerk/Cllrs
- 5. Manthorpe Grit bin-Cllrs reported that it was 80% full. No action required.
- 6. Toft, Fairways work between 13th to 22nd January 2025
- 7. Flooding-Councillors agreed that they would contact the Environment Agency and Anglianwater to try to increase the flood defences particularly at Manthorpe. **Action** Clerk/residents.

006/25 Planning - None 007/25 Financial Matters

- b. Balances to date.
 - Current Ac-£15,921.20 + Business Interest Ac-£4,609.33 (1.41% interest) =£20,530.53
 - ➤ Melton Mowbray Building Society-Account closed, £3520.39 transferred to **Business Premium Account**
 - Online banking-Forms sent to Cllrs Brett & Brown. Action Clerk/Cllr RS
 - ➤ Barclays form for removal of Jeremy Dawson. Action Cllr RS/Clerk
 - ➤ Parish Precept 2025/26- It was proposed by Cllr Brett, seconded by Cllr Brown to approve a zero precept. All agreed. Action Clerk.

c.	Payments:	 R Stephenson-jasmine cottage 	£54.56
		2. LIVES, Royal British Legion, Air Ambulance	£325.00/
		Ededham School Agreed 23.05.24	
		3. St John Ambulance-fireworks event	£137.28
		4. Fenland Carpets-Jasmine cottage	£180.00
		J Flower-playing field cutting 2x	£204.00
		6. R Stephenson-Jasmine cottage	£383.40
		7. Bourne Electrical-Jasmine cottage	£3336.00
		8. WH Munton-fireworks event	£125.00
		9. Cleaning queens-Jasmine cottage	£250.00
		10. Blanchards Bowthorpe Park-fireworks event	£300.00
		11. J Brown-Stephanies parish wreath	£13.00
		12. J Brown-Defib thermometer & pads	£84.77
		13. S Lawton-fireworks party	£48.44
		14. LALC-annual sub	£100.86
		15. Rutland Oil Serives Boiler Service-jasmine cot	£161.00

It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Stephenson to pay items 1-13, 15-17 and cancel the council's subscription No 14 Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils. All agreed. Action Clerk/Cllr Stephenson

£26.20

£208.00

16. R Hartley-Jasmine cottage

17. T Sharman-Jasmine cottage

C.	Income –	1. SKDC – Community Cleaner grant -	£231.66
	Received	2. D Kreutzberger-jasmine cottage	£1150.00
		3. D Hallam-land rent	£1139.25
		4. Fireworks cash donation	£51.06
		5. Longstaff-Jasmine cottage 2mths	£1478.00
		6. M Robinson-rent	£300.00

008/25 Parish Property

- 1. Jasmine Cottage-Cllr Brown thanked the previous tenant for looking after the property during his tenure. All agreed.
 - It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Brown that the hedge laying take place along the boundary and that 5 trees be planted from Manthorpe towards Swallow Hill. All agreed. **Action Clerk/Cllrs/P Dawson** -contact Anglianwater.
 - It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Stephenson to go into closed session due to the sensitive nature. All agreed
 - ➤ It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Stephenson that a limit of £200 be given to the Councils agent, Longstaffs, before they contact members of the council for any pairs. All agreed.
 - It was reported that the greenhouse had been removed by the previous tenant.
- 2. Playing Field-
 - It was agreed that quotations for grass cutting contract 2025 were required.
 Action Cllrs.
 - > It was reported that felt from the roof of the hut required repair Action Cllrs RH/RS
- 3. Noticeboards-Nothing to report
- 4. Bus Shelters-Nothing to report
- 5. Defibrillators –Nothing to report
- 6. Marquees Nothing to report.
- 7. Townlands/Allotments- Nothing to report.
- 8. Street Furniture-Nothing to report
- 9. BT Kiosk-Nothing to report
- 10. Computer Nothing to report.

009/25 Village Interests.

- a. Environment Agency-Clerk contacted 03.09.24 to arrange a site visit, EA acknowledge with Ref GE/35260 4/9, no further information to date. **Action Clerk to chase**
- b. Cllr Brett reported that Master Dawson had completed litter picking round the parish as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award.

010/25 Correspondence

- 1. Thank you letters St Barnabas, LIVES, Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, Willougby School
- 2. Longstaffs Application lists Jasmine Cottage
- 3. SKDC-Stamford Arts Centre celebrates 30 years, New Carparking charges consultation results, Christmas lights and festive market dates in Grantham, Neighbourhood planning group & local stakeholders workshop, Combat household damp & mould
- 4. Anglianwater-Strategic Pipeline Alliance programme restarts Summer 2027.
- 5. Welland Trust-free trees available.
- 6. Lincolnshire County Council-Town & Parish Council updates
- 7. Lincolnshire Police-survey how Lincolnshire is policed?
- 8. Invitation to Grimesthorpe Castle from St John Ambulance or carols & readings
- 9. Longstaffs Assured shorthold tenancy agreement-Jasmine Cottage
- 10. Environment Agency-tips & advice on winter readiness.
- 11. Alicia Kearns MP flooding support information

011/25 Reports from Outside Bodies. –

C.Cllr Robert Reid reported

> S19 consultation on Flooding 2024 did not meet criteria.

- Mayoral and County elections May 2025
- ➤ Enforcement Action can be taken for riparian owners to clean out dykes to relieve flooding. It was agreed that the Council would request that the county council investigates the river Glen catchment and overflow. **Action Clerk.**
- 012/25 Any Other Business
- O13/25 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.
- 014/25 <u>Date of next meeting</u>- Proposed 27th March 2025 at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed 21:45