

# Notes/Minutes of Osbournby Parish Council Meeting

## Held in Osbournby Village Hall

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017

No Public Forum

No declarations of interest

24.	<b>Apologies:</b> No apologies	
25.	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Harvey, Wright, Baker, Pearson, Camm, Jackson and North. District Councillor Cook and Libby King (Clerk).	
26.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meetings:</b> The minutes of the meetings held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017, already circulated, were approved. Proposed Cllr Pearson, seconded Cllr Camm.	
27.	<b>Chairman's Report:</b> Cllr Harvey had a copy of the Central Plan which has now been adopted. Osbournby is not mentioned in the plan as the 17 houses planned for Osbournby is sufficient for the local plan, but Sleaford will be dramatically transformed. Cllr Harvey reported that the Aswarby Estate has advised that they have met with the Developer for the development on The Drove.	
28.	<b>Clerk's Report:</b> The Audit was completed and returned to the External Auditor. Has not yet been received back. No information has been forthcoming regarding the Best Kept Village.	
29.	<b>District Council Report:</b> Cllr Cook reported that there had been a spate of burglaries in Threekingham, Silk Willoughby and Spanby. On 9 <sup>th</sup> November there will be meeting for Parish Councils to meet with the PCC on rural crime. Meeting to be held at Culverthorpe Hall. Regarding developments in Sleaford £4 million has been allocated to improve the Holdingham Roundabout and the A17 by the A153. Heart of Sleaford project is still ongoing. Cllr Cook had discussed with Rowan Smith of LCC the issue of parking on the verge outside the village hall. No funding is available from LCC to hardstand this land and the likely cost would be in the region of £10K, although this could increase if utilities were found under the grass. It was decided that no further action would be taken at this time	
30.	<b>Planning Matters:</b> Extension at 8 New Street has been approved. Still waiting for approval for the Mast in The Drove.	
31.	<b>Church Pillar:</b> Cllr Pearson has been unable to get a response from Skillingtons or Martin Ebb and requested that the clerk write to them requesting a quote.	Clerk/ Cllr Pearson

32.	<p><b>Trees in cemetery and Graveyard:</b> There is a holly tree in the cemetery which has low branches which need lifting plus many trees overhanging the footpath. Cllr Harvey to get quote from an independent and also the estate to cut back the overhanging branches and remove them.</p> <p>There is also a very large tree in the churchyard which needs to be felled. Cllr Harvey has received quotes from French and Simpsons. Although French were the more expensive at £1500 (compared to £1250) it was agreed to ask French to complete the work as they will also do the necessary paperwork to allow the felling of the tree with the Tree Officer at NKDC. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr North. It was also agreed that there is an elder tree in the churchyard by the Old School House which needs felling and Cllr Harvey will ask French to include this.</p>	Cllr Harvey  Cllr Harvey
33.	<p><b>Telephone Kiosk:</b> Ownership of the telephone kiosk has now been passed to the Parish Council and NKDC have advised that planning permission is not necessary for the work that the Parish Council wish to undertake. Unfortunately the resident who wished to turn the telephone kiosk into a book/DVD library has been unwell but once better will undertake the work to shelve the kiosk.</p>	
34.	<p><b>Digital Hub Update:</b> Cllrs Cook and Jackson reported that NKDC really do wish to see more digital hubs and have employed a member of staff to help facilitate this. Currently the two local hubs are Heckington and Ruskington. Volunteers would be required to man the hub and it has also been suggested that the volunteers would be able to point residents in the right direction with any problems they may have so hopefully it would be more than just a digital hub. Cllr Jackson has applied for a grant from NKDC towards the cost of setting up the hub (maximum £1,000), but this will have to be match funded. Ongoing costs would be approximately £380 p.a. for the broadband. It was agreed that Cllr Jackson would continue to pursue the grant. If the grant is agreed discussions can then take place on taking the matter forward.</p>	Cllr Jackson
35.	<p><b>Cowpond Area:</b> Cllr Harvey reported that he had spoken to the Aswarby Estate who confirmed that currently it will not be possible to lease the land to the Parish Council. However they might be willing to issue a short term licence, probably for 5 years. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Harvey would discuss in more detail with the estate and see if possible for the licence to be 10 years. Cllr Harvey said that if a licence were to be issued then it would need somebody to take responsibility to take the matter forward, get costings etc. Cllr Baker said that the estate should have a standard form of licence and it would be useful to see a copy. Cllr Harvey to request this.</p>	Cllr Harvey
36.	<p><b>Cemetery Account – long term savings.</b> Cllr North had been advised that Money Supermarket would have information on the best</p>	

	<p>long term accounts yielding the best interest. However due to the money being Parish Council money it was agreed that Cllr Baker would go to Lloyds Bank (where the account is) to discuss with the manager there the best way to invest the money.</p> <p>37. <b>Footpaths:</b> Cllr North advised that although some of the footpaths in the village had been cleared the footpath leading from North Street is very overgrown and requested that the clerk contact LCC asking them to come and cut the footpath grass and brambles. Cllr Wright also advised that the overhanging branches outside 1 The Drove were making it very difficult to walk under, particularly when the weather is wet. Clerk to write asking them to cut the branches back.</p> <p>38. <b>Donations:</b> No donations had been requested.</p> <p>39. <b>Payments:</b> The following payments were made tonight.</p> <table data-bbox="268 853 670 999"> <tr> <td>Alan Drury:</td> <td>£600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LALC</td> <td>£ 5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CLASS</td> <td>£126.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rick Webster</td> <td>£468.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Two payments had been prior to the meeting: Mrs E King £440.91 HMRC £95.20</p> <p>40. <b>Correspondence:</b> No correspondence had been received which had not already been discussed.</p> <p>41 <b>Date of next Meetings:</b> Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7 p.m.</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.</p>	Alan Drury:	£600.00	LALC	£ 5.00	CLASS	£126.00	Rick Webster	£468.00	<p>Cllr. Baker</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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