Notes/Minutes of Osbournby Parish Council Meeting

Held in Osbournby Village Hall

On Thursday 9th March 2017

Public Forum: Cllr Andrew Hagues

No declarations of interest

87	Apologies: Cllr Pearson	
88	In Attendance: Cllr Harvey (Chairman), Cllrs , Wright, Baker, Camm, North, Jackson and Mrs King (Clerk)	
89	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January which had already been circulated were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr North. Cllr Harvey said that, according to the paperwork he has in relation to the Chance to Share with LCC, it states that the lease expires in 2017, however he has been informed by LCC that it is in fact 2020. He asked that the Clerk request the relevant paperwork to substantiate this.	Clerk
90	Chairman's Report: Cllr Harvey reported that the Van Der Windt planning application had been approved on 1 st March for a period of two years. Vehicle movement at the site is between the hours of 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday with no weekend or bank holiday working, this includes the fork lift truck. After two years the warehouse must be dismantled. Cllr Cook reported that she had liaised with Planning herself as they also wanted to work on Saturdays. Cllr Harvey informed the meeting that no AOB would be on the agenda in future as this is not allowed. Any agenda items must be sent to the clerk at least four days prior to the meeting.	
91	District Council Report: Cllr Cook advised that Cllrs Harvey, Pearson and North had accepted the invite to the Cluster Meeting to be held tomorrow. Approximately 25 people will be attending. In the Spring Budget yesterday £2 million was allocated to Sleaford for growth and infrastructure. The Local Plan should be available April/May. A small increase in Council Tax had been agreed at a district council meeting tonight.	
92	Clerk's Report: Mrs King asked if dates for the next three meetings could be arranged tonight in order that councillors are aware of the dates when booking holidays etc. These were agreed and are shown at the end of these minutes.	
	Cllr Cook had reported the surface water problem outside No. 1 The Drove as she had been approached by a resident about this.	

However it would appear that when LCC workmen visited to look at the problem they were looking at land outside No 1 New Street. Cllr Cook to report this.

NKDC have informed us that they will no longer be charging for the emptying of the dog bins. This will save the Parish Council approximately £300 per year.

Following the last meeting the Clerk contacted Rick Webster accepting his quote for grass cutting. LCC will contribute 20% towards the cost. NKDC are responsible for cutting the grass in Pinfold Close and Highfield Close and they will continue to do so. Councillors are no longer able to contact Rowan Smith from Highways at LCC. To report a fault the following website has to be visited: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting

From 1st February the website for general inquiries will be cschighways@lincolnshire.gov.uk

The Clerk is still waiting for a response from the Heartbeat Trust regarding the phone box. The person concerned has been off sick for some while and it is hoped she will respond soon.

Requests forms for copies of the register of electors were completed.

Bank balances stand at

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Parish Council Account: £12,634.01 Cemetery Account: £43,210.52.

The Clerk reported that currently less than £2 per month is received as interest on the Cemetery Account and asked if she should look into a long term account with higher interest, leaving a sum of money in the current account for emergencies. Cllr Harvey asked that this be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.

Clerk/Cllr Harvey

Planning Matters: The proposed Communications Tower to be located at the sewage works on The Drove was discussed and was unanimously agreed. Clerk to inform Gillan Consulting that no objections were raised.

Clerk

Digital Hub: Both District Councillor Cook and Cllr Jackson had been continuing to do research into this. Originally Cllr Cook had been approached by West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) identifying a need in this area. However Cllr Cook has heard that WLDC are no longer working on this project and she is unsure whether the City of Lincoln have also pulled out. Cllr Cook has arranged a meeting for next Wednesday with NKDC to see if they are prepared to continue with this project.

Cllr Pearson

Cllr Harvey

Cllr Jackson said that the running costs are likely to be in the region of £40 per month with a set up cost of £50. It would be hoped that the cost of the laptop could be made by a grant. There was a discussion about whether the ongoing costs of the broadband could be met by the hiring fees for the village hall being increased. It was agreed that a meeting with the village hall committee may be required to discuss further. If it were to go

	ahead it is envisaged that the hub would be open following the Wednesday coffee morning which is currently held in the village hall from 10 – 12. Volunteers would be required with initially help from either the Ruskington Hub or NKDC. More information will be available once Cllr Cook has had the meeting next week.	Cllr Cook
95	Tree Works: A request from the Tree Officer at NKDC had been received for a 3m crown lift on the Sycamore at 16 West Street. This was unanimously agreed. Clerk to inform Tree Officer.	Clerk
96	Cemetery: Cllr North asked permission to remove the Christmas wreaths from the cemetery. This was agreed.	Cllr North
97	Cowpond Area: Cllr Harvey reported he had received no response from the Estate following phone messages and emails. If he continues to receive no response he advised the meeting that he would approach George Playne and ask for his help in this.	Cllr Harvey
98	Land Outside the Factory on The Drove: Cllr Wright informed the meeting that he had tried to remove the poles currently on the land but they were too deep. He needs to ask the factory if he can use their electricity to cut them off. It was agreed that Cllrs Harvey and Wright would visit Mr Richard Selby at the factory and also ask whether they would be prepared to assist financially in the clearing of the land. The clerk advised that LCC were unable to contribute financially to this.	Cllrs Harvey & Wright
99	Best Kept Village: After discussion it was agreed that we would enter again this year. Clerk to complete paperwork.	ALL
100	Donations: No requests for donations had been received.	
101	Payments: Cheque No. 711 for £36.00 to Osbournby Village Hall Two payments had been made following the January meeting. These were: Cheque No. 709 for £75 to CAB (Donation) Cheque No 710 for £150 to Osbournby Defibrillator Fund	
102	Correspondence: No correspondence had been received which had not been dealt with during the meeting.	
103	Dates of Future meetings: Wednesday 3 rd May: 7 pm Annual Meeting followed by PC meetings Thursday 20 th July at 7 p.m. Thursday 21 st September at 7 p.m.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8 p.m.	