

Notes/Minutes of Osbournby Parish Council Meeting

Held in Osbournby Village Hall

On Thursday 15th March 2018

Andrew Hague, County Councillor, and Derek North attended the meeting
No declarations of interest

95.	Apologies: Cllr Graham Wright and District Councillor Kate Cook.	
96.	In attendance: Cllr Ray Pearson (Chairman), Cllrs North, Russell, Baker, Camm, Jackson. Mrs King (Clerk) Linda Baldwin was also in attendance to be co-opted as new councillor.	
97.	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 18 th January which had already been circulated were agreed. Proposed Cllr Baker, Seconded Cllr	
98.	Co-option of new councillor: Linda Baldwin attended the meeting. She told the meeting that she had lived in the village for 20 years and during that time had been on various committees in the village. She is currently on a sabbatical and therefore had more time so when the vacancy occurred she was more than happy to offer her services. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs Baldwin onto the council.	
99.	Chairman's Report: Cllr Pearson once again offered thanks to Mr John Harvey for his chairmanship up until his wife's ill health. Mrs King advised the meeting that Mrs Harvey was making slow but steady progress. All Councillors sent their best wishes. Cllr Pearson advised that Mark Jones of the Aswarby Estate had given the following information on estate properties: The Drove development – still in discussion with local developer Fern House – been let to a member of staff for 12 months. Discussions taking place with architects re the renovation of the farm buildings. Sycamore Farm: Waiting to get keys back. Northfield Farm: Has been left in poor condition so work being undertaken. Cowpond Area: Still land registry issues. Cllr Pearson advised that he had walked around the village to see what is required and said that the grass in front of the village hall is again completely churned up. LCC Highways have given a ballpoint figure of £3,000 to tarmac this area. Whilst it is so wet it is impossible to carry out this work so this issue will be brought to the May 2018 meeting. Also the grass on the green by the A15 and in front of the pub is	

	<p>churned up following the recent bad weather. This will need to be looked into once the weather improves.</p> <p>Cars are also being left on the grass verges, particularly in front of The Old Police House on The Drove.</p> <p>There are bricks outside 37 High Street. Cllr Pearson said that as the existing house has to be demolished and a new one built he will leave it for a little while until asking them to move them into their land.</p> <p>Dog fouling is again an issue. Cllr Pearson had walked to the top of the hill, which is a public footpath, and found much evidence of dog fouling. Mr Derek North advised that he had received some posters from the NFU regarding this saying: "Please pick up after your dog, these fields grow your food". The posters will be laminated and put up. Also need to put up some posters in the village.</p> <p>100. Clerk's report: Application form has been received for entry to this year's Best Kept Village Competition. Mrs King advised that we entered last year and although not placed, we did receive good marks overall. The poor condition of the bus shelter had be noted last year and it was agreed that this would be looked at. It was agreed that the competition would be entered again. Cost is £18. Mrs King to complete application form.</p> <p>Mrs King also reported that the laptop bought with a grant from LALC had recently broken. She has now had this repaired at a cost of £40. Mrs King advised that all councils will have to have a Data Protection Officer and that this cannot be the clerk or a councillor. Cllr Andrew Hague advised that he knew of one council who had such an officer and would be in contact regarding this.</p> <p>Bank reconciliation: Parish Council Account as at statement on 16th February £9,210.85. Cemetery Account £42,398.63.</p> <p>101. District Council Report: As Cllr Cook unable to attend there was no District Council Report. County Councillor Andrew Hague advised that LCC increasing their part of council tax by 4.9%. The Government has given LCC an additional £1.7 million to deal with road repairs and this will be added to the LCC sum of £3.3 million, making a total of £5 million.</p> <p>On the 17th March Sleaford Railway Station holding a vintage afternoon from 11-4.</p> <p>101. Planning Matters: An application had been received to demolish the existing building at 37 High Street due to its poor foundations, and to build a new building. All agreed that any new building would be an improvement and the plans were unanimously passed.</p> <p>An application had also been received for 41 High Street to make a level access shower and install a through floor lift. This again was unanimously agreed. Mrs King to inform planning the Osbournby Parish Council have no objections to these plans.</p> <p>103. Cowpond Area/Waste bin: Mrs King advised that recently the old waste bin on the cowpond area had been upturned and all the</p>	<p>Mr North</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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104.	<p>rubbish strewn over the grass. She had picked up 2 black sacks of rubbish and this included much dog waste (fortunately bagged) and quite a lot of rotten food. It was impossible to put the bin back as the area is overgrown. It was agreed to look into replacing the old bin with a new bin as had been installed outside the old post office and by the bus stop. Mrs King to look at the price and advise councillors of this.</p> <p>Digital Hub Update: Cllr Jackson informed meeting that they are still getting between 8-12 attending each week. He has to write a report to claim back the money agreed from NKDC. This will include part of the cost of the</p>	Clerk
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