

# Worlaby Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at Worlaby Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Barker (Chair), Cllr Bowles, Cllr Cave, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Jones & Cllr Speakman.

**Also Present:** 3 residents and Deb Hotson – Clerk to the Council.

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**1. To note apologies**

All members present.

**2. To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

**Resolved** – minutes approved as a true and correct record.

**3. To receive the Chairman's Report**

Cllr Cave read out his report. Clerk to place a copy on the website and circulate to all members. In presenting this Report, I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Barbara Speakman joined the Parish Council last year following the retirement of Alan French.

Last summer saw the part two of the Villages' celebration of HM the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June when Worlaby residents came together for a 'Street Party' and sports day held here on the Recreation Ground on the Saturday. This was followed by the launch of 'Worlaby Flix' in the Village Hall the following day with the showing of the popular film, Dads Army. There was a competition to find the best Garden display that reflected this Royal event with many Villagers taking part. This was judged by the Ward Councillors with a first, second and third place winners receiving gardening vouchers that recognised the best of the numerous eye catching displays in gardens throughout the village. The Parish Council appreciate the help of all Villagers who helped to make this event a worthy tribute to Her Majesty and it was nice to receive a letter from Balmoral thanking everyone in Worlaby for their good wishes.

This event was followed by the official opening of the MUGA on Friday 17 June by Andrew Percy MP when the Village also played host to our Ward Councillors, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Baroness Redfern of the Isle of Axholme as well as the children of Worlaby Academy, Toddlers Group, representatives of the Contractors involved with the project and a large number of residents. This was again an opportunity for the Village to join together in celebration of the completion of phase one of the ongoing development of the Playing Field that will enhance the recreational opportunities for everyone.

Again, the Parish Council would like to pay tribute to all Members of the Green Team who not only organised a big 'Clean Up' for the Royal Celebrations but have continued to make sure that all the village open areas and flower beds are well maintained and always look their best. Last year Worlaby were beaten in the Best Kept Village competition by our neighbours in Elsham. Work has been undertaken to tidy up the Pleasure Ground area revealing a much more pleasant access to St Clements' Church and the Children's Play Area.

Being ever mindful of the safety and security of everyone, a further defibrillator has been installed outside the Village Hall in addition to the one located in the old Telephone Kiosk. Ongoing safety checks are undertaken on all public areas and equipment on a regular basis. The Community Emergency Plan is regularly updated and 'tested' to ensure that it will work in the event of a local disaster befalling Worlaby. The Parish Council are always conscious of traffic issues that are of concern to residents and ongoing dialogue with both North Lincolnshire Council and Humberside Police will hopefully ensure that the village roads

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become safer and well maintained. To assist motorists, the Parish Council have invested in a mirror to be provided at the Top Road / Low Road junction approaching the Village from the Elsham direction and this will no doubt be installed very soon. One of the picturesque features of the Village are the roadside verges and the Parish Council have obtained decorative posts that will be installed on Top Road in an effort to protect the Pleasure Ground from being churned up by vehicles.

With ongoing legislation that governs PC activities, both the Clerk and Councillors have attended training courses and seminars through ERNLLCA and HWRCC to ensure, that not only does the PC comply with the regulations but we gain 'best practice' value for money from involvement.

The Parish Council are very supportive of the North Lincolnshire Councils development of the Ancholme Way footpath along the riverbank from Brigg to South Ferriby as this will bring further recreational benefits to both local residents and visitors alike. Co-operation within the Low Villages Forum, work is being undertaken to produce a Tourist Leaflet that highlights the many attractive features within the surrounding communities

The Parish Council acknowledge the benefit of a Neighbourhood Plan that will form the basis for any proposed development within the community and takes into account local views. Part of this project involves surveys and consultation with residents and the first opportunity for the village to express their initial thoughts took place in the Village Hall on 16 November when all were invited to a presentation on the current status of the Village and to contribute their thoughts on how the Village should develop in the future – Tesco helped on the evening with a Wine Tasting experience that no doubt contributed to the concentration and discussion over completion of the survey questionnaires by the large number of residents who attended. The assimilation of the evidence obtained from these surveys has proved interesting and has been published on the Village website. Working closely with North Lincolnshire Council over the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council accept that the next part of the project involves the engagement of a Specialist Consultant to take the project through the final phases and a local referendum that should see the completed Plan being signed off by the Secretary of State. This will then be incorporated in the North Lincolnshire Local Plan and provide strict guidelines regarding future building development for the next 15/20 years. Following investigation and recommendation, the Parish Council have engaged Katie Atkinson of KVA Planning Consultants to help with the project who is also working with Appleby Parish Council and Brigg Town Council with respect to their own local Neighbourhood Plans. There is a small group of Parish Councillors, Peter Jones, Christine Fletcher, Don Barker and Barbara Speakman, who are working hard managing the Neighbourhood Plan project and obtaining grant funding to cover costs involved.

In conjunction with North Lincolnshire Council, work has been undertaken in 'The Hollows' to introduce a Management Plan to establish a sustainable environment to protect some rare plants and other wildlife. New fencing for the eastern perimeter has been allocated and no doubt this will be installed in the coming months.

The Parish Council recognise the hard work that has been put in by the Village Hall Committee and are keen to support the ongoing development of both the Village Hall and Recreation Ground. The introduction of height barriers, path lighting and CCTV installation brings a welcome benefit to the area and ensures the safety and security of all users and visitors. Ongoing support from the Parish Council enables grass cutting, ground maintenance and the future replacement of the western boundary hedge to take place and enhancing the facilities to the benefit of all

Continued communication with all residents is a key policy and the Parish Council are keen to support the publication of Worlaby Views, the Low Villages Newsletter and the Worlaby Village Website and would encourage all Village groups to use the website to feature their activities for as everyone appreciates, many people now use the internet as their first port of

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call.

I'm indebted to the hard work and support of my fellow Councillors and I would like to record my thanks to all my colleagues for all the work that they put in to make Worlaby a nice place in which to live. None of this would be possible without the support of our 3 Ward Councillors and the very hard working Clerk to the Council, Deb Hotson.

**4. To receive the Parish Council Accounts 2016/17**

The Parish Accounts were read out by the Clerk. These are in draft format and will be approved at the June meeting and then placed onto the website.

**5. To receive the Neighbourhood Watch Report**

A report was read out by the Clerk provided by Mrs Robinson. Clerk has thanked Mrs Robinson for the report.

Over the last year, we have continued to attend the Neighbourhood Action Team meetings and to maintain links with our local police officer PC Amanda Barnett and The Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

We held a second successful Victorian Christmas Market and my thanks go to all who helped and attended the event.

With the Parish Council's permission, we hope to repeat the market this year.

It has a good atmosphere and is enjoyed by all.

We plan to hold a NHW meeting later in the year to hopefully encourage new and old residents to become involved.

We continue to experience minimal crime and anti – social behaviour in the village.

We currently have £164 – 14 in funds.

Please report any suspicious persons or activities to the police on **101**.

**6. To receive the Belayses Cook Charity Report**

A report was read out by the Clerk provided by Mrs Hildyard. Clerk has thanked Mrs Hildyard for the report.

Trustees:

Mrs S Webster – Co-operative Trustee - Treasurer – Co-opted 2013

Mrs P Hildyard – Nominative Trustee – Secretary - 2015 – 2019 (Appointed by the Parish Council for a 4-year term at the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting.)

Mrs S Bowles – Nominative Trustee –2015 – 2019 (Appointed by the Parish Council for a 4-year term at the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting.)

Mrs K White – Co-operative Trustee – Co-opted 2012

Father Owain Mitchell – Ex officio Trustee – 2011

Throughout the year of 2016 we have been able to help 2 families in Worlaby with grants totalling £500.00. These include help for people who are or who have been in hospital or attending appointments and their carers without whom they could not cope.

A copy of the audited accounts for the year ended 2016 will be available shortly on the Charities Commission website.

If anyone knows someone who could possibly benefit from the Charity the Trustees will be pleased to hear from them. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Trustees directly or through the Secretary. All requests will be treated with discretion and in strict confidence.

**7. To receive the Village Hall Report**

A report was read out by Cllr Bowles.

Over the last year, the Village Hall Committee have continued to manage the facility and organised a variety of events for the benefit of the community.

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Some of the last year's highlights include, bonfire night, Valentines Dance, May Day parade and games as well as regular bowls, quizzes, art classes, film shows and live music events. In addition, private hire for weddings, children's parties, meetings etc. continues as additional bookings.

All the main rooms have now been redecorated along with the fitment of a dado rail in order to protect the walls against wear and tear.

Improvements to the sound system and new stage lighting have also been purchased to further enhance the facilities.

A new dishwasher has been fitted along with a very popular constant hot water boiler for those never-ending cups of tea!

We have employed the services of a new cleaner which has proved to be very successful.

Along with other village organisations we have contributed towards the fitment of a Defib Unit on the outside of the building.

We have agreed a new working document with the Parish Council which clarifies ongoing responsibilities in terms of maintenance and replacement.

Over the last year, the total money spent on running, maintaining and upgrading the building was £8,941.

Of this 52% came from hall hire, 13% from donations, 35% from events and other activities.

We continue to hold one year's operating costs in a reserve fund and our closing balance was within £15 of our opening balance at year end. So, as a not for profit organisation we therefore conclude that our charging structure is appropriate.

All of the above would not be possible without a lot of hard work from the committee. As is the way of voluntary organisations individual's roles have altered. However, this has been managed and I am pleased to report that we now have two new members of the executive committee. We have also been greatly assisted by other individual volunteers and village organisations without whom we could not have put on the variety of events and activities throughout the last year.

We are looking forward to expand the range of activities and events thus ensuring that we get the very best use out of our village facilities. We are particular keen to support regular users of the village hall and would be interested to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping run activities, particularly a youth group.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for their continued support over the last year, and all the other individuals and organisations that have helped us in so many different ways.

### **8. Open Forum for Public Participation**

Mr Wookey raised concerns with regard to the layout of the road at Fountain Corner. The road on the bend is not wide enough for two vehicles passing and suggested that the road to the rear of the kerbed flower bed be used and signage placed to direct vehicles to use this route. Mr Wookey also stated that he had no issue with wooden posts being placed on the verge adjacent to his property which would help with keeping the lawn tidy and not allowing vehicles to mount the verge.

Cllr Bowles stated that this along with other areas of the parish had recently been looked at by the Parish Council and representatives from NLC Highways department. If vehicles were directed around the bed larger vehicles would not be able to undertake this manoeuvre due to the angle.

It was suggested that the Clerk asks NLC to move the street sign to the middle of the verge and to place wooden posts either side which would deter vehicles parking and mounting this area.

The meeting was closed at 7.05pm.