

Worlaby Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 8th May, 2018 at Worlaby Village Hall.

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

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

1. To note apologies

All members present.

2. To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May, 2017

Resolved – minutes approved as a true and correct record.

3. To receive the Chairman's Report

My first year as Chair of Worlaby Parish Council has been a steep but nevertheless enjoyable learning curve. My grateful thanks are due to our ever-efficient Parish Clerk, Deb Hotson who has guided me skilfully along the way.

VILLAGE HALL

I am pleased to report that the good relations recently established between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee have enabled the creation of a Management Agreement which covers the management of the hall and playing field. The agreement will form part of a new lease which is currently under discussion. The Village Hall Committee has not requested or received any financial support from the Parish Council during the last twelve months.

MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

It is perhaps disappointing that the MUGA has not been as well-used as had been predicted and it is hoped that more residents will make use of it during the summer months. The basketball backboards proved not to be fit for purpose and have had to be re-made from material which will withstand weather conditions.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Peter Jones and his team have continued with their work on the Neighbourhood Plan, seeking, collating and analysing resident's views and a specialist consultant has been appointed to advise and assist them to complete the plan. If you are interested in joining the team please speak to Cllr Peter Jones who will be happy to tell you about what is involved.

THE GREEN TEAM

Once again, the Green Team have done sterling work weeding, planting and creating beautiful flower displays to keep the village looking beautiful. North Lincs Council In Bloom funding is providing some sleepers to raise three beds in the parish. The sleepers are expected to arrive this Thursday and the Parish Council will be working with the Green Team with regard to the planting scheme for 2018. The Green Team and children from Worlaby Academy also took part in the North Lincs Council Litter Pick last Autumn.

THE HOLLOWES AND WOODLAND GLADE

North Lincs Council has assisted the management team lead by Cllr Peter Jones and Cllr Richard Bowles to improve the management plan and encourage more flora and fauna to The Hollows.

PLAYING FIELD HEDGE AND ELCTRICITY OUTAGES

There have been two abandoned attempts by Fountain Forestry on behalf of Northern Power Grid to carry out work on the hedge to the North West side of the Playing Field. Fountain Forestry have agreed to completely fell the hedge which is mostly Leylandii and the Woodland Trust have agreed to supply us with indigenous native saplings to be planted in their place. The Parish Council has submitted complaints to Northern Power Grid regarding the inconvenience caused to

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the residents of Worlaby by the cancelling of the work twice due to lack of maintenance and staff incompetence.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

The Council has been advised that any future tree preservation orders can include an individual management programme which will mean that planning permission will not be required for work which is included in the management plan. Work on existing trees with a TPO will still require planning permission.

WEBSITE AND VILLAGE EMAIL

Village groups and organisations are reminded that the information about their group on the village website needs to be kept up to date to keep the site relevant so please send notes, articles, pictures etc to the Clerk and she will enter them onto the site for you. The Clerk also operates a Village Notes e-mail service so if you have email and haven't yet given your email address to the Clerk please do so and she will keep you up to date with news and updates. If you don't want to give your regular email address you can set up an account on a free service such as Gmail.

VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the recent resignation of Cllr Barbara Speakman there is a vacancy on the Parish Council and we expect to be given the authority to co-opt a replacement so if you are interested in filling this post please put your name forward.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

I cannot conclude this report without mentioning the issue of the two planning applications recently submitted by Truelove Homes. Please be assured that the Parish Council will convey the wishes of the residents as expressed at the public meeting last Wednesday to the Planning Committee at North Lincs but that it is important that the planning committee also receives individual comments either on-line or by post within the next two days for those individual comments to be considered.

IN CONCLUSION

In the interests of brevity, I have only been able in this report to cover a small selection of the activities and issues that have been addressed by your parish council during the last twelve months. I apologise if I have not mentioned any item which is of particular interest to you or the names of all the people who willingly help the parish council to carry out its responsibilities. The Parish Council is here to serve the community and look after the interests of the residents. Any councillor may be approached with any issue you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council and you are encouraged to do so otherwise we will not know about it and not be able to do anything about it.

Thank you for listening to my first annual report and if you have any comments please keep them to yourself.

4. To receive the Parish Council Accounts 2017/18

The Parish Accounts were read out by the Clerk. These will be approved at the May Parish Council meeting.

5. To receive the Neighbourhood Watch Report

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

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 also had an informal meeting with Inspector Harvey and Tracey Coyne (Safer Neighbourhoods).

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

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

It had a very good atmosphere and was enjoyed by all, the weather also did us proud.

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We arranged and sponsored a coffee morning in aid of Worlaby Views on April 28th and raised a magnificent £315.90.

The Neighbourhood Watch signs at the entrances to the village have all been replaced. We had a meeting in October which was very poorly attended, so future meetings will be as and if required.

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

We currently have **£169.64** 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.

Throughout the year of 2017 we have been able to help 3 families in Worlaby with grants totalling £750. These include help for people who are or 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 end 2017 are available on the Charity Commissions website.

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

Treasurer – Mrs Sue Webster.

Nominative Trustee – Mrs P Hildyard & Mrs S Bowles.

Co-operative Trustee – Mrs K White.

Ex Officio Trustee – Father Owain Mitchell.

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 organise a variety of events for the benefit of the community.

Some of the last year's highlights include, Bonfire Night, Dickensian Market, Valentines Dance, May Day parade and games as well as regular bowls, quizzes, art classes, coffee mornings, film shows and live music events. In addition, private hire for weddings, children's parties, baby showers etc. continues to provide additional bookings. We have started running adult fitness classes on Thursdays and also particularly please in conjunction with NLHSC Street Sport have a weekly youth night.

All the main rooms are in good order with respect to decoration and we have no outstanding maintenance issues.

We are currently updating the terms of the lease in conjunction with the Parish Council to bring this document up to date and reflect current working practices.

We continue to be in a healthy position financially thanks to all the hard work from everyone putting on events. This provides 50% of our overall income.

We hold one year's operating costs in reserve.

All of the above would not be possible without a lot of hard work from the committee. As is the way of voluntary organisations, committees continually evolve. I would like to thank all the committee members and helpers both past and present for all their hard work over the last year.

We are continually looking to expand the range of activities and events thus ensuring that we get the very best use out of our village facility and provide a variety activities and social occasions for the community.

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.

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Finally, I would like to thank not just the committee but all the other individuals and organisations who have helped us and supported us over the last year.

8. Open Forum for Public Participation

No items raised.

A further resident arrived.

The meeting was closed at 6.45pm.