

Worlabby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Worlabby Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at Worlabby Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Bowles, Cllr Cave, Cllr Empson, Cllr Fowler, Cllr Newton (Chair), Cllr Speakman & Cllr Truelove.

Also Present: 4 residents, Holly Hanson, Ward Cllr N Sherwood & C Sherwood & Deb Hotson – Clerk to the Council.

2111/01 Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2111/02 Public Participation

Resolved - to temporarily suspend the meeting for a period of no more than 15 minutes to allow for a period of public participation. Members of the public may raise subjects, which they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Items relating to matters on the agenda will be taken first and any decisions will be made when the meeting is declared opened.

A resident explained the rationale behind PA/2021/1726 stating that the dyke on the eastern boundary was overgrown with self-set trees and this was contributing to the dyke flooding the woods. Therefore, the trees and overhanging branches are to be cut back. The resident was thanked for this explanation.

Resolved – the meeting was re-opened.

2111/03 Declaration of Interest

- a. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

Cllr Cave declared a personal interest in agenda items 2111/09c, 12h & 13b.

Cllr Truelove declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 2111/11.

- b. To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

None outstanding.

2111/04 Minutes of Previous meeting

Resolved - Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12th October 2021 were approved and signed as a true and correct record

2111/06 Clerk's Report

- Clerk has sent the new Facebook page comment to Cllr Speakman.
- Clerk has asked ONGO to cut the hedge adjacent to the playing field. Agenda item.
- Clerk has asked NLC if a Christmas tree can be planted on the land on the junction with Low Road and Grangefield. Agenda item.
- Clerk has contacted the CAA regard the flying of the drone of the village. Agenda item.
- Clerk has responded to the Licensing Policy consultation.
- Draft volunteering policy resent.
- Clerk has received consent to provide the details of the resident who has the paint for the kiosk. Info passed to Cllr Empson.

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- Thank you note circulated via the email system thanking residents for the support in bulb planting.
- Funding with clothing banks. Agenda item and sent to WRC.

2111/07 **Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues**

To receive a report from the Ward Councillors on North Lincolnshire Council issues.

Apologies received from Cllr Waltham.

Cllr C Sherwood stated that there had been a low take up on the requirement for KCOM to provide broadband in the low villages. Cllr Speakman stated that as an individual he would be prepared to be a community champion for the village. Clerk to send KCOM details.

KCOM will be carrying out a door-to-door campaign in the villages.

Cllr C Sherwood informed the Council that there had been 160 fixed penalty notice served in October – 150 in the Scunthorpe area, 4 in Brigg, 4 in Barton and 1 in Winterringham. These are for littering and dog fouling.

At the end of the month the Public Spaces Protection Order would come into force.

Cllr N Sherwood stated that the Local Plan was out for consultation at present which finishes on November 26th.

2111/08 **Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)**

To receive an update verbal / written report from Humberside Police / NATs and the NHW representative.

Cllr Cave stated that the next NATs meeting was scheduled for December.

2111/09 **Delegate Reports**

- a. To receive an update report regarding the Woodland Glade & Hollows determining any actions required.

The H & S check sheet has been received and there are no actions.

- b. To receive an update report from Worlabby Recreation Committee determining any actions required.

A report was received from the WRC:

The W.R.C. are now starting to use the new logo. They have recently had a presentation about the new proposed website where it was agreed to purchase the domain name WorlabbyVillageHall.co.uk. hopefully this will be up and running soon. It will have many benefits including a simple online booking system.

We are grateful to Richard Beeforth for organising a successful Live Lincs event in the hall.

Our treasurer has reported that we have been successful in receiving a rebate in our rates.

Maintenance - luckily volunteers came forward to assist in replacing the alarm battery for the hall and replacing the main hall spotlights.

The W R.C. are delighted with the success of the bonfire event. It was extremely well attended, and the feedback has been very positive. Of course, all this would not have been possible without the army of volunteers of which we are very grateful and of course our wonderful community who turned out to support us.

We look forward to a busy Couple of months on the lead up to Christmas.

- c. To receive an update report from the Low Village Forum representative determining any actions required.

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Cllr Cave stated that he has attended a meeting with NLC and LVF representatives regarding the proposed locations of the mobile speed signs. Cllr Cave confirmed it will satisfy the request initiated by the resident on Low Road.

The meeting was closed to allow the LVF Clerk to provide further information.

She had attended a meeting today which has provisionally agreed all the 12 sites.

Clerk to write to the owners of 92 Low Road and Strathmore to ensure that they are happy with the sites which will be placed outside these properties.

The signs will be rotated monthly on the B1204 from Elsham to South Ferriby.

- e. To receive an update on the Christmas Card photo competition.

Resolved – all information confirmed, and the cards will be printed. Once ready Councillors are asked to help distribute round the parish.

- f. To receive the risk assessments and safety reports for play and public areas owned or managed by the Parish Council.

All check sheets received.

Cllr Cave will take on the responsibility of the checks for the flagpole and the weekly Recreation Ground from next month. Clerk to send the relevant paperwork.

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Currently Responsible</u> | <u>Requirement</u> | <u>Date received</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| BT Kiosk, Top Road | M Speakman | Monthly | 09/11/21 |
| War Memorial, Top Road | M Speakman | Monthly | 09/11/21 |
| Flagpole, Main Street | Cllr N Empson | Monthly | 09/11/21 |
| Bus Stop, Low Road | Cllr N Empson | Monthly | 09/11/21 |
| Pleasure Ground & Play Area, Top Road | Cllr N Empson | Monthly | 09/11/21 |
| Fountain | Cllr N Empson | Monthly | 09/11/21 |
| Recreation Ground | Cllr N Empson | Weekly | 09/11/21 |
| Woodland Glade & Hollows, The Hill | Peter Jones | Monthly | 09/11/21 |
| CCTV system | Cllr R Bowles | Monthly | 09/11/21 |

2111/10 Highways / Footpaths / Parish Issues / General NLC issues

- a. To receive an update about Network Rail/Carr Lane determining actions required.

Resolved – support the proposed order under s53 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, to add Carr Lane between the eastern side of the railway level crossing and the western side of Wier Dyke to the ‘Country of Lincoln, Parts of Lindsey (Glanford Brigg)’ definitive map and statement as a restricted byway (a way for all traffic other than mechanically propelled vehicles).

Resolved – to submit the letter to Cllr Waltham as detailed below.

On behalf of Worlabby Parish Council a further update on discussions regarding access to the Ancholme Valley Way via Carr Lane in Worlabby is requested.

As you are aware there is a long history of residents using this path to access the river. The route has become increasingly well used since North Lincolnshire Council’s very welcome investment to deliver upgrades to the riverside trail, until the unexpected closure of access.

Having attended many meetings on the issue over more than three years and having listened to the positions of different stakeholders involved, it seems increasingly unlikely that Network Rail will voluntarily reopen the track gates in order to restore access to the path.

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The Parish Councils understanding of Network Rail's strategic priorities are that they wish to maximise the use of the rail track for freight for economic and environmental reasons and to minimise pedestrian access to the track for safety.

Worlabby Parish Council fully understands and supports these very important aims— however we also believe that residents should have free access to a known historical footpath. Fortunately, we do not believe these aims to be mutually exclusive.

Residents in the village have been very patient but are growing increasingly frustrated that access is still yet to be restored.

Therefore, Worlabby Parish Council ask that North Lincolnshire Council works with all stakeholders to identify and ensure a solution is delivered as soon as practical that restores access to Ancholme Valley Way from Carr Lane. The Parish Council is open with regards to the ultimate form of this solution although we believe that it is reasonable to expect that any agreed solution is equally accessible to a range of users as was enjoyed by the previous gated access.

It is noted that one potential solution has already been identified. The land owner has already agreed that an alternative path could be laid on his land if funding can be found. We believe that funding should be first sought from any stakeholders benefiting from the unilateral decision to permanently lock the gate and restricting access to pedestrians.

We would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions:

- a. Do you believe it is reasonable that pedestrian access to the riverside trail from Worlabby was taken away without consultation with residents?
- b. Do you agree that a solution should be found to restore resident access to the Ancholme Valley Way via Worlabby Carr Lane as soon as practical? If so, where do you expect funding for any such measures to come from?
- c. Has the feasibility study you mentioned during the site meeting we attended earlier this year been progressed? If so, what are the outcomes and do they include estimated timescales?

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Parish Council on this issue.
Clerk to send the letter.

- b. To consider options to show the appreciation for village volunteers, determining actions required.

Resolved – approval of the draft policy. Clerk to top and tail and this will be the policy moving forward.

- c. To receive an update on the volunteer's buffet arrangements determining any further actions required.

The costs were circulated prior to the meeting and were approved for order.

The invites have been created and all approved as presented. These will be delivered to those invited.

Approval for a red carpet and balloon arch to be put in place.

- d. To determine actions regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr Cave is arranging a meeting for 17th January for residents to come forward with ideas. The RAF flypast request has been submitted.

- e. To consider the winter hedge maintenance plan for the Pleasure Ground and playing field determining actions required.

Cllr Bowles stated that the following hedges in the parish required winter maintenance:
Pleasure Ground – right hand side.

Playing field – to the rear of the hall and to both sides of the entrance gate round to the bungalow.

Alms-houses – right hand side.

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Residents to be given notice as some of the fences will require flail work which will throw debris into gardens.

Cllr Cave stated that the hedge on the Pleasure Ground has been left by the resident as it looks like rough ground.

Cllr Bowles to obtain some quotes.

- f. To notify the Clerk of any other highway issues to be taken up with NLC.

Clerk to escalate the lack of repair to the footpath outside no. 45 Top Road which is now becoming a hazard.

Cllr Cave raised concerns over the potholes on Wold Road and Cllr Bowles stated that these are repaired and within weeks appear again. NLC need to review how these are filled on the busy road. Cllr C Sherwood will report this too.

2111/11

Planning

To receive any decisions and consider the application from North Lincolnshire Council.

2021/1726 – application to fell ash trees, subject to and within W1 of TPO at Worlabby House Farm, Worlabby.

Cllr Truelove left the meeting.

Resolved – no objection or comment.

Cllr Cave raised concerns regarding PA/2020/77 & 2021/477. It seems the roof tiles are not as stipulated in the application.

Cllr Empson to confirm if they are pantiles and if not the Clerk to report to NLC Enforcement department to look.

Cllr Truelove re-joined the meeting.

2111/12

Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

- a. To be notified of the NALC Environmental Permitting Regulation 2016 consultation determining actions required.

Item noted.

- b. To be notified of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan consultation determining actions required.

Item noted.

- c. To be notified of the fundraising with clothing bank email determining actions required.

The Parish Council agreed that they support all forms of recycling, but concerns were raised about the size of the banks and if they would be filled and emptied?

This could be an LVF initiative across all parishes to have one single site. Clerk to obtain photos and sizes of the containers.

All Cllrs to look at other companies and bring the information to the next meeting for further discussion.

- d. To be notified of the response from NLC about tree planting determining any further actions required including an orchard in the playing field.

Numerous sites had been submitted to NLC, but they have all been refused including the planting of trees on the playing field due to the drainage.

Cllr Bowles will review the utility maps provided by NLC with a view to planting an orchard on either side of the entrance gates on the playing field.

The Project Working Group suggested at their last meeting that strips of wildflowers could be planted along the boundaries adjacent to the entrances.

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Resolved – Clerk to order 2 square lidded plastic composters for the Gardening Group to use.

- e. To be notified of the communication regarding the Markie Path horse chestnut trees determining actions required.

Further communication with NLC has confirmed that the horse chestnut trees on the Markie Path belong to the adjacent house, 21 New Road.

- f. To be notified of the communication regarding the war memorial paving area movement concerns determining actions required.

NLC Tree Officer and Conservation Officer have attended the site and a report as detailed was provided.

Regarding the war memorial and trees, there is no TPO on trees in this location and it is not within the conservation area. There is some information to suggest that there was a Tulip tree nearby protected by TPO but that is no longer in existence on this site.

There was a Poplar and a Sycamore quite close to the memorial with other trees Ash and Cedar amongst them slightly further away. The proximity of these trees a definite possible cause of movement within the paving slabs on the memorial however this is not a given fact and could not be proved unless the slabs removed to see if any roots causing them to move.

(Cllrs Bowles and Empson to lift the slabs to confirm if tree roots are present).

Removal of these trees, or indeed any other works will not require North Lincolnshire Council having to give any permission as they are not protected.

Another resident has raised a concern about the telephone lines over the memorial and tree branches resting on the wires. Her concern was that the branches would fall on to the memorial. Cllr Speakman had looked at the site and agreed that the telephone lines are distorted in some places and there is a broken branch.

Once Cllrs have looked under the slabs clerk to write to the owner to ask that the concerns are investigated to ensure the memorial is safe from roots and overhead branches, asking that the trees are cut back some distance to stop any damage from falling branches.

Clerk to ask NLC about registration of the memorial.

Cllrs Moran, Cave & Fowler to carry out marshalling duty on Remembrance Sunday.

- g. To receive an update on the ownership of Hurds Farm determining actions required.

Due to a boundary dispute NLC are unable to adopt this land until the dispute is resolved between the current owners, Vistry and the owner of the adjacent property. The area to be discussed for possible inclusion into next year grass cutting regime.

Correspondence for Information

- h. LVF Quiz questions confirmation – Cllrs to provide the Clerk with questions to pass on to the LVF Clerk. These will go into the Low Villages Newsletter. The Quiz will take place at Horkstow on 3rd December. Cllrs Speakman and Truelove offered to be part of the team from Worlabby. Cllr Cave to confirm with a resident if he would like to take part.

- i. ERNLLCA October Newsletter.

- j. NLC Highway updates –

- ONGO hedge boundary with the playing field will be cut between Nov-Feb.
- Pothole adjacent to 70 Low Road has been repaired.
- Numerous drain issues have been resolved.
- Clerk to chase up the state of repair to the footpath outside 45 Top Road.
- A resident located on New Road has cut the overhanging trees as requested.

- k. CAA & Police Drone update – the Clerk had received a response from the CAA stating that the resident had no licenses. The Police were informed accordingly and attended

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the premises to speak with the owner. It was confirmed that the owner had all the relevant paperwork but to be sympathetic with residents who had concerns about drones flying over their gardens.

A letter has been received from the resident and will be responded to in due course.

Clerk to circulate a draft letter for approval prior to being submitted to the resident.

Clerk to provide the resident with a complaints procedure if they wish to take the matter further.

It was noted that residents don't like the infringement of their privacy.

2111/13 Accounts

- a. To approve attendance to the Breakthrough training seminars.

Resolved – Cllr Speakman to attend the Facebook training.

Resolved – approval of attendance.

- b. To approve the annual LVF membership fee.

Resolved – approval of the LVF membership renewal.

- c. To approve the monthly accounts for payment. See financial report.

Resolved – monthly accounts approved for payment.

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| October | JB Rural Services | Various grass cutting | £210.00 £120.25 £260.57 |
| 13.10.21 | WRC | JW rent refund | £120.00 |
| 09.11.21 | D Hotson/HMRC | Salary/Tax | |
| 09.11.21 | Royal British Legion | Poppy wreath donation | £25.00 |

2111/14 Minor Items

- a. To take any points from members.

- Cllr Empson raised concerns about the state of the road which are covered in mud due to the movements from the pig farm. **Post Meeting** – there is to be an internal road created across the field which will stop movements on the main road stopping the transfer of mud.
- Cllr Newton stated that due to the deterioration of her sight, she feels she is no longer able to fulfil the administration requirements of the role and therefore will be resigning for her role as Chair in the new year.

- b. Matters of correspondence for information which arrived after the agenda was posted.

- Survey on Property Flood Resilience – post on Facebook and the village email.
- Resident has emailed the pig farm regarding the working hours. Parish Council have been copied in for information.
- Winter Service – Bulk salt deliveries – Clerk to request the salt is delivered to the village hall.
- NHP Referendum was positive 111 for and 9 against. The next steps are for it to be put to the Planning Committee and then it will be implemented.
- NLC have confirmed that a Christmas tree can be planted on the land on the junction of Low Road and Grangefield. Clerk to ascertain if this is to be planted and if so, checks on the infrastructure below ground will have to be carried out.

2111/15 Agenda Items for the next meeting –

- Personnel Committee

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2111/16 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7pm at Worlabby Village Hall.

2111/17 To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

Resolved – the meeting was closed to the public and press.

Resolved – the Clerks resignation was accepted, and the position will be advertised in due course. A Clerk has been identified to cover the post until a permanent Clerk is employed.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.