

# THEDDLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, 7.34pm in the Village Hall.

**Chairman:** Cllr Mr Carl Richardson **Vice-Chair:** Cllr Mrs Barbara Lister, Cllr Miss Charlie Lister, Cllr Mr David Sear and Cllr Mrs Patricia Brown.

**Also, present: Parish Clerk:** Mrs Natalie Fenner

**District Councillor:** Mrs Sandra Harrison (7:39pm)

**County Councillor:** Mr Graham Cullen

**Members of Public:** Mrs Noi Sear & Aria Lister

## **Item 10/19-155 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. The Chairman explained that the last meeting was cancelled and re-arranged according to the availability of Cllrs and making time as useful as possible.

## **Public Forum**

Mrs Sear spoke on the forthcoming Race Night to be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. The Chairman confirmed his preparations to host the event were almost complete.

Cllr Mr Sear has altered the Village Hall directional sign located on the A1031 near to the Rotten Row junction and is now pointing in the correct direction.

Cllr Mr Sear asked where is the Grit Bin that was previously located on the bend from Mill Road onto Rotten Row. Highways advised that the bin was removed after the route was added to the winter gritting programme. If this is insufficient over winter then a replacement bin could be purchased and maintained by the Parish Council.

The Chairman asked if a Remembrance Service was to take place at St. Helens Church and if Mr Marriott-Dodington was going to present the wreath. Mrs Sear advised that no service was to take place a Communion Service will be held with Wreath presented next Sunday at 9:30am.

Mrs Sear unfortunately advised that Mrs Margaret Handley had sadly passed away. A funeral service will be held at St. Helen's Church on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing at 2pm.

At 7.41pm the Public Forum Closed.

## **Item 10/19-156 Apologies and Acceptance of Absence**

Cllr Miss Julie Sheppard and County Cllr Mr Daniel McNally.

## **Item 10/19-157 Police Matters**

No representatives from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team were in attendance or update received to report.

## **Item 10/19-158 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in Accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

None. The Chairman had completed a new Declaration of Pecuniary Interest Form due to recent purchase of land within the Parish.

## **Item 10/19-159 Approval of Draft Minutes: From the Parish Council Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September '19**

It was proposed by the Vice-Chair that the Minutes produced from the Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were a true and accurate account, this was seconded by Cllr Miss Charlie Lister and Resolved as Minutes. The Chairman duly signed and dated the Minutes.

## **Item 10/19-160 District & County Councillors Reports**

County Cllr Mr Cullen reported on the following from LCC:

- **Huttoft Car Terrace** – LCC have approved plans for the renovation of the boat garage. There will be amendments made due to some problems with glass and the issue with only two toilet facilities available.
- **Mill Road** – Cllr Mr Cullen had visited a resident who had contacted him with concerns of speeding along Mill Road. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had put forward suggested speed calming measures to Highways through County Cllr Mr McNally and are awaiting a response.

## **District Cllr Mrs Harrison reported on the following:**

- **Peer Review** – The ELDC Peer Review carried out has been completed and a report issued which is available on the ELDC website.
- **Skegness Tower** – £400k improvement works, see the ELDC for further information.
- **Value of Tourism** – Latest figures show the value of tourism is currently £699m.
- **Economic Growth Company** – Every Council tries to boost income to replace the loss of grants. The possibility of purchasing land that already has planning permission but has had no applications made for development could be made and then proceed with building on the land.
- **ELDC Premises Move** – ELDC have approved the purchase of the land at Horncastle in the process of the moving premises in 2021.

- **EnergieKontor Funds** – Saltfleetby PC are assessing the possibility of providing cheaper electricity for the community as a way of using the funding as no applications have been coming through. The Chairman confirmed that this could fit the funding criteria of The Charity of Mrs Elizabeth Rook, as there are lots of changes happening moving towards future electric use verses Hydrocarbon fossil fuels.

#### **Item 10/19-161 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported on:

**LALC** – Lindsey Westman had contacted the Chairperson relating to the outstanding annual subscription from February and was having difficulty in contacting the Clerk. The Clerk confirmed that a cheque was raised in April & posted, but bank statements show it has not been banked. A new cheque was raised and the Clerk hand-delivered payment.

**Fire Fighting Museum of the RAF** – The Chairman was contacted from Steve Shirley with regard to the possibility of moving the Museum to the Chrysaure gas terminal site following Decommissioning. The Museum needs relocated by mid December 2019 from North Lincolnshire. Contact details of the current Terminal Manager was passed on.

**ELDC Corporate Strategy Workshop** – The Chairman attended on the 7<sup>th</sup> October and reported that the workshop session was good. A summary of the evening was discussed, which included that the area is one of the highest in terms of deprivation in the country, ELDC income & costs, services that the area thinks are important know and in 5+ years time. The outcome of the workshops will be that ELDC produces a future strategic plan. All Information from the evening was placed in the correspondence file for Councillors review.

**Vital Viable Mablethorpe Workshop** – The Chairman attended along with County Cllr Mr Cullen. There is a chance for Mablethorpe to win a £25m fund to improve the area and work towards moving away from being an area of deprivation. A working party will need to be formed including local people and business' to try and put together a coherent business plan to achieve the criteria required to enter.

**Winter Grazing Cattle** – Free-roaming cattle on the reserve was reported along with the warning signs erected on the gates advising that if the cattle are hassled by dogs then they will be prosecuted.

#### **Item 10/19-162 Community Plan**

The Vice-Chair and Clerk have met and drafted a second questionnaire and an on-line version to be completed will be created. The results of the second questionnaire will then be compared with the results of the first.

#### **Item 10/19-163 Parish Councillor Matters to be Raised / Reports**

Cllr Miss Lister reported that she had received an email from a resident enquiring about the trees that provide an area of screening around the Chrysaure Gas Terminal and if there was a Tree Preservation Order on them. Presently, there is also a significant amount of wildlife habitat in that area and concerns raised if the area was cleared in the process of clearing the site. The Chairman advised that to his knowledge there were no plans to remove but passed on contact details of the Terminal Manager to find out the information asked. The landowner is the National Grid who to the best of the Parish Council's knowledge has no short to medium term plans for the site.

#### **Item 09/19-164 Matters arising from the Correspondence File**

Cllr Mrs Brown had made noted reference to the information provided on the new legislation relating to Septic Tanks. The information was felt to be useful but should be more widely known. It was asked that the information be shared to community groups such as Community Lincs and local Parish Councils to ensure awareness. This was agreed to be carried out.

#### **Item 09/19-165 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk summarised correspondence that had been received for October. The file was passed to Cllr's for their perusal and circulation.

A request has been received from a resident that is also employed at Theddlethorpe Primary asking the Parish Council if they would be able to provide funding for Hi-Visibility Vests for the children at the school. This was to enable the Children to walk safely on footpaths from the School to the Village Hall and Playing Fields. The Parish Council agreed that further information on type, design, quantity and costs to be incurred were required to consider the request fully. Further information will be asked to be provided and will be placed on a future agenda when received.

An invitation to a Charity Casino Night event being hosted by the Mayor of Mablethorpe and Sutton on Sea had been received and details passed to the Chairman. Unfortunately, the event was being held on the same evening as the Theddlethorpe Race Night at the Village Hall. Apologies were sent on behalf of the Chairman.

#### **Item 10/19-166 Financial Matters**

Approval of October 2019 Expenditure: The October 2019 Statement was circulated to Cllrs. A.Taylor – Grass-Cutting Services (x 2 Cuts) £180.00, Kenmore Building Services – Re-Build of Bus Shelter £5,636.36.

The Chairman handed receipts in for re-imburement of materials needed for the bollards and general maintenance - £68.36, Saltfleetby Parish Council – Purchase of Speed Signs - £600.00.

It was proposed by Cllr Miss Lister, seconded by the Vice-Chair and resolved to pay the October 2019 expenditure as detailed above.

It was Resolved that financial Parish Council internal audits is carried out on a quarterly basis at a meeting by Parish Cllrs to check approved payments & bank statements are correct and in order during a meeting.

### **Item 10/19-167 Planning Matters**

ELDC Planning Application to be considered:

**Ref:** N/180/0113119 **Applicant:** Mr. P. Hawksley-Blackburn

**Proposal:** Planning Permission – Outline Erection of 1no. dwelling (means of access to be considered)

**Location:** Greenacres, Rotten Row, Theddlethorpe, Mablethorpe, LN12 1NX

The Parish Council considered the application, the proposals made and put to vote. There were two votes against and two abstentions to the vote for the proposal. The Chairman had the overall decision and it was then resolved to **OBJECT** this application with the following comments:

The Parish Council felt that the application was not very clear, better wording and more information was needed. It was understood that the 'garden' has not been a useable 'garden' area since around 1993 and is now believed to be a separate plot from the property known as Greenacre. The 'garden' has evolved to form numerous habitats to many species of flora and fauna and the proposal brings concerns of a possible development which would exploit a green/wooded area that has been left redundant for many years without being maintained in any manner. The 'garden' is now filled with mature trees and vegetation which will need to be cleared to make a useable plot. It is unknown if there are any Tree Preservation Orders on any of the trees and confirmation sought from ELDC. Confirmation on any habitat assessments that may have been carried out to ensure that the bat species that are known to be in the area are protected need to be investigated.

**Flooding & Surface/Waste Water;** In 2007, this area suffered from localised flooding, the surrounding water courses consisting of drains could not cope with the inundation of fluvial water. There is a known history of issues with water from drains/dikes being backed up many times in the area causing foul smells. Any developments near to or upon a watercourse to include gaining additional access through a culvert to the 'garden'/plot brought further concerns.

County Cllr Mr Cullen then left the meeting at 9.36pm.

### **Item 10/19-168 Highway / Footpath / Lighting Matters**

The Post & Rail Parapets located on Rotten Row, one has been damaged and one missing has been reported to Highways. It was reported that the Post & Rail Parapet on Brickyard Lane needs replacing as the posts are rotted through, this will be reported to Highways. The Chairman has also repainted the parapets on the junction of station road and A1031. The Street Name Plate Mill Road has been replaced.

Street Light No. 27 is still out. Reported via FixMyStreet App to ELDC. There is also a large pothole on Sea Lane to be reported to Highways.

### **Item 10/19-169 Road Safety**

The Speed Calming Measures for Mill Road have been put forward to LCC, awaiting a response. The bushes causing a concern on the footpath on Mill Road have been trimmed back.

It was reported that following a PM Question Time last week, a commitment to both Road and Rail Improvements was made and the Chairman made a suggestion that a mini roundabout be installed on the corner of the Mablethorpe Road (A1031) and Station Road junction meet, giving three exit points. Parish Cllrs agreed with the suggestion, which the Chairman will put forward to County Cllr Mr McNally.

### **Item 10/19-170 Parish On-Going Issues/Works:**

- **Village Name Signs** – Final sign will be erected, date and time to be agreed with the Chairman.
- **Millennium Stone** – Awaiting relocation to the corner of Mill Rd/Grove Rd.
- **Information Boards** – Possible funding opportunities will be looked into.
- **Speed Signs** – Saltfleetby PC have accepted the offer made. Payment arrangements and collection to be arranged by the Clerk. LCC will need to be notified of where the signs will be erected including the number of the post, Clerk to organise the visit.
- **Bus Shelter** – Repair works are now complete.
- **Deer & Horse Signage** – A request has been made to LCC Highways Ref: 4134592 received, awaiting further correspondence.
- **Litter Club** – The next Litter Pick will be this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019, 10-12pm meet at the Village Hall.
- **Mill Road Path Bushes** – Have been trimmed back.
- **Speed Reduction Measures Mill Rd** – Mentioned in Item 10/19-160. Awaiting response from LCC.

### **Item 10/19-171 Reports From Outside Bodies**

The possibility of using electric to erect Christmas lighting within the village would be looked into again, Clerk to identify whom to contact at ELDC and inform the Chairman.

Cllr Miss Lister is liaising with Live and Local to organise an event to be held next year.

**Item 10/19-172 Parish Post / Village Newsletter**

No items were put forward.

**Item 10/19-173 To Resolve the Date of the next Monthly Parish Council Meeting**

The next monthly Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing at 7:30pm with the Public Forum.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm