

North Somercotes Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of North Somercotes Parish Council held on
Monday 23rd July 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Luke Walmsley Pavilion

There were no members of the public present. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the public session at 7pm.

Public Session

- a. **Any Policing Update – none available**
- b. **Comments from members of the Public on agenda items or issues for consideration for future agenda**
 - I. Low hanging tree branches on Warren Rd – clearance needed for double decker/lorries – Cllr McNally would check the position on resolving this with the County Council highways Dept.
 - II. **Untidy land at Aranmore Churchill Rd** – this again needs action, Clerk to request ELDC to issue notice.
 - III. **Grant/Donation for Expenses for Lives volunteers** – discussed that the parish council is unable to assist as suggested as it has no powers or duties to do so.

Monthly Meeting

23/7/18-1 a. Present: Cllr Stephen Brooks (Chairman), Cllr Neil Drewery (Vice Chairman), Cllr Stuart Arundel, Cllr Zoe Dowson, Cllr Marti Hopper, Cllr Roger Maidens, Cllr Daniel McNally, Cllr Trisha Newman, Cllr Paul Walmsley, Sheila Pearce - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

b. Apologies for Absence – it was **RESOLVED** to accept councillor absence and reasons for Cllr John Kennedy, and Cllr Ros Webster.

23/7/18-2 To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest on any item on the agenda in accordance with the Localism Act and the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

Cllr McNally declared a non-pecuniary interest in all planning items on the agenda at item 7 at 7.06pm.

23/7/18-3 Minutes of 25 June Monthly Meeting – it was **RESOLVED** to sign and adopt the notes as accurate minutes.

23/7/18-4 Clerk's Report on matters outstanding – for information only

a. Public enquiry for FP18 – outcome awaited, closing statements issued b. Footpath Claims – research of legal position and historic documents ongoing c. Coastal Path – meeting with MP and historic evidence provided d. Seal Season Meeting notes – draft issued see 8c below e. letter to housing minister on Chapel Field/Local Plan issues – outstanding f. Flood forum position – awaiting update re meeting from MP Victoria Atkins g. community emergency planning – outstanding h. RAF Donna Nook – application to list as asset of community value to be submitted i. letter sent regarding proposed liaison with other parish councils with coastal access (Skidbrooke & Saltfleet, South Somercotes, Theddlethorpe) regarding coastal path, footpath claims and future use of Donna Nook j. new Remembrance Arrangements – Cllr Newman has attended the briefing and request for road closure under new rules now to be done. Cllr Maidens was requested and thanked for confirming his willingness to lead the observance again this year k. War Memorial repairs – see 10c below.

23/7/18-5 Annual Cemetery Meeting Notes – following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to sell the ride-on mower as per discussions at the Cemetery Meeting. Clerk to action.

23/7/18-6 To receive reports from councillors who are representatives on Village Organisations/Committees

- a. **Playing Fields Association** - Cllr Dowson – casino night postponed, new cover for marquee, 27 August 12 midday – Marie Curie event with teas and cakes/raffle at Wellyn Lodge.
- b. **Police Panel/Speedwatch** – Cllr Newman – i. notes circulated, mini police scheme introduced ii. Several Speedwatch episodes have been held, no sign of the county scheme becoming operational as yet.
- c. **Emergency/Flood Planning** – Cllr Newman – possibility of extreme weather expected later resulting from the current – will keep everyone informed if it becomes likely to materialise.
- d. **Village Hall Committee** – nothing to report
- e. **DTE Wildlife Group** – Cllr Newman/Clerk – nothing to report

Cllr McNally left the meeting at 7.35pm in accordance with his earlier declaration of interest.

23/7/18-7 Planning - To consider/resolve the way forward on Planning applications and other Planning matters

a. N/132/01041/18 - Outline erection of 5no. dwellings and associated garages. LAND OPPOSITE PIGEON COTTAGE, CONISHOLME ROAD – to note application now called in and awaiting confirmation of committee date of 2 August.

b. Government Grant Scheme for Community led housing now issued

The Clerk has arranged to discuss the proposed grant schemes and also assistance with the letter to Victoria Atkins MP, with John Mather of the Lincs Community Land Trust, but it was noted that grant applicants had to be, or partnered with, a registered provider – which would mean the ‘Right To Buy’ would operate potentially taking the houses out of the rental market, thus defeating the object of providing reasonably priced private rental properties and a long term income stream for the benefit of the local community.

Cllr Drewery made an entry into the Declaration of Interests book and accordingly left the meeting at 7.36pm owing to a non-pecuniary interest in the next item.

c. Any other urgent planning matters/applications

i. N/132/01406/18 HODGSON, HOLMES FARM, HOLMES LANE - Change of use, conversion of, alterations and extensions to the existing dwelling to provide an additional dwelling creating a pair of semi-detached dwellings to be used in connection with agriculture. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to support this application in accordance with the support for the previously withdrawn application for the same dwellings.

Cllr McNally and Cllr Drewery rejoined the meeting at 7.38pm.

23/7/18-8 Highways, Paths and Lighting – to discuss/RESOLVE the way forward on relevant Highways issues

a. verbal update on problem log – a number of comments have been made about the dangerous parking on the junction of Jubilee Rd and Keeling St at the Axe and Cleaver crossroads, which was thought to be a police matter. Clerk to check with Highways re road markings on the junction. It was noted that school parking is also problematic again at the Primary school on Warren Road and it is understood the possibility of a crossing is being discussed.

b. FP18 Stopping up/Diversion – Public Enquiry – report now awaited.

c. Seal Season traffic management arrangements – minutes and corresponding actions from last meeting were noted. The decision by the RAF to discontinue the annual Seal Season meetings was discussed and thought to be premature as this latest series of meetings, which the parish council had participated in, had only been to address the extraordinary traffic events of last year. However, the parish council does not have the statutory power or authority to run these meetings on behalf of the landowner or undertake County Council Highways responsibilities; it can represent and promote the views of the council in any suitable forum with the aim of achieving fair and satisfactory resolution of any problems or issues which are affecting or could affect members of the community. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should reply to the RAF that the Parish Council believes that the annual Seal Season meetings should continue to be held and administered by the RAF as the responsible land owner.

d. Coastal Path – no update at present.

e. Marsh Lane/Donna Nook car park signage – Cllr McNally is discussing this with LCC Highways to try and resolve the problem of people not knowing where to park or how to reach the sea and ending up at the RAF camp instead, since the signs were changed and there is no longer a sign to Donna Nook Car park or The Sea.

f. Overhanging trees on Warren Rd – these are a problem for public transport as raised in the public session – Cllr McNally to raise with Lincs County Council Highways Dept

g. Any other urgent highways issues – overgrown vegetation on Marsh Lane – the Clerk was asked to do a second letter regarding the work that needs doing at the end of August and before seal season, then it will be passed to the County Council to action and recharge if the work has not been carried out.

23/7/18-9 Parish Council Donations 2018/19

Following discussion of the application from Oasis Lakes it was **RESOLVED** to allocate £574 (VAT is not payable) from the £600 S106 available grant money. Clerk to liaise with Helen Forman at ELDC who needs to authorise it. The Clerk noted that the Primary School have expressed an interest in receiving support with funding and they have been provided with an application form for completion as there is still some funds available in the budget.

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23/7/18-10 Finance

- a) **the bank reconciliation** for July 2018 was received and noted.
- b) **Payments and Receipts** - it was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of receipts and payments for July 2018 and the payments/receipts were duly checked and signed. The Clerk will prepare the payments necessary for August transactions to be checked and signed by two councillors and ratified at the September meeting, as there is no Council meeting in August.
- c) **War Memorial lettering and cleaning** – it was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation from Leakes for the work required, providing this could be achieved before the next observance on 11 November 2018. Clerk to action.
- d) **Clerk's proposals for investment of reserves** – following discussion of the options it was **RESOLVED** to deposit £30k at the Melton and Mowbray building society in a longer duration investment account (100 days' notice) to achieve a higher rate of interest than that received on the current investment account (30 days' notice). This will also maintain sufficient flexibility to access funds as appropriate, if required. Clerk to action.

23/7/18-11 Meeting dates for 2019 - the Clerk's proposed dates for 2019 were received and noted.

23/7/18-12 General Correspondence for July, Website Updates, Communication – were received and/or noted.

23/7/18-13 Items for Discussion or inclusion at next meeting - Monday 24 September 2018 at 7pm

* FP18 Public Enquiry – status/outcome

* Seal Season Traffic Management Arrangements

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Sheila Pearce

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer