

**WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JULY 2019 AT
7.45pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Philip Leech (PL) (Chair); Councillor Arthur Lyons (AL);
Councillor David Campbell-Kelly (DCK);
Councillor Phillip Day (PD); Mrs Jackie Jackson (JJ) (Clerk)
together with District Councillor Neil Bannister (NB)

ACTION

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2019.028 Apologies for Absence

- Councillor Emma Clanfield

2019.029 Declarations of Interest

- DCK stated that he was a member of the WWRA and held the position of Chair
- Noted that PD is a committee member of WWRA and AL a member

2019.030 Minutes of Last Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2019

- The minutes had previously been circulated and PL signed as a correct record.

2019.031 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 18th June 2018

- This meeting had been held solely for the purposes of approving the Annual Governance Statement, approval of the Accounting Statement and the Certificate of Exemption. These minutes were also signed by PL as a correct record.

2019.032 Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising from the minutes

2019.033 Suspension of Standing Orders

- PL requested suspension of Standing Orders to allow NB to give a report. The meeting agreed and it was resolved
- **Proposed by AL; seconded by DCK**

2019.034 Report by District Councillor – Neil Bannister

2019.034.1 NB reported that HDC had set up a Task Panel to review the Growth Plan – as yet there were no terms of reference – NB would be on the panel and the first meeting was to be on the 11 July. NB stated he would ensure that the views of residents within the Dunton Ward were made known and he would report to the Parish Council as to progress and decisions made.

NB

2019.034.2 Funding is being made available to Blaby DC to assist with the Garden Village and BDC will call for site within the Local Plan. Noted that NO planning applications had been put before BDC

2019.034.3 Gazeley have been in touch with Asda at Magna Park regarding the number of HGV's through the centre of Lutterworth to its Bilton Way service centre. £1.3 million has been spent on a new unit based at Magna Park (Opened 10/6) that will host Scania repair & maintenance department and it is Asda's view that 2,600 HGV's will no longer have the need to travel to Bilton Way. Noted there were no restrictions on HGV's through the town centre and there would still be some traffic but should be much reduced flow.

2019.034.4 HDC have approved additional Pop & Shop Bays to be installed in Lutterworth

2019.034.5 Climate Emergency – HDC plan to be carbon neutral by 2030

2019.034.6 NB drew attention to the latest Leicestershire Matters publication and In particular the questionnaire seeking residents' views on spending. All were asked to complete and return

ALL

- DCK asked NB which other committees he was on besides the Task Panel and NB said he was on the Ethical Governance Committee and as Vice Chair for the Scrutiny Performance Panel

2019.035 Whetstone Pastures

DCK updated the meeting with the most relevant changes as follows:

- Blaby District Council have announced on their website that they are one of 19 local authorities to have been granted Garden Village status by the Government for a future potential site at Whetstone Pastures.
- An award of £150k has been made by the Government to explore the feasibility of Whetstone Pastures becoming a Garden Village.
- There will be a 12-week consultation on Issues and Options as part of the Blaby Local Plan process and all who are registered on the list will be asked to consider issues i.e. infrastructure and housing numbers. WWRA, having taken legal advice, will make strong representations.
- PL asked if the new junction could happen without the expressway. DCK said a new junction could be built and an expressway added at a later date.
- DCK to meet the new Leader and Head of HDC Planning on 8/7 and will try to ascertain which direction they are heading in as 85% of the proposed site is in BDC area, with only 15% within HDC.
- Only Blaby has made an application for funds and if HDC opt out the new Village could only go to the boundary.
- If the Government decides to fund the bypass, land would be acquired by compulsory purchase.

2019.036 Parishioner's Time.

- No parishioners present

2019.037 Planning Applications

- JJ reported that the only notification was in respect of Discharge of Condition 2 (external joinery and rooflights) The Manor House, Main Street.

- Members commented that the owners had done an excellent job on the property and were to be congratulated.

2019.038 Financial & Legal Matters

038.1 Bank Mandate

- The Clerk reported that following discussions with the bank, it appeared that Mrs Elizabeth Dickens and Mrs Jane Woolfe were still on the bank mandate.
- **Resolved** that these names should be removed at an early date and the mandate was to be signed accordingly.
Proposed by DCK; seconded by AL

038.2 Section 137 of The LGA 1972 – DCK reported on recent enquiries from HDC and LRALC regarding power to incur expenditure.

- There was the ability to raise funds under Section 137 but should be clear as to
 - a) what it would be spent on
 - b) what should be put into the budget for next year
- The consensus was that the Parish Council have to decide if there would be a benefit in incurring expenditure, i.e. for a transport study.
- It was agreed that the picture would be clearer in November when setting budgets.
- DCK stated that following his meeting with HDC on the 8/7 it would become clear as to whether an amount could be set aside without specifying exactly what it would be used on.
- PL said that proportionality should be considered and it was agreed that villagers should be consulted and a meeting should be convened in due course to explain the situation.

2019.039 Policy Adoption for Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Asset Register.

- The Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders, having previously been circulated, were discussed and it was **resolved** that they be adopted.
- **Proposed PD; seconded AL**

2019.040 Asset of Community Value – Registration of The General Elliott

- DCK had completed forms for the registration and one question was “how would it benefit the community”
- Suggestions were made of alternative election venue, music festival, village hall, quiz evenings, provision of meals for elderly
- NB suggested making contact with Walcote PC who had gone through a similar exercise with the Black Horse Inn.

2019.041 Correspondence

- All correspondence received on behalf of Parish was discussed and noted.
- HDC had requested another form from PD and it was confirmed that this had been returned to HDC.
- PL – form was still outstanding.

PL

- A request from Lynne Darrington re car sharing was discussed
- HDC requiring nominations to the Ethical Governance Committee – no nominations

2019.042 Finance Reports to 31 May 2019

- The finance report, having been circulated was approved as correct
Proposed DCK; seconded PD

2019.043 Payments for Authorisation

Petty Cash	Stationery	40.00
2Commune Ltd	Website & Domain Name	330.00
Clerk	Salary (April – June)	520.00
HMRC	Employee Tax	129.80
WWVH	Playground Maintenance	500.00
HDC	Dog Bins (April – June)	78.23
Leicestershire Gardens Clerk	Grass mowing May & June Printer purchase	140.00 55.50

£1,793.53

- **Resolved** that all payments be authorised
- **Proposed AL; seconded DCK**

2019.044 Any Other Business

Grass Mowing

- Discussion took place over the frequency of mowing and PD agreed to speak with Leicestershire Gardens **PD**
- Clerk was asked to contact LRALC for alternative contractor details **JJ**

Reports

- PL suggested that it would be helpful if the County Councillor was invited to attend meetings and give a report or to send one to the meeting

Wildflowers

- Jaki Weller had requested that the Parish Council discuss the planting of wildflowers on the verges into the village.
- After discussion it was felt it would not be a Parish Council decision as HDC were responsible for verges within the village and LCC outside.

2019.045 Items for Discussion at Next Meeting

- Grass Mowing

2019.046 Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting to be held on Thursday 5th September 2019 at the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.01pm