



Public Forum

There were 5 residents in the public forum.

- A member of the public commented that they were pleased to see that one of the bins had been moved to a better place in the village. The member of the public also mentioned that two street lights were still out and that there was also a lamp post still with the old orange light instead of an LED one. Cllr Garrett-Pugh reported that the upgrades to LED lights will only take place when the lamp posts were due to be serviced. Clerk to check when next service due - CTA The member of the public also asked again why the bus shelters couldn't have larger Perspex windows installed so that buses could be seen on approaching without standing outside the shelter. This will be put on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting when the general condition of the bus shelters can be reported on.
- A member of the public thanked the Council for reporting the potholes in her lane which had now been filled.
- The member of the public reported the issues they had with the traffic management and drainage on a neighbour's build in Holywell Lane. The Clerk reported that she was in contact with the Enforcement Officer at ELDC and that they had opened up a case to ensure that a traffic management plan be put in place. Cllr Garrett-Pugh reported that there were complaints added to the planning application case on the ELDC reported in December 2018. (See further discussion on planning item).
- A member of the public reported their concern that LCC Highways didn't always object to planning applications which had a detrimental effect to pedestrians and car users, further that when facilities such as lampposts were taken down as part of a build, that ELDC should ensure they were then erected again nearby. Cllr Tony Bridges told the Council that they should take up these matters with the Senior Highways Officer, Andy Ratcliffe and ELDC Planning Officer, Chris Panton. Cllr Bridges further reported that LCC were only a consultee with regards to ELDC planning applications and so their comments were not always taken on board. Cllr Bridges said he would take up two cases with LCC that Cllr Woodward had mentioned. On being asked why so many houses were now being allowed in villages, Cllr Bridges reported that on submission the draft Local Plan had been returned to ELDC with instructions to increase the housing stock allocation, resulting in higher density of housing.
- Cllr Garrett-Pugh asked Cllr Bridges if LCC would be cutting the trees/hedges that were currently obscuring the signage? Cllr Bridges replied that once the April budgets came in there would be funds to undertake this. Cllr Garrett-Pugh asked if enforcement action could be taken against those with overgrown trees blocking signage and Cllr Bridges reported that indeed they had written to one relevant party and were currently waiting for the interim time to complete before enforcement could take place.
- A member of the public expressed his disappointment at the placement Utterby received in the Best Kept Village and suggested we look at having a village campaign to inspire a clean-up and add floral features for good of the village through the spring and summer months.

ELDC Ward Member Report -None.

LCC Ward Member Report - Cllr Tony Bridges said he would see if he could re-organise the visit by Senior Planning Officer Chris Panton to talk to the Parish Council about the Local Plan and planning issues. Also see public forum items and planning item.

Louth Rural Police Team Report - None

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81 Record of Members Present and Apologies:

Present - Cllr Graham Dalton (Chair), Cllr Jackie Woodward, Cllr Ann Van Spall, Cllr Glenda Thorndycroft, Cllr Terry Buckley, Cllr Jason Garrett-Pughe.

In Attendance - Clerk Maria Vincent and Cllr Tony Bridges.

Apologies Received - Cllr Brian Frobisher

82 To receive any Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Dalton, any item relating to the Village Hall.

83 Minutes from December 5th 2018

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the December 5th 2018 meeting was an accurate record. Duly signed by the Chair. Clerk to upload on Website. **CTA**

84 Council Matters, Actions and Communications

- a) **The Chairman Reported** - Welcome back Councillors and a happy new year. We have several challenges facing us and since we last met there has been some progress. The storage of waste material near the fishing pond is still a problem. I am concerned about the possible legality of storing material on that site, the environmental implications and its possible further development as a 'landfill' site if nothing is done about the present situation. The bus shelter near Church Lane has been defaced with graffiti. Someone has very kindly tried to remove it. It will need to be sanded down and re-painted to completely remove the graffiti. Application forms for the Best Kept Village competition will be issued in March and we need to consider whether the Council will participate this year. The potentially dangerous tree in Church Lane has been made safe. The fungus currently growing on the stump has been identified (by Colin Horton Arboriculture Officer ELDC) as Velvet Shank (*Flammulina velutipes*) i.e. NOT Honey Dew fungus. Velvet Shank grows on dead or dying tree and isn't known to be pathogenic. However I think the Council still needs to monitor the situation to make sure the stump remains safe. There is therefore no danger to other trees in the vicinity. Cllr Woodward reported that there had been further trees that had died in Church Lane and that this should be monitored.
- b) **Clerk's Report** – The Clerk notified the Council of the latest NALC pay scales which come in 1st April 2019. Further she reported that on **Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 3pm** she would be attending an election briefing at the ELDC Council Offices. The purpose of the briefing will provide an outline of the election process. After the briefing, nomination packs will be made available to the Clerks in attendance for the Parish(es) they represent. The Clerk continued that she was currently finishing the Utterby Voice, but had half a page empty. She drew Councillors attention to the training schedule for LALC, it advised it was important to take advantage of learning all the different sides of being a councillor.
- c) **Annual Review of policies: Grants Policy** - It was **RESOLVED** that the Grants Policy would remain unchanged.
- d) **Annual Village Meeting 2019** - It was **RESOLVED** that the date of Wednesday 20th March was set for the Annual Village Meeting.
- e) **Parish Council Meeting Dates 2019/20** - It was **RESOLVED** that the dates for the next council year and agree to move the May meeting (AGM) to the second week, Wednesday May 8th 2019 allowing for the elections on Thursday May 2nd 2019
- f) **Communications with Utterby Fisheries** - The Clerk reported that the fisheries had been sent two letters (to DG). Councillors reported that one of the big items near to the rubbish had been moved

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and fish had been transferred out of the ponds. Clerk to write to DG to ask if the Fisheries are moving out of this location. **CTA**

- g) It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would be pleased to receive information from the Countryside Access Volunteer on the parts of the village that he covered. Clerk to write and confirm. **CTA**

85 Finance and Budgets

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that payments for January 2019 were ratified and payments for February 2019 to were received and accepted as follows:
Clerk Salary and expenses for January - 139.61. DW Gibbs Bus shelter cleaning for February 2019 £20.00.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to purchase of the latest Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration 11th edition at a cost to SLCC members £103.99 (non members £129.99). **CTA**
- c) It was **RESOLVED** that Closed Session Item be moved to the end of the meeting. (Item kept in this position for the minutes).
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that the contract for the Verge Cutting be awarded to Glendale Lincoln, the contract for the Village Green grass cutting be awarded to Tudor Maintenance and the contract for the Village Green hedge cutting be awarded to David Buckley. **CTA** It was **RESOLVED** to move out of closed session.

86 Planning -

- a) N/130/00001/19 Planning Permission - Erection of a block of 3no. stables and a store room NORTH ORMSBY MANOR, CHURCH LANE, NORTH ORMSBY, LOUTH, LN11 0TJ - It was **RESOLVED** to note that the Council had no observations on this planning application. **CTA**
- b) The Holywell Lane build was discussed at length during in this item and in the public forum session. The Clerk reported that she had received complaints regarding the lack of traffic management during December which she had then reported to ELDC. On contacting ELDC Planning Enforcement she had also been told there had been a case regarding drainage but that this was now closed. The Clerk had been told by Planning and the Enforcement Officer that they had received no complaints regarding this build, but following the complaint made by the Parish Council, Planning Enforcement had now opened a case regarding the lack of the submission of a traffic management plan. Cllr Jackie Woodward reported that she knew a resident had reported issues regarding the build many times to ELDC.

87 Parish Council Amenities (bus shelters, village green, etc)

- a) **Welcome Pack** – It was reported to Cllr Dalton that a new resident had moved into Church Lane.
- b) **Village Green and hedges** - See item 85

88 ELDC/LCC Services (Streetlights, Bins, Highways, Verges, Footpaths, etc)

- a) **DFT to improve road safety along the A18** - The Clerk read out correspondence from Graeme Butler. Cllr Garrett-Pugh suggested that it needed Reactive signs on the A16 at the junction as well as the speed limit changing to 50. Cllr Tony Bridges reported that he had not been kept in the loop regarding the DFT and would look into it.
- b) **Packhorse Bridge Sign** - The Clerk read out correspondence received reporting that the cleaning of this would take part in the Spring/Summer. The Council thanked Cllr Bridges for intervening on this matter and bringing it to a satisfactory conclusion.

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89 Notifications

a) The Council noted that:

- The Utterby Voice needed more content this month
- They were now promoting the 2019 Best Kept Village
- The LALC Training Fees now had an increased VAT rate.

90 Date and time of Next Meeting

a) Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th March 2019.

Meeting finished at 8:41pm.

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