



PUBLIC FORUM

- A member of the public reported flooding at the end of Grange Lane (9-12"). It was thought the drain cover was stuck rock solid and hadn't been cleaned in any recent times. It was noted by another member of the public that a galleon was needed to clean the overgrowth in all the drains also on the A16. Cllr AW noted that it was a similar situation in Church Lane but the flooding there didn't cause the same issues as the water run-off from the A16 going down Grange Lane. A member of the public thought that the drain near to the post box could be lifted and cleared. It was noted that you could no longer walk across the footpath on the main road across Grange Lane and had to walk on the A16 road to pass across. It was reported by a member of the public that the kerb edgings along Grange Lane hadn't been cleaned for years. Cllr Mossop referred to Section 19 with regards to the flooding in June along the main road. (Clerk reported Grange Lane flooding ELC-1974774).
- A member of the public reported that the hazard bollards on the entrance to Grange Lane from the A16 were so dirty that they could no longer be seen and was a danger for traffic trying to enter the A16 from Grange Lane (Clerk reported to Fix My Street following meeting).
- Cllr JM reported an issue with a nearby property and a building which had been erected close to a neighbouring property's boundary. (Referred to Planning Item on agenda).
- A member of the public who had been carrying out a survey on the speed limitation on the main road reported that only one third of the population of the village had responded that they wanted a change in the speed limit. He commented that he was disappointed with the response.

97 Record of Members Present and Apologies:

Present - Cllr Alan Woodward (AW), Cllr John Mackin (JM), Cllr Nicola Mackin (NM), Cllr Terry Buckley (TB) and (Cllr Glenda Thorndycroft (GT), Cllr Jackie Woodward (JW)

Not Present - Cllr Ann Van Spall (AVS)

In Attendance - Cllr Edward Mossop (ELDC), Clerk Maria Vincent and 3 members of the public.

Apologies Received - Cllr Ann Van Spall and Cllr Tony Bridges (LCC).

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

All Councillors as either members of the committee or as Trustees of the Village Hall (noted in the grant application item).

99 Minutes of Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as correct the minutes of the meeting December 2019.

100 Council Matters, Actions and Communications

a) The Chairman reported that there had been more flytipping on the junction on Church Lane past the last house with concrete and bricks dumped (Clerk reported ELC-1974703). The refuge which had been damaged was reported and rectified very quickly. (Item regarding refuge to be put on March agenda). The bus shelter had now been repaired. The Utterby Voice was going to print this week. Issues with the Kissing Gate path subject which is on the agenda already.

b) **Clerk's Report** – Nothing to report.

c) **Communications received**

- i. It was **RESOLVED** not to support the Local Electricity Bill



- ii. It was **RESOLVED** not to enter the Lincolnshire Environment Awards
 - iii. A poster from the Citizens Advice Lindsey was noted
 - iv. The dates for Tidy Britain were noted. (Utterby Tidy Up to go onto March agenda).
- d) The date for the Annual Village Meeting 2020 was **RESOLVED** to be set as April 1st 2020 at 6pm where the ordinary council meeting would be held afterwards. Clerk to contact Platform Housing Group Ltd (formerly Waterloo Housing) to ask if they can attend.
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the dates as tabled for the 2020/21 Parish Council Meetings.

101 Finance and Budgets

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments: CP Pest Control £40.00, Staff £306.26, DW Gibbs £20.00.
- b) The Clerk explained the advice by associations such as LALC that grants should not be awarded to ecclesiastical bodies (ie churches) and, following a discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** that they would still consider church organisations for grants for the current and future years.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** that the Council request that Mr S Fletcher, Mablethorpe Town Clerk undertake the audit for Utterby in 2020.
- d) The precept figures and Tax Base Band D figures were noted as follows:
Tax base 122 (increase of 1 on last year), Precept 20-21 £8,843.84, Band D £72.49, Change in Band D £2.89, Change in Band D % 4.15%.
- e) **Closed Session Item** - To 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 in relation to the following matters:
 - i. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation by Glendale Countryside Ltd for combined verge and Village Green grass cutting
 - ii. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation by David Buckley for cutting the hedge around the village green and further to use him for any other instances of 'one off' hedge cutting requirements in the village ie the hedge next to the Village Hall.

102 Planning Matters

- a) **Planning Permission - N/192/02290/19** Erection of a detached double garage. LANGDALE, CHURCH LANE, UTTERBY, LOUTH, LN11 0TH - It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.
- b) **Jacob's Close** - Land off Chapel Lane and Grange Lane and the poor state of Jacobs Close – Cllr JW reported her concerns ref the state of the road where developments are being undertaken and after a long discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would ask ELDC Planning Enforcement (through Cllr Edward Mossop) to look at the original conditions put in for this application. Cllr JM to send photos.
- c) **Any other planning matters** - It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Edward Mossop would look into the case of the property on the main road being built very close to the neighbouring boundary to see if a planning application was made /should have been sought.

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

- a) **Welcome Pack** – Two new residents had moved into the village.
- b) **Bus shelter damage** – The bus shelter had now been repaired.
- c) **Village Green and Verges** – nothing to report.
- d) **Utterby Voice** – March edition due out shortly
- e) **Moles** – work had been carried out and three moles caught. Cllr GT reported that there were now mole hills on the Village Green. Clerk to contact CP Pest Control to request he look at this and sort any treatment.



- f) **Planters** – planters now replanted with spring flowers ie primroses. Cllr JW to buy a further trough/flowers/soil for Main Road from the remaining agreed budget.
- g) **Website** – The Clerk reported that LCC were going to give all parish councils a new web platform which would adhere to the new legislation for public body websites (Sept 2020). Further she reported that she would be attending a training course in March (as until a course was attended access to the new website platform was not allowed), and it was **RESOLVED** that she should attend the course in Market Rasen to enable a new site to be created.

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

- a) **Parish Agreement** - It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman should sign the parish agreement with LCC.
- b) **CAV Report** - The Council noted the report from the Countryside Access Volunteer (CAV).
 - Footpath over crop fields behind Brackenborough Wood now sufficiently sprayed to identify way across
 - New stile finally installed on Fotherby Common to North Elkington footpath, and footpath made more usable from recent significant cutbacks in valley bottom, albeit still muddy in places.
 - Ploughed field reinstatements (staking) for footpaths and bridleways Utterby to the Covenhams now complete, except for short section near Covenham St Marys. LCC now taken enforcement action as this section has been neglected over long period by the landowner, but still to no avail. LCC made aware again.
 - Bridleway by the Gowt (near Covenham St Mary) still very muddy
 - Permissive (old railway) Bridleway very wet at Utterby end near Holywell Lane bridge
 - LCC Countryside Officer will take a look at flooding problem at Utterby “kissing gates” footpath, but pessimistic about ability to resolve
 - More local footpath & bridleway information can be obtained on UPC Notice Board and website
 - Latest new LCC Countryside website launched, but identification of promoted walks and rides now made significantly more difficult as map style overview of all the routes no longer exists. Complaint already been raised, and local Cllr assistance has been requested. Complaints can be made to LCC Customer Relations.
- c) **Issues with Kissing Gate** – All councillors were disappointed by the amount of correspondence generated by this issue and it **was RESOLVED** to write to the CAV and request that no further progression of any work at the Kissing Gate Footpath take place as it was not considered a priority in the village.
- d) **Hazard sign Church Lane** - The Clerk reported that although Lincolnshire County Council had written to say that due to the lack of accidents on that part of the road, no hazard sign would be erected, they would be adding the word SLOW to the road surface in 2020/21.

105 Notifications

None.

106 Date and time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday March 4th 2020.

The meeting finished at 9:05pm.

Signed _____

Date _____