



## PUBLIC FORUM

- A member of the public reported that she hadn't long moved into the village but was going to be putting their house back on the market due to the issues with speed and volume on traffic on the main A16 through the village. The Chairman, Cllr AW sympathised with the residents' concerns confirming that the road was an issue raised at nearly every Parish Council meeting.
- Councillor Mossop (ELDC) reported he'd sorted an issue for a resident whose bins had not been collected.
- It was suggested that when newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner was in post that the Parish Council could invite him to a meeting.

### 117 Record of Members Present and Apologies:

**Present** - Cllr Alan Woodward (AW), Cllr John Mackin (JM), Cllr Glenda Thorndycroft (GT), Cllr Jackie Woodward (JW) and Cllr Ann Van Spall (AVS) NB Councillor John Mackin (JM) left the meeting at 8:10pm.

**Not Present** - Cllr Nicola Mackin (NM), Cllr Terry Buckley (TB)

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

**Apologies Received** - Cllr Nicola Mackin (NM), and Cllr Tony Bridges (LCC).

### 118 To receive any Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Alan Woodward (AW), Cllr John Mackin (JM), and (Cllr Glenda Thorndycroft (GT), Cllr Jackie Woodward (JW), Cllr Ann Van Spall (AVS) as members of the Village Hall Committee ref item 5b. Cllr Jackie Woodward (JW) as members of St Andrews Utterby DCC ref item 5b.

### 119 Minutes of Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as correct the minutes of the meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

### 120 Council Matters, Actions and Communications

a) The Chairman reported that the flytipping on the junction on Church Lane past the last house with concrete and bricks dumped (Clerk reported ELC-1974703) had been cleared but not very well and so the Clerk should report again (ELC-1993136). Farmers had cleared ditches but left the area quite messy. Many of the daffodils in verges had been mindlessly cut and left opposite Church Lane and outside Benson Court. He reported that it had been suggested to him by a resident that we might like to plant some new trees on the Village Green and to add to next agenda.

b) **Clerk's Report** – Nothing to report that is not covered already on the agenda.

#### c) **Communications received**

i. It was **RESOLVED** to add a small advert for the Lowland Search and Rescue to the next Utterby Voice

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 April agenda).

d) The Clerk reported that Platform Housing Group declined the opportunity to speak at the Utterby Annual Village Meeting 2020. Cllr Mossop reported he would still be following up the issues of Benson Court with Platform Housing Group.



### 121 Finance and Budgets

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments: Staff £243.80 (including print of Utterby Voice) DW Gibbs £20.00, Spire Window Systems Ltd £240.00 and J. Woodward £49.50
  - b) It was **RESOLVED** to move this item to the end of the meeting, at which point, Cllr JM had left.
- Closed Session Item** – 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 in relation to the following matters:
- i. Dispensations – As all the members present were also on the Management Committee of the Village Hall, the Clerk agreed to a dispensation that all Councillors could vote on the following:  
It was **RESOLVED** that the grant budget be divided equally between the Village Hall and the Utterby DCC of St Andrews, £150 each, and that the Council would no longer operate a Grant system as from April 2020.

### 122 Planning Matters

- a) **Planning Issues from previous meetings** – The Clerk updated the Council on those items raised in February: Jacob's Close - Land off Chapel Lane and Grange Lane, property on the main road being built very close to the neighbouring boundary and The Orchards. The Clerk had received confirmation of UPC complaints regarding these developments from ELDC Planning Enforcement. All of these items were discussed at length.

### 123 Parish Council Amenities (bus shelters, village green, etc)

- a) **Welcome Pack** – A new resident had moved into the village.
- b) **Bus shelter damage** – Nothing further to report
- c) **Village Green and Verges** – Council to look at digging up and splitting the blind daffodils
- d) **Utterby Voice** – Cllr AW reported that he wished the Council to consider changing the format to twice a year, A4 with a lot more general village and history info. The June edition would be as now, but that Decembers should be the new format once Councillors had time to consider what was the best way forward.  
**NB – Cllr JM left the meeting at this point.**
- e) **Moles** – No new mole hills had appeared recently.
- f) **Village Tidy Up** – It was **RESOLVED** to continue with a campaign as last year but to also look at planting many more daffodils.
- g) **Website** – Clerk still waiting to go on the course in March before the website can be rebuilt.

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

- a) **Refuge Island** - It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not look at requesting the island be moved.
- b) **CAV Report** - The Council noted the report from the Countryside Access Volunteer (CAV).
  - Based on UPC comment, no further actions or inspections will be carried out on the Utterby “kissing gates” footpath by the LCC/CAV team; assume now in hands of the UPC. Current status shows path still flooded with small tree part obstructing.
  - Most field traverse paths and bridleways still very muddy; horse riding over these routes not advisable at present. Bridleway around The Gowt (Covenham St Marys) also extremely muddy
  - Permissive “ railway” bridleway-- boggy near Holywell Lane bridge, tree part down midway but negotiable

Minutes of the meeting of Utterby Parish Council held  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:00pm**



- Note UPC website map now under Walks and Rides, has more detail relevant to users of the local footpaths and bridleways
- Due to additional commitments, this will be the final Countryside Access Volunteer input to the UPC•

c) **Speed Limit Petition** – No further updates.

**125 Notifications**

None.

**126 Date and time of Next Meeting**

The Annual Village Meeting to take place on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 at 6pm (Clerk to make a flyer and Cllr AW to put together a rota for Councillors to deliver to residents.)

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 at 7pm.

**The meeting finished at 8:47pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_