

Minutes of the meeting of Utterby Parish Council held  
**Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 6.00pm – held remotely with Zoom**



**PUBLIC FORUM**

- Cllr Edward Mossop updated the Parish Council on the work he had undertaken as a Member of ELDC, including a briefing of the new strategic alliance between ELDC and Boston Borough Council and the planning application for over 100 houses in the Fulstow Ward.

**Record of Members Present:**

**Present** - Cllr Alan Woodward (AW) (Chair), Ann Van Spall (AVS), Cllr John Mackin (JM), Cllr Nicola Mackin (NM), Terry Buckley (TB), Glenda Thorndycroft (GT) and Cllr Jackie Woodward (JW).}

**Not Present** – None.

**In Attendance** - Clerk Maria Vincent and Cllr Edward Mossop.

**22 Apologies Received**

None

**23 To receive any Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**

None received.

**24 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd June 2020 as correct (adding the missing word 'Tidy' in 18b), and for the Chairman to sign a copy forthwith.

**25 Council Matters, Actions and Communications**

a) **Chairman's Report** – Cllr AW reported he had been a reluctant Chairman when he took on the post, but had thoroughly enjoyed the last 15 months and the cohesion as a Council that had been created. Cllr AW continued that a few items of procedure had drifted since lockdown and that it would be appreciated for this to be tightened up, that any requests or complaints go through the Chairman, unless general LCC potholes, flooding complaints that were reported through the Fix My Street website system. With regards to the request to write to the owner of the field at the back of the Church Lane, he thought that until it was felt that the grass was extremely long, that we should delay in complaining.

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

b) **Consultations** - None to report.

c) It was **RESOLVED** to sign the petition from East Lincolnshire Railway.

**26 Finance and Budgets**

a) It was **RESOLVED** to accept and pass the payments for June: Staff £187.76 - DW Gibbs £20.00 - David Buckley £180.00 - Glendale Countryside Ltd £230.40 **TOTAL £618.16**

b) It was noted that as there was no August meeting, contractors and staff would receive payment for August in September 2020.

c) It was noted that Cllr AW would carry out the Quarterly Monitoring when the minutes were taken to sign.

**27 Planning**

a) **N/192/00716/20 TEMPLETON** It was **RESOLVED** to write to the planning officer Ryan Dodd to state that the Parish Council wished to be given further details on the criteria used for the permission given

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to this retrospective planning application, and to also write to Building Control to flag up their concern with the electric cables running along the exterior of the building.

b) It was agreed if any important planning applications came in which it was felt the Parish Council needed to discuss (as the council does not meeting in August), that a extra-ordinary meeting would be called.

**28 Parish Council Amenities (bus shelters, village green, etc)**

- a) **Welcome Pack** – It was reported that three packs had been delivered to new residents, all who were of the younger generation.
- b) **Utterby Tidy Up Campaign** – Nothing to report and until the Covid Crisis is over, no real work can begin.
- c) **Verges and Village Green** - There had been two cuts in early and mid June and a late June cut (for July) earlier in the week. Cllr GT reported that the grass on the green was now starting to flatten out and look much better.
- d) **Village Green Seating** –Cllr JW confirmed that the Parish Council did own the deeds for the Village Green. Cllr JM stated that the Village Green was not such a central point in the village due to the main road splitting the village in two. Cllr GT raised concerns re: fruit trees due to the constant pruning required. Cllr JW suggested that far more people had been out and about during the lockdown, and so seating would be a bonus. Cllr AW said that the seating in the Church Yard was used regularly. Cllr TB suggested some play-park equipment could be installed. The Clerk did comment that this would involve a lot of work with health and safety and regular weekly checks, and could attract vandalism. The Clerk did confirm that if seating was added, costs for mowing would slightly increase due to strimming around them.  
Following discussion on the trees and benches, it was agreed that all Councillors would come back in September with ideas (if wanted at all) for seating/ landscaping/ trees etc so that they may be considered and then, if agreed, the Village Green could be put to more/better use.
- e) **Bus Shelters** – Shelters are clean and looking in very good order. Next spring we have enough paint still (given by B&Q) to give them another coat.

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

- a) Grange Lane – Following reporting the Grange Lane flooding on Fix My Street, the Clerk had received notification that work had been scheduled.

**30 Notifications**

- a) Nothing to report.

**31 Date and time of Next Meeting**

- a) Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday September 2nd – time and meeting type to be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting finished at 7:07pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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