

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 commencing at 7.55 p.m.**

**PRESENT** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) W. Lawrance, C. Friend, G. Lack, S. Reynolds & R. J. Wells.

**Also in attendance** Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O). County Councillor Sue Woolley, PCSO Doe and Police Inspector Stewart (Stamford & Bourne Sector).

**Members of the public present.** One

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

PCSO Doe pointed out that he had been manning a portable speed detector in Morton High Street during the day and that about ten per cent of motorists were found to be driving over the speed limit.

Inspector Stewart gave the councillors a summary of the way police were working with local communities using neighbourhood panels to identify local problems. Road traffic problems, such as speeding, were being dealt with in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. The Chairman asked about the police opinion regarding the man encamped on the A15 layby. Inspector Stewart felt that this was a matter for Lincolnshire Highways to deal with.

A resident of Edenham Road, Hanthorpe addressed the meeting with his concerns about the narrow road outside his property. His roadside wall had recently been damaged by a motorist because of a parked car nearby causing passing difficulties. He had requested a visit from Lincolnshire Highways to discuss the problem with him and to see whether it was feasible to provide a passing place. The Parish Clerk had ascertained, although the resident himself had not been contacted, that a Highways visit had been made and that it was unlikely that a passing place would be made. The resident, frustrated by the situation, had decided that 'until something was done' he would park his own vehicles on the road to highlight the problem.

The Chairman assured him that the matter would be discussed by the council in an item already on the agenda.

**1. APOLOGIES.** Received and accepted from Councillors Bates, Taylor, Chubbuck and Richardson.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

**3. MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.**

SKDC/LALC Town & Parishes Conference The Clerk and Councillor Lack attended the conference on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk gave a general summary of the conference.

The Crescent Field & ditches. The Clerk had received a letter, from a local resident, explaining that the ditches around the playing field were still in use for drainage. It was important that these were not filled in as requested at the last council meeting. Some outlets however were blocked by stones and the necessary authorities had been informed.

Trees at The Old School The occupant had requested District Council advice on the felling of the trees on the property. An inspector's report, received by the Parish Council, said that the trees, one diseased the other very weak, were not suitable for preservation.

SKDC Strategic Housing Land Availability the District Council has completed the report.

Standards Committee A recent meeting report of the committee was brought to the notice of the councillors. It showed the importance of properly and clearly deciding on personal and prejudicial interests by councillors.

Dog Fouling Complaints had again been received about dog fouling in Hanthorpe Road and the High Street. The Clerk had reported the matter to the District Council and enforcement rangers will visit the parish in the near future.

Planning matters SKDC has given approval to applications from

D. Cope. Extension to dwelling. 3, Templemeads Close.

M. Hempstead. Demolition of o/building, erection of rear, side extensions & porch. 49 Station Road.

M. Durrant. Erection of bungalow & garage. R/o 8, Ford Lane. Outline.

Planning Application dealt with by consultation due to time requirements:

M. Pridmore. Replace pre-cast with brick built garage. 19 Millfield Road. No objections.

SKDC Bourne Local Forum. Will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7pm in Morton Village Hall.

Lincs Fire & Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan 2009/10 has been received.

Lincs County Council Transport Briefing has been received.

Publications Copies of Emda News, Rural Links, Clerks & Councils Direct & LCR are held by the Clerk.

Cemetery. Since the last meeting there have been four memorial applications.

Total receipts £242. The new charges have been circulated to local funeral directors.

Broadband The Clerk reported that installation of Broadband had been now completed. The initial attempt caused a computer crash and required the re-installation of the operating system and all other programmes. Councillor Gordon Lack had carried out the work, which took several hours and the Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Council, and the Clerk, for his efforts.

## **5. APPOINTMENT TO JOINT PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE**

*It was proposed by Councillor Creasey, seconded by Councillor Wells, that Councillor Reynolds be appointed as the fourth Parish Council representative on the Joint Playing Field Committee, all were in favour.* The Clerk was asked to inform the committee of the appointment.

## **6. CONTACT LAND AGENTS REGARDING LAND FOR ALLOTMENTS**

a) *It was resolved, following a proposal by Councillor Friend, and seconded by Councillor Lack, that the clerk be asked to write to Savills, the Land Agents to the Lincolnshire County Council, to ask if land near East Lane can be rented to the Parish Council for the purpose of providing allotments.*

b) Councillor Wells suggested that if the Parish Council received a favourable response it would be advisable to form a committee/working group to consider future plans and requirements regarding allotments.

Councillors Creasey, Wells, Friend and Hyde expressed their willingness to serve on such a group.

## **7. ADOPTION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME & PRODUCTION OF INFORMATION GUIDE.**

*It was proposed by Councillor Hyde, and seconded by Councillor Lack, that the Council should adopt The Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, as presented in document FOI/12/08/1, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, and produce a Guide to information available from the Council, all were in favour.*

The Clerk was asked to display a notice to show the Parish Council had adopted the scheme. The documents would also need to be included on the website.

**8. TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. EDENHAM ROAD, HANTHORPE.**

This matter had been discussed fully during the Public Forum.

It was agreed to arrange an onsite meeting with a representative from Lincolnshire Highways to try to find a resolution to the problem. It was suggested that cutting back the roadside hedge may also improve the situation. The Clerk was asked to co-ordinate a meeting, to include Mr Lawrance and Parish Council representatives, with Highways.

**9. SLCC MEMBERSHIP**

*It was resolved to pay the £94.00 Clerk's subscription to the SLCC.*

**10. ACCOUNTS**

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

Fovia	Autumn N/letter Printing	14. 01
N.Wilkie	Litter Coll. to 25.10.08	52. 00
T. Barnatt	November Salary	384. 25
N.Wilkie	Litter Coll. to 22.11.08	52. 00
M. Morton PCC.	Church Hall Hire 9.12.08	6. 00
SLCC	Annual Subscription	94. 00

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009 preceded by a Public Forum,commencing at 7.15pm.

**12. OUTSIDE REPORTS**

Councillor Woolley said that it was likely that interactive speed warning signs would be operational in Bourne in future. She also assured the Parish Council that she would give her support if the Council wished to press for a 30mph speed limit on the A15.

**OTHER MATTERS**

The Clerk was asked to report a street light in Station Road which is to overgrown with ivy and rendered ineffective.

Councillor Lack informed the meeting that he was keen to form some sort of response group for emergency planning, a matter which had been dealt with at the recent conference in Bourne. It was generally agreed that this would be a good idea.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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