

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 commencing at 7.35 p.m.**

**PRESENT** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman), B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) W. Lawrance, C. Friend, G. Lack, A. Bates, L. Taylor, J.F. Richardson and P. Chubbuck.

**Also in attendance** District Councillor F. Cartwright, County Councillor S. Woolley and Mr. T .Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O).

**Members of the public present.** Two

**1. APOLOGIES.** Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Wells and Reynolds.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

**3. MINUTES.** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Allotments Land: The clerk had been in touch with Savills, County Land Agents, again. The County Council officers had asked for a further report on the matter before making a decision about releasing the land.

Lay-by caravans: The clerk had contacted LCC asking for an update on the situation. LCC says that 'a multi agency approach is taking place to find an alternative location'

High Street kerbing: Lincolnshire Highways suggested that trees or shrubs could be planted on the verge along the churchyard wall, as resiting the kerbing, as requested, would be a waste of money. The clerk was asked to point out that the kerb was not 'new' as described and that a gas main was situated under the verge, vulnerable to pressure from large vehicles.

Probation Meeting: The clerk had now received several replies from other parish councils showing a little interest in a meeting. It was decided that not sufficient interest had been shown to arrange such a meeting.

Street Naming: The proposed name for the development in Station Road, near the church, is Church View Close. Councillors found the name acceptable.

SKDC Planning approvals: Applications by S Reynolds & G Gosling. Outline planning for dwelling between 49 & 55 Station Road, and C Handley. 2 storey extension. 22 Moorgate Close, were approved.

Road Closure notification: Edenham Road, Hanthorpe for resurfacing. 2 days between 30/3/09 and 12/4/09.

East Lane & Pearces Lane for resurfacing. 27/4/09 to 1/5/09.

Active Parishes – Grants: Community Lincs inform that grants for projects are available if a parish plan is being, or has been, prepared and that councillors have received specialist training about the system.

Cemetery: Since the last meeting there have been 4 interments, 1 exclusive rights application and 1 memorial application. Total receipts £440.

Publications: The clerk has copies of the Local Council Review & LALC News.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Mrs. J. Stanforth. 2 storey rear/side extension & annex. 25 Bourne Road.

J. Clark. Dwelling & garage. Adjacent 23 East Lane.

Mr. & Mrs. Barber. 2 storey side extension. 35 Station Road.

No objections were put forward to these applications.

The following application was received too late to be included in the agenda and was introduced for discussion only

D. Thompson. 2 storey side extension. 41a Station Road.

Councillors saw no reason to object and asked the clerk to use his executive power to reply

on behalf of the council.

## **6. QUOTATIONS FOR CEMETERY PATH REPAIRS**

Quotations had been received from A. Coupland (Surfacing) Ltd, for cutting out 30m of path sides and resurfacing and from A H Lewis Contractors, for cutting out and resurfacing 30m of full width of path. Ringway, LCC contractors had been invited to quote but had not responded and no other quotations had been received.

***Following a proposal from Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Lack it was resolved to accept the quotation from A..H Lewis Contractors, for repairing the full width of 30m of path for £1550.22. Councillors would also visit the cemetery and decide if any addition to the path was required and to consider asking the contractors to carry out this work as well.***

## **7. CALOR LINCOLNSHIRE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2009**

***It was resolved not to enter this competition.***

## **8. LINCOLNSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009**

***It was resolved to enter this competition at a cost of £15.***

## **9. CONSERVATION OF COBBLESTONE PATH, EDENHAM ROAD, HANTHORPE.**

The Chairman pointed out that this matter had been considered in the past. A large part of the path had been covered by grass until very recently and another piece was possibly on private property. It was considered unlikely that resurfacing, due in the near future, would affect the remaining path and no practical action could be taken to change the present situation.

## **10. RECENT HIGH STREET PROBLEMS**

Following a recent drink-related incident Councillor Lack, who had calmed down those involved, told the council that he had hoped that the parish could have been included in an alcohol-free zone surrounding Bourne. However he had made enquiries through the relevant channels and had been assured that there was no likelihood of the parish being covered, as not enough reports of incidents had been forthcoming.

## **11. CAMPAIGN FOR 30MPH LIMIT ON A15/TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROBLEMS**

The matter had already been discussed at length at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk, Chairman D. Creasey and Councillor G. Lack had held a meeting recently with Mr. Trafford, the school head teacher and County Councillor Woolley to discuss options for a combined Parish Council and school campaign for a 30mph limit on the A15. It had been agreed that the school would initiate a local press feature about the campaign and the council would encourage groups and individuals to give support by letter or email. The Parish News would also carry a feature about the campaign. Councillor Lack offered to organise a vehicle and pedestrian survey at the crossroads and would appeal for volunteers to help, through the village website. The Divisional Highways Officer of Lincolnshire County Council will then be asked to meet councillors and be presented with the findings and letters of support.

It was suggested that a guidance list of points should be displayed in the village to aid those intending to contact the council with letters or emails of support.

Many complaints and problems had arisen following the recent A15 accident diversion, through Hanthorpe, which carried on for over five hours. It was felt that the Police should have a plan to alleviate the local narrow roads in any such future eventuality.

***It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable setting out the council's concerns about the disruption.***

**12. ACCOUNTS**

The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget -

SKDC	Cemetery Rates	22. 37
Lincs CC	Playing Field Maint	813. 23
N. Wilkie	Litter picking to 12.3.09	52. 00
Anglian Water	Cemetery Water Rates	29. 07
W. Lawrance	Playing Fld Litter Coll. ¼ to 31.3.09	195. 00
M. Lawrance	Cemetery Maint. ¼ to 31.3.09	300. 00
Morton PCC	Church Hall hire. 31.3.09	6. 00
T. Barnatt	March Salary	384. 25
T. Barnatt	Clerks Exps ¼ to 31.3.09	100. 33

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 preceded by the Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm.

**14. REPORTS** Councillor Lawrance, representative on the Playing Fields Committee, reported on a recent meeting. Amongst other items the Rippingale under-9 football team had been given permission to use the field for training, and the hedge-cutting contract needed some points of detail including in a new arrangement.

**15. OTHER MATTERS**

The clerk was asked to report potholes in Haconby Lane and Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe.

Councillor Lack thought that it may be a good idea to provide a visitors sheet for each meeting and he produced a pro-forma. It was considered a good idea and would be used in future.

Dog fouling had been reported on and around the Crescent Playing Field.

The clerk was asked to pursue the request for the provision of a street light at the Crescent/Broadway corner.

CHAIRMAN.....

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