

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church Hall, Morton on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 commencing at 7.15pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors D. Creasey (Chairman) B. Hyde (Vice Chairman) W. Lawrance, G. Lack, C. Friend, L. Taylor, R.J. Wells, P. Chubbuck and S. Reynolds.

**Also in attendance** Mr. T. Barnatt (Clerk & R.F.O), PCSO S. Brommel & Insp. Jon Hassal.  
**Members of the public present:** One

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mr Dickinson, and Councillor Lawrance, expressed concern that vehicles parking on Station Road, outside and opposite the District Council bungalows were becoming even more of a problem. Some farm vehicles were finding difficulty negotiating this part of Station Road. Inspector Hassal said he would look at the problem area when he left the meeting. Councillor Creasey asked if it was possible for the Police to advise Lincolnshire Highways about such an issue in an effort to improve the situation. Councillor Lack brought to notice that a number of youths had been approaching properties in the evenings and causing concern in some parts of the village.

Inspector Hassal pointed out that it was inevitable that there would be substantial changes in the policing of the area, due to cuts in funding.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Received and accepted from Councillor Richardson, due to prolonged illness. District Councillor Cartwright apologised for not being able to attend.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest in item 5 – planning applications

**3. MINUTES:** The clerk's notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010 were approved as Minutes and were signed by the Chairman.

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

**Hedge at 2 Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe:** Mr Goode has not responded to a letter from the clerk asking for the contact details of the landlord of this property to enable Lincolnshire Highways to take further action regarding the overhanging hedge.

**Cemetery boundary hedge:** The clerk had been in touch with Mr Farrar, the owner of the property next to the cemetery and had discussed the concerns expressed by several parishioners about his conifer hedge. He intends to allow his conifers to reach 6 feet in height allowing privacy, both for his benefit and for anyone using the cemetery, and to keep a clear space between the two hedges so that both can be properly trimmed.

**Completion of External Audit:** Clement Keys have audited, and certified, the Council's accounts for the year-ending 31 March 2010 and the necessary completion notice has been displayed. It should be noted that before completion additional information was requested, regarding an increase in expenditure compared to the previous year. The information- mainly comprising Cemetery pathway renewal, Painting bus shelters, New Computer and Seat,- was supplied by the R.F.O.

**Planning matters:** SKDC approvals: – Mr. & Mrs. A. Field. Erection of 2 Dwellings, 2 The Grove, Hanthorpe. Outline planning. B. Wooldridge. Internal alterations. 14 Haconby Lane. Listed building consent. P. Perring. Removal of ash tree. 43 Haconby Lane. 211 notice. Split decision – P. Hadfield. Reduce trees. The Chestnuts, The Grove, Hanthorpe. – Sycamore not to be pollarded. 211 notice.

**SKDC 5<sup>th</sup> Town & Parishes Conference:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. 10am Stamford Arts Centre. 'Localism & the Big Society'.

**Best Kept Village 2010 Judging & Result:** The judges noted graffiti, rubbish and lack of BKV notice and gave the parish 109 votes out of 120. The winner in Class III was Nettleham.

**Cemetery:** Since the last meeting there have been 2 Interments, 1 Memorial application and 1 Exclusive Rights application. Total receipts £280.

**Larkfleet Development Concerns:** The clerk had received an email from a Bourne Road resident with a variety of concerns about the proposed Larkfleet development beside the Bourne Road. She considered that the Parish Council had not properly supported objectors to the development, that any such development should be sited 'in the heart' of the village and possible future road safety measures may not be adequate.

Councillors pointed out that the Parish Council had indeed objected to the development on road safety grounds but were not in a position to object non-material matters, such as the effect on adjacent properties. The siting of a development elsewhere in the village would not improve the traffic situation and would transfer concerns to other residents. The clerk was asked to reply.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

Mrs. C. Butler. Erection of dwelling. Plot to South of 11 Bourne Road. Outline planning.

***Councillors resolved to object to this application on the grounds that the access would open on to the A15 at a difficult point, adding to road safety problems and that a previous application for an access at this point had been refused.***

**The following applications were received too late to be included in the agenda and were introduced for discussion only**

Mr. & Mrs. Shaw. Erection of conservatory to rear, 2 Knotts Close. Councillors saw no reason to object to this application. ***Councillor Taylor left the meeting***

B. Taylor. Formation of vehicular access. Bunkers Hill Farmhouse, Bourne Road.

Councillors were again concerned about the safety of an access at this point on the A15 and were minded to object to this application. ***Councillor Taylor returned to the meeting.***

**The clerk was asked to use his executive power to reply accordingly to both applications.**

## **6. OFFER OF LAND FROM LCC AGENTS SAVILLS:**

The clerk had requested, and received, further information about the piece of land offered.

The area concerned is 1.2 acres; the expected rental figure would be £250 pa. The Parish Council is expected to negotiate directly with the tenant regarding the release of the land.

***It was resolved to arrange a public meeting to be held at the Church Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm to discuss the formation of an Allotments Association and steering committee to consider any further plans for negotiation, preparation and management.***

The clerk was asked to make arrangements for the meeting, display public notices and contact those who had expressed interest in allotments. He was also asked to reply to Savills, acknowledging the offer and informing them of the council's considerations before making a final decision on the matter.

## **7. RENOVATION OF WAR MEMORIAL:**

Councillors were informed that the village War Memorial, some 90 years old, was in need of cleaning and renovation.

***Following a proposal by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Wells, it was resolved to obtain quotations for the work to be carried out.***

## **8. TENDERS FOR A15 HEDGE CUTTING/LAYING:**

Two costings have been received –

1) Stephen Copley - cut, lay the hedge, approximately 107m, and burn the brash, at a cost of £15 + VAT per metre. Approximately £1600 + VAT in total.

2) Andrew Crow – lay the hedge at a cost of £1165 after preparation by a contractor, quoted at £3540 plus VAT. The brash to be left for disposal.

***Following a proposal by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was resolved to accept the quotation provided by Stephen Copley, of £15 per m+VAT, to cut and lay the hedge and burn the brash .***

The clerk said that he had already informed the tenant that the work was likely to be carried out.

## **9. TENDERS FOR PARISH GRASS CUTTING:**

The clerk told councillors that in further discussion with Lincolnshire Highways he had been informed him that the amount quoted in earlier correspondence may not be available for the next contract, due to public spending cuts. The clerk had been advised to make contact about the matter again in the New Year, when the position may be clearer.

A quotation was discussed which had been received from Pilgrim Mowers & Services - £3500 + VAT for 14 cuts per annum, fixed for a 3 year contract.

*It was agreed to let Mr Pilgrim know that the Parish Council was keen to ask him to do the work but to explain that no proper decision can be made, because of funding uncertainty, until early 2011.*

## **10. BUDGET FORECAST & PRECEPT 2011/12:**

The R.F.O. presented the forecast for 2011/12.

The R.F.O. pointed out that the Council held £23134 in reserve at the moment, allowing adequate funds for projects such as grass cutting.

***Following a proposal by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Wells, ,the budget forecast was accepted and the precept request set at £11,500***

## **11. ACCOUNTS:**

***The following payments were approved by the meeting***

T. Barnatt	September Salary	410.16
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Clement Keys	External Audit 2010	158.63
N. Wilkie	Litter picking to 25.9.10	60.00
Viking Direct	Office supplies	50.28
Smith of Derby	Church Clock Service	237.35
D. Michelson	Painting Swing frames	120.00
W. Lawrance	Playing Field Litter ¼ to 30.9.10	195.00
M. Lawrance	Cem.Maint. ¼ to 30.9.10, Hedge & Grass	475.00
T. Barnatt	October Salary	410.16
Morton PCC	Hire of Church Hall 26.10.10	10.00

## **12. NEXT MEETING:**

Will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and will be preceded by a Public Forum, commencing at 7.15pm

Meetings for 2011: – 18<sup>th</sup> January, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> June.

## **13. OUTSIDE REPORTS** None

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Councillor Lawrance again raised the matter of parking, discussed in the Public Forum.

The clerk was asked to contact Lincolnshire Highways about the matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

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