

OWMBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Council Meeting held in the Parish Church on 11th January 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs G. D. Crompton-Howe (Chairman); S Carter, D Mellor, J Wiggins the Clerk,
APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Cllr Leah
1 member of the public

REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Strange reported that the County Council are very short of money but continue to make the books balance. Children's Services are judged as one of the best in the country and the schools in the area are doing well. He reported that Sir Edward Leigh has managed to secure more money for Lincolnshire schools. The schools were receiving 10% less per head than urban schools. This will now be changed so they receive the same amount. Highways continue to resurface the roads and potholes that are reported are being dealt with. Lincoln Castle has been awarded a National Geographic worldwide tourist award. The bypass on the eastern side of Lincoln is about to start. Cllr Strange reported that Government funding cuts are going to be replaced by business rates. This needs to happen soon as County Council reserves are being used up. Cllr Strange reported that he was disappointed with the SERCO issues. SERCO have been fined £1million. It was reported that Councillors would like a medical school at the University of Lincoln in order to attract and retain medics to the area. Lincoln City Council is working closely with the University and hopeful will have good news regarding a medical school in the near future. Cllr Strange expressed the view that carrying out a Neighbourhood Plan would be a worthwhile thing for the village to undertake and would hold a lot of weight with regard to any future developments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

A member of the public explained that he wanted to find out if a small piece of road had been adopted by WLDC. The road needs repairing and WLDC have stated that it is an un-adopted road. The resident thought that it was adopted a number of years ago. Cllr Strange said he would follow up the enquiry.

There was a request for up to date information regarding what can go in the recycling bins. Cllr Strange to follow up and Clerk to contact Cllr Summers.

01.17 APPROVAL OF NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10th November 2016

Resolved that the notes of the meeting be approved & signed as correct Minutes of the meeting.

02.17 Finance and accounts for payment

Balances (as of most recent statements)

Current Account- £1414

Reserve Account-4488

Resolved the following to be paid: £9-LALC training, £25- Owmbly by Spital PCC- church hire, £645.96 – C Wright Clerk's Salary and expenses.

Income- £990- Transparency Fund

Cheques signed between meetings- £50- R Illingworth- tree trimming, £217.50- CMS Property Maintenance- Cemetery path repair.

03.17 REPORT FROM CLLR CARTER'S NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Cllr Carter reported that her training had been very informative. A number of policy matters arose which the council will now address. Following information received at the training, the Clerk applied for some money

from the Transparency Fund in order to help with the transparency requirements.

04.17 HIGHWAY MATTERS

None at present. To report any highways issues please contact the clerk who will refer them to LCC Highways department.

05.17 CORRESPONDENCE-

A letter regarding a Neighbourhood Planning Training session was circulated. Clerk to pass on the volunteers who have expressed an interest in helping with a Neighbourhood Plan. Correspondence from WLDC regarding street signs was circulated. Cllr to check if any signs in Owmbly need any maintenance.

06.17 CEMETERY

It was reported that work on the new foot path has been completed. Resolved the clerk to contact Green Grass again regarding cutting back the hedge.

07.17 PLANNING MATTERS

PA134670- Application to erect 3 dwellings on Owmbly Cliff Road, councillors comments have been submitted to WLDC- No further information received from WLDC

PA133521 & 133550- Playing field and S106 update. Both applications have been granted.

08.17 PLAYINGFIELD UPDATE/S106 AND WAYS TO MOVE FORWARD

The S106 agreement has been signed and planning has been granted. The site will need to be formally assessed. Both the clerks from Normanby and Owmbly have contacted highways about creating an entrance. This will need to be followed up when the land is finally handed over. A joint meeting of the councils will need to be held and playing field committee will need to be formed.

09.17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN- REPORT FROM DECEMBER 2016 MEETING AND WAYS TO MOVE FORWARD

It was reported that the meeting was well attended and there was a core group of volunteers willing to move forward with the plan. Another meeting is due to be held in early 2017 in the school hall. Luke Brown from WLDC will lead the meeting and anyone interested in neighbourhood planning will be welcome. As yet, the clerk hasn't heard from any of the volunteers regarding a date. Resolved the clerk to contact the group.

10.17 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- Cllr Mellor reported that he will bring any items which may be of interest to the village which he receives via the Neighbourhood Watch alert scheme.

11.17 TRANSPARENCY FUND

Resolved the Parish Council are happy for the clerk to purchase IT equipment and undertake IT training using the grant received from the transparency fund.

12.17 COUNTY NEWS ARTICLE 'HARD WORK PAYS OFF'

Cllr Carter reported that Newtoft have worked incredible hard to apply for grants and funding and now have a new village hall. Cllr Carter has visited the village hall which is an incredible asset to the village. Resolved the clerk to contact Newtoft to find out more information about how they proceeded and to see if they would be willing to let the council see their plans.

13.17 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Risk assessment, health and safety policy, website

14.17- PROVISIONAL DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th March 2017

The meeting closed at 21.36pm