

# THEDDLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
at 7.30 pm in the Dilys Jones Room, Village Hall.

**Present:**

<b>Chairman</b>	Cllr Mr C Richardson
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Cllr Mr G Handley
	Cllr Mrs B Lister
	Cllr Mrs J Simpson
	Cllr Mr G Marriott-Dodington
	Cllr Mr J Cowell
	Cllr Mr D Smith
	Cllr Miss J Sheppard

**Also present:**

<b>County Councillor</b>	Mr R Palmer
<b>District Councillor</b>	Mrs S Harrison
<b>Clerk</b>	Mr D Cooper

## **Item 12/01 Chairman's welcome**

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Palmer, District Councillor Mrs Harrison and Councillors to the monthly meeting.

## **Public Forum**

There were no members of public in attendance at this meeting.  
The Chairman invited County Councillor Palmer to give his report.

Cllr Palmer advised that he continues to request the Police to increase their presence in the rural communities. Whilst he expects his promotion to LCC Chairman in May to be demanding, he will endeavour to communicate and attend Parish Council meetings whenever he is available.  
He confirmed that Highways have large stocks of salt in readiness for bad weather.  
East Lindsey has a dedicated team to repair reported potholes.  
The Chairman expressed appreciation for the £250 grant from the County Councillor's Fund.  
The County Councillor left the chamber at 7.45 pm.

## **Item 12/02 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Marriott Dodington.

## **Item 12/03 Declarations of Interest from members in accordance with LGA 2000**

Cllr Cowell expressed a personal interest in item 12/14, being a local resident to the property.

## **Item 12/04 Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Simpson, seconded by Cllr Cowell and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 were correct. They were duly signed and passed as a true record by the Chairman.

## **Item 12/05 To consider and resolve Parish Clerk's Employment status**

It was resolved that Cllr Handley, Cllr G Marriott-Dodington and Cllr Richardson form the Working Party to review the Clerk's Employment status, and to recommend future action to ensure the Parish Council complies with Employment Law.

Councillors expressed concern that in view of the potential increase in cost for administration, that HMRC had seemingly not been challenged by a government agency, NALC or SLCC to allow small rural parishes to continue on the self-employed contract.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to these agencies expressing displeasure at the lack of understanding of the resultant effects of the HMRC ruling.

## **Item 12/06 Risk Assessment on financial arrangements**

Cllr Handley stated that it was necessary to be 'fireproof' and have a Plan B.

Councillors were happy with the present arrangements, but agreed that duplicated primary records should be kept for reference in the event of an emergency.

## **Item 12/07 District Councillor's Report**

District Cllr Mrs Harrison reported that there had been several instances of hare coursing in the area. Although Police attended the offenders escaped. Councillors replied that reports had been made including relevant vehicle numbers, but no action appeared to have been taken.

Cllr Mrs Harrison also confirmed that there had been an increase in theft of garden and building materials. She was concerned that there seemed to be a lack of awareness of neighbouring properties.

Consultation on the LDF Core Policy will shortly be notified.

ELDC Budget Consultation is on the District Council website.

She confirmed the closure of Nursing Homes by LCC.

Finally the District Councillor reminded that the next Mablethorpe Area Committee meeting would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January at the Salvation Army Hall, Mablethorpe.

#### **Item 12/08 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman supported the District Councillor's statement that it is important to watch over vulnerable neighbours. Furthermore, it is vital to report incidents of theft to the Police.

He believed that there might be illegal tree pruning taking place in the village.

The Chairman was pleased to report that LCC Highways had given formal acceptance to speed limit changes.

#### **Item 12/09 Clerk's Report – Financial Statement**

Financial Statement for January was circulated and agreed by Councillors.

**To agree Clerk's Salary December 2011 - £158.08**

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**To agree payment to Theddlethorpe St Helen PCC – balance of Grant - £25.00**

**To agree payment to LALC – AGM Fee – Cllr Mrs Marriott-Dodington - £21.50**

**To agree payment to LALC – Training Fee for 3 Councillors - £18.00**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Simpson, seconded by Cllr Handley and unanimously agreed to make the above payments.

#### **To consider and resolve donation to East Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lister, seconded by Cllr Cowell and unanimously resolved to make a donation of £100 to East Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau.

#### **To note receipt of £250.00 from County Councillor's Fund**

Noted.

#### **To resolve Precept on ELDC for 2012/13**

With the potential of increased administration costs and ongoing improvements to the maintenance of the village, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lister, seconded by Cllr Cowell and unanimously resolved to increase the Precept on ELDC by 7% to £7,250.00.

#### **Item 12/10 Clerk's Report – Correspondence**

The correspondence folder for this month contained the following:-

Mablethorpe and Alford Neighbourhood Policing Team Area update

Louth Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team Area Festive Update – December

Mablethorpe Policing Team News Feed

NALC/CPRE – Planning explained

LCC Highways – Travel and Transport Briefing – autumn/winter 2011 – Issue 26

Chandlers Oil and Gas – information on 'group purchase' of domestic heating oil

Community Lincs launches new countywide Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

SLCC – Branch Newsletter No. 6/11 December

Clerks and Councils Direct – Issue 79 – January 2012

CPRE – Field Work Winter 2011

NALC – LCR Winter 2011

Landscape and Amenity Product update

It was agreed to include 'SLCC Subscription for 2012' on **February agenda**.

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Planning 2012/13 with questionnaire was placed in the correspondence file for completion by Councillors.

#### **Item 12/11 Matters arising from November Correspondence File**

None.

#### **Item 12/12 Planning Matters – update**

None.

**Item 12/13 Amendment to Planning Application to ELDC – EnergieKontor UK Ltd**

N/063/01392/11 – Wind Turbin Farm – supplementary environmental information (Cultural Heritage), amended Flood Risk Assessment and rebuttals from EnergieKontor received.

Land South of Carlton Grange, Thacker Bank, Great Carlton

Having formerly objected to the Application, Councillors resolved not to make any further observations.

**Item 12/14 Planning Inspectorate – Appeal Decision**

Appeal reference: APP/D2510/A/11/2155954

Erection of Short Wave Amateur Radio Masts and Aerials, and vertical poles

White House, Brickyard Lane, Theddlethorpe

Appeal decision was noted.

**Item 12/15 ELDC Planning Enforcement decision**

Siting of static caravan for residential use

Green Acre, 28 Kent Avenue, Theddlethorpe

Enforcement decision to allow the siting was noted.

**Item 12/16 ELDC Draft Single Plot Exceptions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Consultation**

The Consultation details were placed in the correspondence file for Councillors to consider.

**Item 12/17 Highways matters – update**

None.

**Item 12/18 Highways matters for consideration**

Concern was expressed on the state of the bridge in Station Road. Cllr Cowell agreed to forward photographs to LCC Highways for their attention.

**Item 12/19 Footpaths – update**

Cllr G Marriott-Dodington had no report to give to the meeting.

**Item 12/20 Village Maintenance – update**

Cllr Cowell reported that planting of daffodil bulbs had now been completed.

Councillors agreed for the purchase of compost for the flowerbeds.

**Item 12/21 Village website – update**

The Chairman confirmed that nothing had been added to the website.

**Item 12/22 Parish Flood Plan**

The Chairman stated that the promised documents had not been received from LALC. He had obtained the EA Community Flood Plan and included copies in the correspondence file for circulation to Councillors. He proposed a Working Party to prepare a Plan. **February agenda.**

**Item 12/23 ELDC Dog Watch Project**

Cllr Cowell agreed to act as Liaison Officer. ELDC Posters on the Project to be posted on all notice boards.

**Item 12/24 Remembrance Day Wreath**

Cllr Handley stated that the condition of the wreath was an embarrassment and it is time to arrange for a replacement. It was agreed to include the matter in a future agenda.

**Item 12/25 ELDC – Community Led Plans and Planning Guidance**

No report was given at this meeting.

**Item 12/26 Reports from outside bodies**

None.

**Item 12/27 To confirm date of next monthly meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the Dilys Jones Room at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.