

THE DDLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Thursday, 22nd March 2012
at 7.30 pm in the Dilys Jones Room, Village Hall.

Present:

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| Vice Chairman | Cllr Mr G Handley |
| | Cllr Mrs B Lister |
| | Cllr Mrs J Simpson |
| | Cllr Mr J Cowell |
| | Cllr Mr D Smith |
| | Cllr Miss J Sheppard |

Also present:

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| District Councillor | Cllr Mrs S Harrison |
| Clerk | Mr D Cooper |
| Member of Public | Mr G Vernon |

Item 12/58 Chairman's welcome

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman took the chair for the duration of the meeting. He welcomed the District Councillor, Mr Vernon and Councillors to the monthly meeting.

Public Forum

The outstanding balance of £3,000 for the MUGA was raised. District Cllr Mrs Harrison and Councillors agreed to support applications for grants from appropriate agencies.

Item 12/59 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr Palmer, Cllr Richardson, Cllr G Marriott-Dodington, and Cllr Mrs D Marriott-Dodington.

Item 12/60 Declarations of Interest from members in accordance with LGA 2000

None.

Item 12/61 Co-option of Parish Councillor to fill casual vacancy - update

The Clerk advised that no applications had been received to date and notices had been removed. Cllr Mrs Lister stated that her daughter, the former Councillor Miss Lister was considering applying to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Item 12/62 Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 23rd February 2012

It was proposed by Cllr Cowell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lister and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2012 were correct. They were duly signed and passed as a true record by the Chairman.

Item 12/63 Parish Council – Model Code of Conduct

The Chairman stated that he had spoken with Alison Penn, ELDC regarding the new Model Code of Conduct. She confirmed that there were 3 potential outcomes – agree with other Districts' Model; agree with LCC Model; prepare an ELDC Model. It will be mandatory for Parish Councils to adopt a new Model Code of Conduct by 1st July 2012.

Item 12/64 NALC Model Contract for Parish Clerk - Resolution

It was proposed by Cllr Cowell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lister and unanimously resolved to authorise the revised NALC Model Contract for the Parish Clerk.

Cllr Guy Handley and David Cooper signed and dated the Contract.

Item 12/65 District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Mrs Harrison reported that she had made a grant of £250 to the new Lives Responder for the area. The Chairman suggested that she speak with ConocoPhillips regarding support for the Lives organisation.

Cllr Mrs Harrison advised of the risk and safety requirements for private Verge Mowing Contractors, to comply with those applied to Highways Contractors.

She outlined examples of Coastal Grazing Marsh funding – including pond creation; hedge restoration; wildflower meadow; bird and bat boxes; conservation work in churchyards.

Electronic Planning has been amended to incorporate towns and parishes who have agreed to operate the system from 1st April. Smaller parishes will be deferred until 1st September, and it is intended to hold training sessions prior to that date.

LALC has advised that Neighbourhood Planning could potentially be expensive.

Crimestoppers Community Safety Partnership is offering funding help for rural communities to combat crime, and in particular metal thefts.

The District Councillor reported on a presentation at ELDC on Emergency and Flooding Plans following Exercise Watermark in 2011. She considered that the Environment Agency's talk was 'thought provoking'. Finally, Cllr Mrs Harrison stated that ELDC had allocated £1.2m towards a broadband pilot project.

Item 12/66 Chairman's Report

The Chairman read from a letter from Mrs Simpson, offering the woodland behind her home to the Parish Council's care and maintenance for community use, as would have been the wish of her late husband Dexter Simpson. It was agreed that Cllr Cowell would communicate directly with Mrs Simpson, obtaining information on potential access, and the matter would be included on **April agenda**.

Details of the Community Wildlife Fund were included in the correspondence file.

As the village is taking part in East Midlands in Bloom, it was agreed not to apply to enter the Best Kept Village Competition for this year.

Item 12/67 Clerk's Report – Financial Statement

Financial Statement for March was circulated and agreed by Councillors.

To agree Clerk's Salary March 2012 - £158.08

To agree Clerk's Office Expenses March 2012 - £33.33

To agree Clerk's Postage/Stationery/Travel expenses – November - March - £53.67

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

To agree payment to LALC Annual Subscription 2012/13 - £204.70

It was proposed by Cllr Miss Sheppard, seconded by Cllr Handley and unanimously agreed to defer this payment until the **April agenda**.

To consider requests for donations – Victim Support and Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lister, seconded by Cllr Cowell and unanimously agreed to grant £50.00 to each of these charities.

To resolve grass cutting contract for 2012

The Clerk advised that Tony Taylor had agreed not to increase his invoices from the existing £75.

It was proposed by Cllr Cowell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lister and resolved unanimously to offer the grass-cutting contract to Tony Taylor for the coming 2-years at an agreed price of £75.00 per cut.

It was agreed that grants to 'Spirit of the Marsh' and 'Diamond Jubilee' events to be included on **April agenda**,

Item 12/68 Clerk's Report – Correspondence

The correspondence folder for this month contained the following:-

Wingas – Minutes of meeting held on 16th February

Wingas – copy of results of questionnaire after Theddlethorpe exhibition

ELDC – Diamond Jubilee

Anglian Water – drought situation and imminent hosepipe ban

Nick Totterdell – copy of letter to Brickyard Lane neighbours regarding amateur radio equipment

RWE npower renewables - Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Order

ELDC Planning Enforcement – e-mail regarding use of land as caravan site – Applebough

NALC – LCR Spring 2012

SLCC – The Clerk magazine Vol 41 No. 8 – March 2012

Clerks and Councils Direct – Issue 80 – March 2012

Landscape and Amenity Product update - February

Item 12/69 Matters arising from January/February Correspondence File

Details of the potential funding from Coastal Grazing Marsh project were noted.

Item 12/70 Planning Matters – update

Planning Enforcement by ELDC

It was noted that Planning Enforcement has requested written confirmation from the owner of Laburnum Cottage that the access from the road has formerly been in existence and not created recently.

Planning Permission by ELDC – reserved matters

N/180/00047/12 – detailed particulars relating to the erection of a dormer bungalow and detached single garage (outline planning permission ref. N/180/1017/10 for the erection of a dormer bungalow on site of an existing bungalow that is to be demolished, granted 8th November 2010).

Coastways, Sea Lane, Theddlethorpe

Planning permission was noted.

Item 12/71 Highways matters – update

Cllr Mrs Simpson referred to the obvious presence of Police vehicles carrying out speed checks, including warning signs before the location of the check. Drivers were therefore alerted and slowed to the legal limit. Without the Police checks drivers were continuing to travel in excessive speeds on Rotten Row/Mill Road.

Cllr Cowell confirmed that he had reported the hazardous condition of Station Road to LCC Highways.

Item 12/72 Highways matters for consideration

None.

Item 12/73 Footpaths – update

In the absence of Cllr Mrs D Marriottt-Dodington there was no report at this meeting.

Item 12/74 Village Maintenance – update

Cllr Cowell stated that Martin Gill was considering a 'red-white and blue' display at the junction of Station Road and Mill Road.

It was proposed by Cllr Miss Sheppard, seconded by Cllr Smith and unanimously resolved to allocate funding of £250 for the East Midlands in Bloom competition.

It was agreed to submit an article for the next edition of Marshlander, seeking help and co-operation from residents to make the appearance of the village at its most attractive for the contest.

Item 12/75 Village website – update

There was no report at this meeting.

Item 12/76 Parish Flood Plan – Working Party proposal

It was confirmed that in the Flood Plan the Village Hall was registered with LCC as an Emergency Centre.

In the absence of Cllr Richardson it was agreed to defer this matter to the **April agenda**.

Item 12/77 Lincolnshire Community NHS Trust – Consultation of becoming a Community NHS Foundation Trust

Councillors were advised of a meeting on this matter at Mablethorpe on 26th March.

**Item 12/78 Wingas – Saltfleetby Gas Storage Project – Public Exhibition at Theddlethorpe Village Hall
Results from questionnaire**

Copy of the results was included in the correspondence file.

Further exhibition at St Peter's Church Saltfleetby on 29th March (12.00 pm to 7.00 pm)

Noted.

The Chairman stated that the new road plan was in order to reduce loads of spoil taken on the local roads, and potentially a reapplication to LCC for planning consent may be required.

Item 12/79 Mablethorpe Area Committee Meeting – items for 18th April agenda

None.

Item 12/80 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Mrs Lister confirmed that the Parish Plan had been circulated. Some Plans were yet to be collected.

Item 12/81 To resolve date of next monthly meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Dilys Jones Room at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 26th April 2012.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.