

THEDDLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Thursday, 26th June 2008
at 7.30 pm in the Dilys Jones Room, Village Hall.

Present:

Chairman	Cllr Mr R Carter
Vice Chairman	Cllr Mr C Hallett
	Cllr Mr G Handley
	Cllr Mr K Slater
	Cllr Mrs J Simpson
	Cllr Mrs D Howell
	Cllr Mrs B Lister
	Cllr Mrs D Marriott-Dodington

Also present: **Clerk** Mr D Cooper

Item 08/106 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm welcoming Councillors to the monthly meeting.

Public Forum

In the absence of members of the public, no public forum was held.

Item 08/107 District Councillor's Report

In the absence of District Cllr Mrs Harrison there was no report made.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Mrs Harrison had expressed appreciation to Cllr Carter and Cllr Hallett for their attendance at the Louth County Hospital Public Forum on 23rd June.

Item 08/108 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr Palmer, District Councillor Mrs Harrison, Cllr Smith, Cllr Richardson and Cllr Mrs Vowles.

Item 08/109 Declaration of Interest in accordance with LGA 2000

None.

Item 08/110 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th May 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Handley, seconded by Cllr Hallett and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2008 were correct. They were duly signed and passed as a true record by the Chairman.

Item 08/111 Matters arising from previous meeting held on 29th May 2008

None.

Item 08/112 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th May 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Handley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lister and resolved that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th May 2008 were correct. They were duly signed and passed as a true record by the Chairman.

Item 08/113 Chairman's Report

The Chairman read from a letter from the former grass cutting Contractor, John Mundy, claiming pay for loss of a day's work in February, and citing Cllr Hallett responsible in his capacity as Trees Officer. The Chairman expressed his opinion that the letter was petulant, and invited Cllr Hallett to express his version of the events leading up to the claim.

Cllr Hallett stated that he had received a telephone call from a resident regarding the tree cutting at the King's Head Public House. He questioned Mr Mundy about the trees being under a Tree Preservation Order and was told that they were not, but both agreed to call Robert Taylor, ELDC on Monday, 4th February. He confirmed that Mr Mundy had decided to cease work on the Sunday due to the increasing wind speed.

Cllr Hallett reported that he spoke to Mr Taylor at 9.05 am on 4th February, and that Mr Mundy had already communicated with the ELDC Officer, who had authorised Mr Mundy to continue the work.

Regarding the interpretation of the rules, Cllr Hallett advised that he applies the Tree Warden of Great Britain set of rules.

With the statement from Mr Mundy that he had decided to stop work on Sunday, 3rd February because of the windy conditions, and the confirmation from Mr Taylor before 9.05 am on Monday, 4th February that he could continue to work, Councillors unanimously agreed that the claim should not be paid and that Mr Mundy be notified in writing accordingly.

It was agreed to include Tree Maps on the **July agenda**.

The Chairman read from a letter from Mr Heys expressing his dismay at the painting of the village sign. In discussion it was agreed there had been various opinions expressed on the colours chosen. It was agreed to acknowledge Mr Heys' letter, and advise that all other signs will be matched in colour.

The Chairman attended the Mablethorpe Area Committee Meeting, with Cllr Mrs Lister, Cllr Mrs Vowles and Cllr Hallett, and reported that the meeting had a triple purpose, namely Eco-town, Coastal Grazing and Coastal Regeneration. Regarding the former it was noted that on 25th June, ELDC District Councillors had voted against the proposal for an Eco-town, which could see the demise of the idea in East Lindsey.

On the Coastal Grazing it was felt that there was no incentive for local farmers to release their land for 10 years, having no say in the use of the land and with the EU permitted to 'change the goalposts'.

The Coastal Regeneration focussed on the Countryside Park, to be located between Sandilands and Chapel St Leonards. The Chairman felt that each presentation had been well prepared, and that there was a synergy between all 3 agencies.

The Chairman outlined the GP's proposals for the future of Louth County Hospital, given at the Public Forum. Cllr Mrs Simpson stated that she was sceptical, bearing in mind previous history of NHS promises. Cllr Hallett said that Doctors had been insistent that the proposal recommended was the only sustainable route to maintain the hospital. Cllr Mrs Lister believed that people had become cynical about such promises. The Chairman emphasised that 95% of local GP's were in favour of the proposal, which would maintain the Louth County Hospital fit for the 21st century.

Details of the CPRE AGM to be held on 2nd July were placed in the correspondence file.

It was agreed to acknowledge receipt of an application from Damson Holdings to be considered for future grass cutting and maintenance work.

Natural England Mablethorpe Green Exercise Project had scheduled a health walk at Rimac on 3rd July. Cllr Mrs Marriott-Dodington agreed to take part.

Item 08/114 Clerk's Report – Finance

Financial Statement for June was given to all Councillors present.

To agree Clerk's Salary June 2008 - £152.33

To agree Clerk's Office Expenses June 2008 - £33.33

To agree Clerk's Postage/Stationery/Travel Expenses 1st April – 30th June - £63.74

To resolve payment to A Taylor – Grass Cutting 2nd/13th June - £110.00

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Simpson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Howell and unanimously agreed to make these payments.

To resolve payment to NC Garden Services for lost day's work - £100.00

As resolved in item 08/113 it was unanimously agreed not to pay this claim.

To resolve payment to Mr P Jarvis – Fixing of Public Seats - £130.00

As the work had not been carried out as at the date of the meeting, it was agreed not to make payment.

To consider transfer of Savings Account from LloydsTSB to Nottingham Building Society

In view of the significantly improved rate of interest it was proposed by Cllr Hallett, seconded by Cllr Handley and unanimously resolved to transfer balance of funds in LloydsTSB to the Nottingham Building Society.

It was further resolved that the authorised signatories be Cllr Carter and Cllr Handley.

As it is a legal requirement by Nottingham Building Society to have a copy of the official resolution in the approved Minutes, it was accepted that there would be a short delay before transfer can be made.

Item 08/115 Clerk's Report – Correspondence

The correspondence folder for this month contained the following:-

Information pamphlets from LCC Highways

Age Concern in Lincolnshire – First Contact Scheme

CPRE – Fieldwork – June 2008

Victim Support Lincolnshire – Information letter
Local Works – Guide to the Sustainable Communities Act
Official Louth Town Guide 2007-2009
LCR – Volume 60 No. 2 July 2008
Local Councils Update – Issue 104 June 2008

Item 08/116 Matters arising from May Correspondence File

None.

Item 08/117 Planning Matters – update

Planning Application to ELDC (Retrospective Application)

N/179/01586/08 – Retention of extensions and alterations, and part re-building of an existing bungalow to provide a lounge, kitchen diner, utility, w.c. with link on the ground floor with 2 no. first floor bedrooms and 1 no. en-suite, on the site of part of the existing bungalow consisting of a bedroom, kitchen, store, porch and lean-to, which are to be demolished. Erection of a detached double garage, and to use as an extension to the existing adjoining garden. Installation of a sewerage treatment bio-disc unit and construction of a vehicular access with the provision of parking and turning.

Kingston Cottage, Station Road, Theddlethorpe.

The Application was not supported.

In discussion it was expressed that the applicants clearly had shown contempt for the Planning system, and Councillors were disappointed with the lack of enforcement throughout the building by ELDC Planning.

The Enforcement Officer had previously advised that the property would not be saleable without consent. It was agreed therefore to ask whether this provision would still apply should the retrospective application be approved.

Item 08/118 Planning Application to ELDC

N/180/01385/08 – Extensions and alteration to existing house which is a Listed Building, to provide a ground floor utility room with store over, a ground entrance porch with recess over, a study, a conservatory and a porch.

Ashleigh Farm House, Mablethorpe Road, Theddlethorpe.

Planning Application was unanimously agreed.

Listed Planning Application to ELDC

N/180/01418/08 – Extensions and alteration to existing house to provide a ground floor utility room with store over, a ground floor entrance porch with recess over, a study, a conservatory and a porch, with the provision of replacement rainwater goods.

Ashleigh Farm House, Mablethorpe Road, Theddlethorpe.

Listed Planning Application was unanimously agreed.

Item 08/119 Highways matters – update

It was agreed to request LCC Highways to repair potholes on B1200, heading out of Saltfleetby towards Manby.

It was noted that County Cllr Palmer was dealing with the speeding problem on Rotten Row/Mill Road.

Item 08/120 Footpaths – update

Cllr Carter reported that he would be transferring the responsibility for Footpaths to Cllr Mrs Vowles on 27th June 2008.

Item 08/121 Free Trees for Parishes Scheme 2008

This responsibility would be passed concurrently with Footpaths to Cllr Mrs Vowles.

It was agreed for an allocation of trees to form a wooded area in memory of Mike Hewson.

Item 08/122 Parish Plan – Election of Chairman

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Slater and unanimously agreed that Cllr Mrs Lister be elected as Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee. Cllr Mrs Lister agreed to this appointment.

Item 08/123 LCC – Village Website – Review and Resolution

Cllr Slater confirmed that the website was up and running. Articles were requested from the Village Hall Committee, the Primary School and Nature Reserve.

Item 08/124 Village Newsletter

The Chairman requested that this item be deferred to **July agenda**.

Item 08/125 BT Telephone Kiosks – Consultation on proposed removal

Due to lack of use British Telecom were considering the removal of kiosks at The Wong and Saltfleet Road. Following discussion, when it was expressed that both kiosks were necessary in the event of an emergency, and in the case of The Wong, at an accident blackspot, it was proposed by Cllr Handley, seconded by Cllr Carter and unanimously agreed that application be made to retain both kiosks.

Item 08/126 RSPB Consultants – Telephone Survey

An e-mail from District Cllr Mrs Harrison to RSPB regarding a telephone survey in the agency's name was read to Councillors. They agreed that this action was a 'misuse of power' and was regrettable.

Item 08/127 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Mrs Lister reported that 10 people had attended the meeting arranged for Mr Johnson, Chairman of the successful Maltby-le-Marsh/Strubby/Beesby Parish Plan, to outline the process needed.

Mr Johnson covered the preparation of the Parish Plan booklet, with guidance, statistics, questionnaires and newsletters, and advised that the Plan had been completed within 18 months. It was agreed that his talk had been helpful, and that a Parish Plan for Theddlethorpe was both needed and achievable.

Cllr Mrs Lister stated that the District Councillor had confirmed that ELDC was prepared to subsidise return postage and give administrative assistance. **July agenda.**

Cllr Handley reported that the Primary School had received quotations for the planned extension and had a £15,000 shortfall in funding. Councillors agreed to give support to the school by writing to Wingas requesting a grant towards the project.

Item 08/128 Further discussion only

It was noted that high grass was impairing visibility for drivers between Kent Avenue and Cross Inn. It was agreed to write to the Mablethorpe Town Clerk requesting attention to the problem.

It was agreed to write to Linx Housing Association asking whether the parking area at The Wong was considered completed. On the approved Planning Application there had been space for 8 vehicles, whereas it would appear that only 6 spaces had been provided.

The Clerk advised that there was a Shoreline Management Meeting scheduled to be held at North Somercotes Village Hall at 7.00 pm on 9th July. Officers from the Environment Agency would be giving a presentation and answering questions from local residents.

Item 08/129 Date of next monthly meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held in the Dilys Jones Room at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 24th July.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.