

**SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C. Day (Chairman), Councillors M. Brown, J. Allen, M. Armstrong, J. Bullivent, J. Fillingham, S. Rayner and A. Sheardown, District Councillor W. Parry, M. Brown (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors B. Billam and D. Capes

**31 2006/2007 : MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fillingham and all present agreed, that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2006, as circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**32 2006/07 : MATTERS ARISING**

**64c 2004/05 TRAFFIC CALMING**

The pedestrian/vehicular survey on the A159 took place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The results are awaited.

**75a 2004/05 PUBLIC SPACE MAINTENANCE**

Chartdale Homes has submitted a further revised proposal for the equipped play area at Elizabeth Close, following the Clerk's expression of disappointment at their previous offer. The Council having considered the revised proposal, Councillor Brown (seconded by Councillor Fillingham) proposed that the latest offer be accepted, subject to the provision of a certificate from RoSPA prior to the take-over of the play ground. All were in agreement and the Clerk will write to Chartdale Homes accordingly. This will allow Chartdale to make a formal approach to WLDC for its approval that the scheme satisfies the requirements of the planning condition.

Beal Homes. The Clerk has met with the Council's legal advisor to explain the settlement reached with Beal Homes in relation to the existing area of play-equipped open space and the legal advisor has since written to Beal Homes' solicitor to outline the required contract to ensure proper implementation and to enable the registration of the land in the Council's name. A response is awaited. In the interim period, the Clerk has spoken with Beal Homes regarding its recent letter explaining that it is in the process of acquiring additional land at the development, (on which there will be a requirement for a public open space) and asking for an early meeting to agree terms for the Council to take over responsibility for the open space. (The planning application for this development was considered at the Planning Committee meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> July). The Clerk asked Beal Homes to provide further details of the proposed area and to submit a financial offer for the Council's consideration. This is awaited. The Planning Committee's comments on the application are intended to support this approach.

Popcourt Ltd. The Clerk discussed the letter received from Popcourt Ltd with Mr Broome, WLDC Planning Officer, who is pursuing the matter directly in an attempt to reach a satisfactory financial agreement in relation to the open space on Waggoners Close.

**75I 2005/06 SALTING OF SCHOOL BUS ROUTE, SCOTTER TO KIRTON**

A response on this topic has been received from S. Wiles, LCC Highways. The Council's request to include this route in the winter salting programme is highly unlikely to be successful. The route scores low from the LCC perspective because the majority of the length is in another county and an alternative route (C228) is treated, providing a route from Scotter to Northorpe and then onto the B1205 which is treated to the Kirton access road in the North Lincs area. He states that it is not an

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option to treat only part of the road and then turn the gritter around as the road is too narrow. The school bus operators have been consulted to see if they would amend the route to use the treated roads. They have responded negatively, stating the road is no worse than many others, they drive to the conditions and that the amended route would add too much time and too many miles to the journey. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed that the Clerk should respond to Mr Wiles' letter, refuting each point and expressing the Council's disgust at the outcome. This was seconded by Councillor Brown and all were in agreement.

### **131a 2005/06 HIGHWAYS ISSUES, SUSWORTH**

The Clerk wrote to LCC Highways yet again in relation to the potholes on Butterwick Road and Susworth Road. The latest letter was dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006. A response is still awaited. It was agreed that the Clerk should chase again for a response and use the opportunity to report the increasing problem of potholes on the side of Kirton Road, some of which are so deep that they pose a real threat to bicycle riders.

### **9c 2006/07 INVESTMENTS**

The Council's Corporate Guaranteed Investment Account for £25000 matures on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2006. The Cooperative Bank has asked the Council to decide whether to invest the sum into a new 3 month Guaranteed Investment Account at a gross interest rate of 4.00% on maturity or to transfer it into one of the Council's other bank accounts. Following discussion and a review of current and deposit account balances and potential payments during the next three months, Councillor Fillingham (seconded by Councillor Brown) proposed that the sum should be invested for a further three months. All were in agreement. The instruction form was duly completed and signed by three Council signatories, as required by the bank.

### **13b 2006/07 FOOTPATH ON NORTH MOOR ROAD**

LCC Highways has responded to the Council's letter requesting the installation of a footpath on the west side of North Moor Road, to enable easy access to the new housing development and the football ground and to encompass the last two houses on North Moor Road. Mr Wiles does not know which of his team made the positive comments to the parishioner who raised the matter with them directly and reminds the Council that all requests have to be considered on a priority need basis. Having visited the site, he comments that the existing path on the east side of the road is of good standard and that the main concern is in the crossing of the road. He is of the opinion that the best place to cross the road is on the bend, where visibility, north and south, is maximised. The case for a footpath on the west side to the bend would be weak (little need due to east footpath and extremely costly due to the potential conflict with overhead cable posts) as would be any request for a footpath beyond this point due to minimal usage. He is, however, considering whether it would be possible to improve the footway detail on the bend itself (the work to be done when the radius of the A159/North Moor Road corner is improved) to lower the kerb aligned opposite the football ground to encourage pedestrians to cross at this point of maximum visibility. This work should take place during the current financial year. The Council expressed its disappointment, if not its surprise, at the decision and asked the Clerk to send a copy of the letter to the parishioner that had raised the issue.

### **13d 2006/07 TOWN/PARISH ASSEMBLY – LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

The Chairman has sent the Council's response to LALC's consultation on local governance issues.

### **20b 2006/07 FLOODING, SCOTTER ROAD/LAUGHTON LANE JUNCTION**

The Clerk has reported the fact that the heavy rains in May had resulted in flooding at the Laughton Lane end of Scotter Road to LCC Highways, querying whether the culvert had become blocked. A response is still awaited.

**23a 2006/07 DONATION TO SUFC**

The Clerk has written to Scotter United Football Club to confirm that the Council will release a donation of £1000 towards the refurbishment of the changing rooms on receipt of a copy invoice for work done to at least this amount. Following a query from the Club's secretary, the Clerk has reiterated the Council's position but offered to release monies piece-meal to that maximum value as it was suggested that some work had already taken place and that cash flow was tight.

**23c 2006/07 SITE VISIT – BEAL HOMES DEVELOPMENT**

Councillors Billam, Capes and Fillingham attended the site of The Granary development and viewed the show home and the site of the proposed public open space on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Councillor Fillingham reported that they had been very well received and had been impressed with what had been seen. During a general discussion that ensued and considering that Scotter has again failed to proceed to the next stage of the Best Kept Village competition, Councillor Fillingham raised the issue of untidy properties/gardens and queried the available mechanisms for tackling the property owners. Following a debate and helpful comments from District Councillor Parry, Councillor Brown (seconded by Councillor Rayner) proposed that the Clerk should write to WLDC Environmental Services to query the criteria for assessing whether a property/garden is unacceptably untidy and the procedure for dealing with property owners. All were in agreement.

**23d 2006/07 ACCESSIBILITY PLANNING**

The Clerk wrote to LCC to confirm the Council's support for the aims and objectives of the accessibility planning exercise and to ask for further information in relation to the time commitment required if the Clerk were to become a member of the local planning group. A response is awaited.

**23g 2006/07 FREE TREES FOR PARISHES SCHEME, 2006**

Councillor Capes has considered the paperwork in relation to this year's scheme and is of the view that the Council should not take up the offer due to the remoteness of the distribution centre. All were in agreement.

**29a 2006/07 ANNUAL RETURN FOR 2005/06**

As suggested by Councillor Sheardown, the Clerk translated the explanations for significant variances into tabular format for ease of understanding and ensured that the completed return, with all accompanying paperwork, was despatched in line with the requirements of the external auditor. No queries have been raised to date.

**29b 2006/07 APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL ADVISOR**

The Clerk wrote to Mr Hoult of John Hoult & Co., Solicitors, to engage the services of his company as legal advisors to the Council for the forthcoming year. Mr Hoult has responded, accepting the Council's proposal and setting out the terms of business. The Clerk has reviewed the terms, which appear fair and reasonable.

**29c 2006/07 POTHOLES ON ST PETERS ROAD/ASTLEY CRESCENT**

The Clerk has written to LCC Highways in relation to the above. A response is awaited.

**29e 2006/07 COUNCIL OFFICE**

The Clerk met with a manufacturer of bespoke furniture at the Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006 to show the proposed location of the furniture and the access route to the office. Subsequent to this meeting, the Clerk confirmed in writing the number and approximate dimensions of the pieces of equipment that would be housed by the cupboard and asked for a formal quotation. This is awaited and Councillor Rayner kindly offered to chase for the earliest response.

### **30a 2006/07 SIGNAGE TO CHAPEL COURT**

The Clerk wrote to WLDC in relation to the current inadequate signage to Chapel Court that resulted in a delayed response to a medical emergency and reported that a telephone response has been received, stating that there are two potential options. The first is simply to move the existing sign to a more prominent place, at a cost of c. £50. The second is the provision of an additional sign at a cost of £200. WLDC has asked for the Council's view on the matter, taking into account the pressures on the road signage budget. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should request that the existing sign be moved and placed on the path or verge in a prominent position, parallel to the road.

### **33 2006/07 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**33a** WLDC informing the Council that the public consultation on its revised Statement of Community Involvement (how it intends to consult the public in the development plan making process and in determining individual planning applications) commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and will continue until 7<sup>th</sup> August 2006. As the Council has already commented on the document, the Clerk will circulate the Executive Summary for Councillors' information.

**33b** Allianz Cornhill, inviting the Council to renew its commercial motor insurance on the expiration of the current policy on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2006. The renewal premium is £205.84, an increase of 9.6% over the previous year. An allowance of £207 was made when the 2006/07 Precept was set. The Council having tested the market during 2005 and found Allianz Cornhill to be very competitive, Councillor Brown (seconded by Councillor Rayner) proposed that the insurance policy be renewed with Allianz Cornhill. All were in favour.

**33c** WLDC, asking the Council to complete an enclosed survey by 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006 latest. The survey seeks to capture the Council's views on street cleansing, communications, road safety and area forums. It was agreed that the survey be completed by the Chairman and Clerk on behalf of the Council.

**33d** WLDC, requesting that the Council inform it of any trees of importance or interest within Scotter Parish. The district council proposes to compile a list of such trees and, whilst this does not mean that the trees will automatically become protected, the additional information will be on hand should future planning applications impact on them. Councillor Capes, together with Mr M. Long, would be happy to complete the survey during September and asks Councillors to inform him of any favourite trees that they would wish to see included in the list, providing details of location, species, girth (5' from the ground) and why it is special.

**33e** WLDC, requesting information regarding community facilities by means of the completion of pre-printed forms. The deadline for return of the forms is 10<sup>th</sup> August 2006 and the Clerk will attend to these.

**33f** Lincolnshire Police Authority, enclosing a copy of a letter sent to the attendees at the Scotter Police and Community Forum providing feedback as to the topics discussed and confirming that all of the concerns raised at the meeting were presented to the Police Authority's Community & Consultation Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006. To be circulated to Councillors.

**33g** WLDC informing the Council that it has now published its Best Value Performance Plan for 2006/07. Copies are being distributed to libraries in the district and a copy will also be available on its website.

**33h** WLDC, informing the Council that it formally resolved to adopt the West Lindsey Local Plan First Review on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2006, on which date it came into operation.

**33i** Anglian Water, enclosing a copy of its Drinking Water Quality Summary Report for 2005. To be circulated to Councillors

**33j** The Community Council of Lincolnshire, informing the Council of the villages that have gone through to the second round of the Best Kept Village Competition 2006. Scotter has not been chosen in its class.

**33k** The Association of Burial Authorities, enclosing a copy of its abainfo newsletter, Summer 2006. To be circulated to Councillors.

**33l** NALC, enclosing a copy of its Local Council Review journal, July 2006. To be circulated to Councillors.

**33m** The Standards Board for England, enclosing a copy of its Town & Parish Standard, Issue 7. To be circulated to Councillors.

**33n** A copy of Clerks and Councils Direct newspaper, July 2006. To be circulated to Councillors.

**33o** CPRE, enclosing its Countryside Voice magazine, Summer 2006, to be circulated to Councillors.

**33p** WLDC, asking the Council to display an enclosed poster introducing WiRE (Women in Rural Enterprise) on the notice board. The Clerk will attend to this.

**33q** G B Alarms Limited, introducing its CCTV services to the Council.

**33r** WLDC, informing the Council of the postal numbering of all of the plots on Waggoners Close. The postal numbers will run alongside the property name, where one has been chosen.

**33s** WLDC, informing the Council that the owner of plot 15 Waggoners Close wishes to name the property Magnolia Lodge.

**33t** WLDC, enclosing an agenda for its Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006 and minutes of Committee meetings published since 19<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

**33u** Arb-Core Tree Care Ltd, introducing its company to the Council.

**33v** Various promotional literature from the Cooperative Bank, Glasdon and Earth Anchors Ltd.

#### **34 2006/07 : PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council was invited to endorse the following observations made to West Lindsey District Council by the Planning Committee during the period.

**M06/P/0518 ADJACENT TO PLOT 1, OFF ST PETER'S ROAD, SCOTTER** - a planning application to erect a dwelling with attached garage.

**NO OBJECTION**

**M06/P/0524 PLOTS 12,13,15,16,36 & 37 OF LAND OFF HIGH STREET, SCOTTER** – a planning application for plot substitutions within existing residential development.

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**NO OBJECTION**

**M06/P/0556 15A SANDS LANE, SCOTTER** – a planning application to erect a conservatory on the side of the dwelling.

**NO OBJECTION**

**M06/P/0544 PLOT 2, SITE A, THE ROOKERY, SCOTTER** – a planning application to erect a detached dwelling with integral garage and associated access.

**NO OBJECTION**

**M06/P/0568 19 CHARLES AVENUE, SCOTTER** – a planning application to make alterations and extensions.

**NO OBJECTION**

**M06/P/0575 1 PINETREE AVENUE, SCOTTER** – a planning application to erect a conservatory.

**NO OBJECTION**

**M06/P/0546 PLOT 16 SOULBY WOOD PARK, SCOTTER** – a planning application to erect a 2 storey dwelling with integral garage.

**NO OBJECTION**

**M06/P/0593 PLOT 17 WAGGONERS CLOSE, SCOTTER** – a planning application to erect a double garage with playroom over, in association with dwelling approved under reference M06/P/0040.

**NO OBJECTION (Comments made)**

In addition to the above, the Committee received a representation from a parishioner in respect of the appeal made against the decision of the planning authority to refuse permission to remove Condition 7 of Planning Permission M05/P/0059 – Off St Peters Road, Scotter (The dwellings hereby permitted shall be single storey only, with no habitable rooms in the roof spaces). Having considered this representation, the Committee resolved that a letter should be sent to the Inspector confirming the reasons behind the Council's original decision to object and this was dispatched within the required timescale for the appeal hearing.

Councillor Bullivent, seconded by Councillor Day, proposed that the Council endorse the actions taken by the Planning Committee. All Councillors present were in agreement. The Council was also invited to note the following results received from the planning authority:-

**M05/P/1156 LAND ADJACENT TO 1 LINDHOLME, SCOTTER** – a planning application to erect a dwelling.

**GRANTED**

**M06/P/0326 REAR OF SAGANA LODGE, SCOTTON ROAD, SCOTTER** – a planning application to erect one private bungalow.

**GRANTED**

**M06/P/0421 PLOTS 8 & 9 ASTLEY CRESCENT, SOULBY WOOD PARK, SCOTTER** - a planning application to erect 2 No. detached dwellings and garages (re-submission of M06/P/0155).

**GRANTED**

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**M06/P/0446 BRAEMOUNT, 10B MESSINGHAM ROAD, SCOTTER** – a planning application for alterations and the erection of extensions.

**GRANTED**

**M06/P/0448 9 HIGH STREET, SCOTTER** – a planning application to demolish outbuildings and erect single and 2-storey extensions to provide larger en-suite bathrooms, larger kitchen, sun room and additional living rooms plus new double garage with workshop to the rear.

**GRANTED**

**M06/P/0518 ADJACENT TO PLOT 1, OFF ST PETER'S ROAD, SCOTTER** - a planning application to erect a dwelling with attached garage.

**GRANTED**

### **35 2006/07 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Council examined the cashbook as at end of June 2006 and its reconciliation to the bank statements. It also examined the accounts to be paid for supplies and services received since the last meeting. Additionally and following a query received from Councillor Capes, the Clerk summarised the duties undertaken by the Village Person during June that had resulted in the number of hours contained in his proposed pay. Councillor Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Armstrong, proposed that the cashbook as at the end of June 2006 should be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as a true record and that the following cheques should be approved in settlement of the accounts to be paid. All present were in agreement.

<u>CHEQUE</u>			<u>NET</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>TO WHOM PAID</u>	<u>PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>
401626	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI, Month 3	438.54	-	438.54
401627	Mrs M. Brown	Wages	517.62	-	
		Telephone	2.50	-	
		Mileage	5.20	-	
		Postage	2.52	-	
		Stationery	3.97	0.70	532.51
401628	Mr. J. Lyon	Wages	606.07	-	
		Refuse Sacks	6.78	1.18	614.03
401629	Thompson Waste Mgt	Skip service - Riverside (25/05)	117.00	20.48	
		Skip service - Franklin Rd (08/06)	183.00	32.03	
		Skip service - Mill Crescent (23/06)	119.00	20.83	
		Skip service - Charles Ave (29/06)	105.00	18.38	615.72
401630	Spencer's Garage	Fuel	97.09	16.98	114.07
401631	Green Stripe Garden Mchy	Repairs to beacon power source	47.25	8.27	55.52
401632	Allianz Cornhill	Mower Insurance from 02/08	205.84	-	205.84
		<b>TOTAL PROPOSED PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2,457.38</b>	<b>118.85</b>	<b>2,576.23</b>

In line with the Council's Financial Regulations, the Clerk circulated copies of the Council's receipts and payments year to date against the agreed budget headings to enable the identification of potential variances against Precept figures, for discussion at the next Council meeting.

### **36 2006/07 : INCOME RECEIVED**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
01.06.06	Barningham Memorials	Memorial to W.J.Powell (BE54)	30.00
05.06.06	Co-op Bank	Interest - Current account	1.08
13.06.06	YEDL	Rent/wayleave	1.50
30.06.06	HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Repayment	251.47
		<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<u>284.05</u>

### **37 2006/07 CEMETERY & ALLOTMENTS WORKING GROUP**

**37a** The Clerk wrote to Barningham Memorials, Cleary's Funeral Service, Cooperative Funeralcare, Leake's Masonry, J. Naylor (Funeral Directors) and R. Wallace & Son on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006 to remind them that no response had been received to the Council's previous two letters asking for the company to acknowledge receipt of and confirm their acceptance of the Council's revised Cemetery Policy. To date, replies have been received from J. Naylor and Barningham Memorials. The former confirms their willingness to abide by the policy. However, the statement from the latter is far less clear. In consequence, Councillor Rayner (seconded by Councillor Sheardown) proposed that the Clerk should reply to Barningham Memorials requesting an unequivocal acceptance of the policy and reminding them that, until this is received, no work can be undertaken in Scotter Cemetery. All were in agreement. The Chairman suggested that, in the light of previous experience, the Clerk should also seek LALC's advice as to the potential next step should a positive response not be forthcoming and this was agreed. It was further agreed that the Clerk should not permit any of the non-responding companies to carry out any work at the cemetery until the acknowledgement and confirmation has been received in writing and that the article on cemetery matters in the next Eau Valley Advertiser should list those companies that had agreed to comply with the policy.

**37b** Further to the actions agreed at the June meeting, the Council reviewed a summary of the current position in relation to memorials that were previously identified as being unstable. The Council noted that no further remedial work has been carried out by monumental masons and that several owners have neglected to respond to the Council's letters. The Clerk further reported that a phone message had been left by Barningham Memorials, informing the Council that they had been instructed to repair memorial BC41 (whose owner is currently unknown to the Council) and would attend to this within the next 3 weeks. It was agreed that the Clerk should comment on this matter when writing the letter referred to in 37a above stating that, once the unequivocal agreement to abide by the policy has been received, the Council will consider a written application for permission to carry out work on this memorial.

**37c** The Clerk has placed a formal order with Memsafe Ltd at their tendered rates for the planned inspection and testing work on memorials that have been installed or repaired in the year preceding the test.. Memsafe Ltd responded confirming their acceptance of the order and suggesting a testing date of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Rayner, proposed that this date be accepted and all were in agreement. The Clerk will inform Memsafe accordingly. The Chairman stated that two Councillors should be available on the date to witness the tests. It was further agreed that the Clerk should send letters to memorials owners as follows :

- To those whose memorials were newly erected in the year to 30/09/06, offering the services of the Council's contractor to conduct a test (as required under the Council's policy) on 6<sup>th</sup> November. On this occasion, the test will be free of charge and can be witnessed by the owner. Alternatively, the owner can arrange for their own test and, if they choose to do so, must submit a test certificate from a competent body by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006 latest to prove that the test has been carried out and that the memorial is safe.
- To those whose memorials have been recently repaired and who have opted for the Council's contractor to conduct the test, to inform them of the test date.

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- To those whose memorials have been recently repaired and who have not yet informed the Council of their testing preferences, to inform them that a test date has been agreed and to ask them to confirm whether they wish their memorial to be tested on this date or whether they intend to arrange for their own test. If the latter, they must submit a test certificate from a competent body by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006 latest to prove that the test has been carried out and that the memorial is safe.

The Clerk is also to include the test date in the article on cemetery matters that will appear in the next edition of the Eau Valley Advertiser and also place an explanatory poster on the notice board.

### **37d CEMETERY SAFETY INSPECTION**

Prior to the commencement of discussion on this matter, Councillor Day declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting room. Councillor Brown took over the Chairman's role temporarily and reported that two members of the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group conducted a safety inspection of the cemetery on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006 and found all to be in order. However, as the Village Person had carried out the cutting of the laurel hedge since the last inspection, the cemetery bunkers were extremely full. Councillor Rayner, seconded by Councillor Bullivent, proposed that the services of the Council's clearance contractor should be engaged to empty the bunkers. All were in favour. Councillor Day then returned to the meeting room and resumed the role of Chairman.

### **37e ISSUE RAISED BY THE VILLAGE PERSON**

The Clerk reported that a problem was experienced with the Husqvarna mower during the period, with the electrical supply connection for the flashing beacon failing. As this resulted in the inoperability of a key safety device, she had instructed the Village Person to call out Green Stripe immediately. The cost of the repairs with the call-out fee amounted to £47.25 plus VAT. Councillor Brown further reported that the male connector on the beacon also needed to be replaced due to the problem and that, considering the electrical load used by the beacon, he was considering an alternative and safer method of connection by direct wiring. As the problem could have resulted in sparks and bearing in mind the very dry weather, Councillor Brown proposed that a fire extinguisher should be purchased for mounting onto the mower, as an additional safety device. This was seconded by Councillor Day and all were in agreement. The Clerk is to investigate potential sources and obtain the most cost-effective solution. The issue of extinguisher testing will be considered post-purchase, with one option being to have the extinguisher tested when the village hall tests are being conducted.

### **38 2006/07 : PARISH CLERK**

**38a** The Clerk reported that, despite the fact she had rung Serviceteam prior to her holiday to remind them of the planned riverbank strim during the second week of July, this work had not yet taken place. The Clerk will chase Serviceteam again. Previous market tests had shown Serviceteam to be very competitive. However, with their repeated failure to deliver on time and with recent interest being shown in such work by a local company, it was agreed that the latter would get an opportunity to quote for the 2007 grass cutting season.

**38b** The Clerk reported that the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership had apologised for its failure to communicate with the Council, following receipt of the Council's invitation for it to send its Community Display Vehicle to the Village Fete. Having missed the opportunity for this year's event, LRSP stated that it would endeavour to attend another date suitable to the Council. Having considered forthcoming events, it is unlikely that there will be a further opportunity during 2006.

**38c** The Clerk has been in contact with WLDC Waste Services to report their recent repeated failure to empty the litter bin at the junction of Messingham Road and Riverside (path side). WLDC has

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promised to attend to this. The Clerk took the opportunity to query the whereabouts of the litter bins previously situated on The Green, near to The White Swan, and on the junction of the A159 and High Street, near to the fish and chip shop. A response is awaited.

**39 2006/07 : POINTS FROM MEMBERS/URGENT ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**39a** Further to minute 27f (June 2006), Councillor Brown reported that he had been approached by a resident of Astley Crescent in relation to the hedge on the cemetery boundary. Councillor Brown told the parishioner that members of the Council had previously inspected the hedge and were able to confirm that, as it was behind the boundary markers for the cemetery, the hedge is within the parishioner’s property. The parishioner stated that this was not his understanding of the boundary line and that his property boundary is at the bottom of the hill. He remains concerned that part of the hedge is becoming unstable and could be dangerous. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Brown should ask for sight of the resident’s deeds to ascertain the boundary’s position and, thus, the party responsible for the hedge.

**39b** Councillor Bullivent asked the members of the Office Working Party to agree a suitable date for the first meeting to enable progress on the office to be made. Due to holidays, it is unlikely that it will take place before mid September. In the interim, Councillor Bullivent will liaise with the Clerk regarding the office equipment requirements.

**39c** On behalf of Councillor Capes, the Clerk raised the issue of the marker boards at the Carrot Washer Drain culvert on Scotton Road. These wooden boards have been repaired many times over the years and are now beyond repair. Councillor Capes proposed that the Council should ask LCC Highways to survey the culvert and replace the boards before winter, preferably with the metal “arco”-type barriers. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Brown and all were in favour. The Clerk will write to LCC Highways accordingly.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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Chairman: .....

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