OSGOODY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 10 September 2018

Present: -
Cllr S Chester, Cllr M Bodman, Cllr A Wilkinson, Cllr J Smith
Cllr Y Knibbs (Chairman), Cllr S Masterman and Miss R Smalley (Clerk)

Visitors: - 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence: - Apologies received from Cllr T Smith, Cllr L Strange, Cllr M Bowley

2. Chairman’s Remarks

Cllr Knibbs thanked Cllr Chester taking over in her absence and looks forward to working alongside him as Vice chair and the other councillors in the coming future.

3. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the 2011 Localism Act

Non-received

4. Reports from County & District Councillors & Police, and Village Hall, if present:-

County Councillor: - report received by email

Sincere apologies for tonight’s meeting I am dealing with the footbridge issue. I am meeting the new Highways officer – Mike Read on Monday next will ask him to get low flying branches cut down on Low road.

District Councillor: - report received by email

I have been dealing with two long standing cases within the parish which I am still working with those affected to resolve both case they are highly complex in their own way. Turning to west Lindsey meetings I have undertaken since the council last met Challenge and improvement were held where a presentation from EMAS was given this was very informative and EMAS have made marked improvement since last November this is due to the new settlement that EMAS have achieved the most important of these is the additional funding that has been secured this funding is performance linked and over two years. I have also attended a workshop on the central infrastructure levy (CIL) and neighbourhood planning. as the parish has a neighbourhood plan 25% of the CIL will come to the parish the workshop went into the reporting required by the parish council and when developments are and are not CIL liable. It was a very worthwhile workshop.

Police: - Not Present
Village Hall: - Cllr Masterman reported that the Jumble Sale at the Village hall was not well attended but they were able to raise £140. The pantomime this year will be Old Mother Hubbard which will start rehearsals on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

5. Notes of the last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, to be approved as minutes – Resolved Unanimous and signed by chair

6. Purchase of a mobile phone for the clerk
   The budget for the mobile phone was set at a maximum of £100. It was agreed to continue with pay as you go by the councillors and clerk and it was also felt that a smart phone would provide the best facilities for use. **Action: Clerk to research 3 possible smart phones**

7. To consider policy on buying back burial plots
   This item was postponed until the closed session

8. Bridleway
   This matter is continuing to be dealt with by Cllr Strange with Cllr Chester as liaison.

9. Clerks Report on matters outstanding
   **Defibrillator** – The matter was raised that a maintenance / weekly check was part of the agreement with LCC to receive the funding for the defibrillator. A member of the public will be checking with a family member to see if they are willing to take this responsibility on. This matter will be raised again at the next pc meeting if we do not hear from them.
   **NatWest** – Request for Cllr J Smith and Cllr M Bodman to sign Mandate and New Party Forms
   **National Savings & Investments** – Request for All Cllrs to sign Authority to Operate Holdings form
   **Action: Clerk to arrange and attend further meeting with the bank**

10. Planning Matters – no Planning Applications at present

11. Discuss and resolve land around war memorial
   Further to the matter of the proposed land surrounding the War memorial, the council has unanimously resolved to formally adopt the land offered from planning application 137792
   The issue of landscaping will be discussed as the project develops.

12. Discuss and resolve arrangements to commemorate the centenary of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> world war.
   A parishioner enquired if the council had any plans for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and the possibility of purchasing of a silhouette from the “Tommy – there but not there” campaign with the cost of £750. The council felt that as the war memorial area will be redeveloped in the future that it would be considered with other options at that time.
   The council and attending parishioners felt that refreshments (Tea & Cake) could be held at the village hall for the commemoration this year after meeting at the war memorial at 11am. The council agreed to donate £100 to the event.
   **Actions**
   Cllr Chester will liaise with local churches
   Clerk to arrange for poppy wreath
   Clerk to get 3 quotes for cleaning war memorial from local memorial masons

13. Correspondence –
   Leake masonry re Violet Harrison’s ashes into husband’s burial plot – Item proposed to be moved to closed session with other Cemetery Matters

14. Finance & Accounts for payment
   **Accounts for Payment:**
   Mr P Hildred cemetery grass cutting inv.69 June £80.00
   Mr A J Williams verge grass cutting May/June/July £225.00
Quarterly Budget Report

**Bank Balances:**
- Current Account - £7,279.95
- Medley Trust - £813.84
- Business Reserve - £16,283.13

**Income**
- Field rents are due at the end of the financial year estimated £525
- Interest rates have slightly improved so far this year
- Burial Payments are higher than anticipated for this time of year
- LCC grass cutting rebate is slightly higher than the previous years

£2395.07 left for expenditure for this financial year 2018-2019

**Expenditure**
- The majority of payments are in line with forecast
- Clerk wages are over expected forecast – This is due to exceeding 6 hrs per week with an average of 10hrs per week since July. This is due to no clerk being employed since May and some tasks not completed.
- Parish Magazine costs are lower than anticipated.

15. **Motion to move to a closed session to discuss and resolve Cemetery Matter**

Various items have arisen recently;
- Requests for ashes to be interred in burial plots
- Buy back of burial plots
- No plots to be sold on to a 3rd party

The council decided to do further research regarding the above matters and that further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

16. **Items for next meeting**

There being no other business the meeting closed at **20.55 pm**.

Date.......................... Signed........................................... (Chairman)

Appendix – Public Forum
• Kirky to Kingerby Footpath requires hedge cutting
• Pot Holes on Low Road at the A46 junction
• Pot holes near the Bells Arms Houses
• Litter signs & bins in problem spots (problem spots need to be identified)
• Waste from hedge cutting on low road
• Abandoned farm plough on low road before Osgodby wood – police are already aware
• Village Hall sign requires replacement

**Action email to be sent to Highways**