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Claxby Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting

held in Claxby Village Hall on

Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors
B Hunter
J. Pilbrow
J. Lindley-Baker
I. Cumber
P. Strong
T. Bowers
Parish Clerk H Pitman
Members of the public Three

1. **Apologies for absence:** H. Wilson.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **To approve minutes of the meeting held 8th August 2017:** The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Information from other bodies:** Cllr Strange gave a report on LCC and WLDC matters. He is working with Steve Wiles to improve Park Road. Cllr Lindley-Baker asked that the drains be kept clear as ones on Normanby Rise and Mulberry Road up to Boggle Lane are blocked and water run off is damaging roads. Cllr Strong gave information regarding number of fatal accidents on the A46 and asked that something is done about it. The clerk suggested Claxby work together with Nettleton and Osgodby Parish Councils to lobby Lincs Road Safety Partnership as there is strength in numbers. **Agenda** for next meeting.
5. **Chairman & Council's Comments:** The chairman reported that the batteries in the defibrillator have been tested and are working. Seven people attended the Police drop in event and Cllr Bowers said there had been some improvement to traffic on Normanby Rise. Following council letter sent to the Viking Centre, the chairman had attended a meeting with the committee. Also he and Cllr Pilbrow have cordoned off the play equipment condemned in the safety report recently received. Cllr Lindley-Baker and the clerk attended the recent West Lindsey Parish Forum. Cllr Cumber gave a report on the broadband situation. Take up is still slow and up hill is not benefitting. Until there is more take up within the village Quickline will not invest in improving coverage
6. **Clerk's Report:** The letter from the Viking Centre states that as a charity it is unable to assist with maintenance of the playing field as, under the constitution, any surplus funds must be reinvested in the centre. The agreement with BT to purchase the telephone kiosk for £1 was signed by the clerk.
7. **Finance: Accounts for Payment:** Resolved to pay: H Pitman £292.53; HMR&C £61.20; Caistor Town Council (grass cutting contribution) £287.00; The Play Inspection Co £102.00; British Telecom £1.00.
8. **Planning:** None.
9. **Correspondence:** LALC letter increase in subscriptions.
10. **To further discuss use of the playing field for dog walking following consultation:** Cllr Pilbrow's gave feedback on consultation. Result was in favour of providing the facility. Much discussion took place but it was agreed that a steering group be set up, made up of Cllrs Lindley-

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Baker, Pilbrow, Bowers and Cumber to look at the size and design, cost and where money will come from to pay for it. The clerk will contact Jon Waterman to ask for his input.

11. To discuss the safety report on play equipment at the playing field and resolve on action to be taken: Clerk to contact contractors remove two pieces of equipment as detailed in report. To accept lowest quote, in consultation with chairman. Proposed, Cllr Strong. Seconded, Cllr Bowers. Clerk advised that council adopt a phased approach to repair/replace other items identified as moderate risk.

12. To discuss whether to pursue handrail for steps at village hall: Deferred in light of more pressing matters.

13. To discuss & resolve on budget for 2018/19 and precept : Discussion took place regarding the fact that reserves may be diminished due to vital work needed at the playing field. In light of this, council resolved to increase the precept by 3% in line with inflation ie £150. Precept £5150. Proposed, Cllr Bowers, Seconded, Cllr Pilbrow.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Agenda items: A46 to lobby LRSP.

Next meeting: 6th February

Signed: _____

Date: _____