

MIDDLE RASEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 19/6/18

Present:-

Mr D Pattison (Chairman), Mrs S Smith, Mrs G Dennis, Mrs J Ranby, Mr P Dawson, Cllr T Smith, Mr M O'Connor, Mr J Padley and Mrs J Trotter (Clerk)

Visitors:- Cllr L Strange, Ms F Lambkin-Smith, Cllr S Bunney

1) Apologies for Absence:- Cllr M Stamp (H)

Resolved: To accept apologies as noted, and in the absence of Cllr Stamp, Cllr Pattison agreed to act as Chairman.

Cllr Pattison welcomed visitors to the meeting as noted above.

2) To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the 2011 Localism Act:-

Cllr P Dawson – Item 13.

Resolved: To accept above declaration of interest.

3) To receive Three Year Strategy Report from Cllr S Bunney of Market Rasen Town Council

Cllr Bunney presented the rationale behind the 3 year strategy report, which included comments regarding the building assets of Market Rasen, which had been identified by the Town Council as in need of renovation due to poor condition, and the notification that the sports centre at De Aston would be re-purposed back to school use only.

The Town Council had also identified that the significant development applications within the locality meant that funding would be available through planning funds etc - and that it would be prudent to engage a strategy to utilise these funds in order to support the infrastructure of Market Rasen for all residents within the radius of Market Rasen to benefit from.

Cllr Bunney presented the Council with a Vision Document and explained the link to the WLDC strategy document. Cllr Bunney commented on the recent WLDC investment of £3.5m funding for the new sports centre, which will include a full size astro pitch, which will be located on the outskirts of Market Rasen. Modernisation of the Old Police Station which will be utilised by the Hub and run as a Heritage Centre, with the Town Council Offices moving into the Festival Hall (which is also in need of a significant overhaul). Festival Hall events are currently being subsidised by unspent "Mary Portas" funding.

The issue of transport is the final part of the project, to provide improved connections into Lincoln which will include both buses and trains (with improved station parking). There is a desire to improve road connections and implement a trunk road to connect the East-West corridor in a more efficient way.

Cllr Bunney commented that whilst the Town Council are mindful of the locality boundaries, they wanted to ensure transparency to their neighbouring Councils – hence the presentation.

Cllr Bunney also commented that the Town Council are also concerned and working towards ensuring that the High Street and Market Place thrive in the longer term.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bunney for his presentation, and thanked the Town Council and commended their efforts to improve the locality.

Cllr Padley commented that it would be a good idea to put a link road into the new Leisure Centre. Cllr Bunney commented that discussions are taking place currently to ensure that road congestion is minimised. Cllr Bunney concurred with Cllr Padley's suggestion.

Cllr Bunney commented that it is not the Town Council's intention to take over Middle Rasen. Cllr Bunney and Mrs Lambkin-Smith left the meeting – 7.45pm.

4) Notes of last meeting on 15th May 2018, to be approved as minutes:-

Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true record.

5) Chair and Council's Comments:-

- Cllr Smith commented that the grass needs cutting on Woodhill.
Clerk to contact Highways to cut.
- Cllr Dawson commented that the hedge also needs cutting back on Woodhill.
Clerk to write to landowner (Westview).
- Cllr Padley had received a complaint about the height of the grass on Walesby Road.
Clerk to contact Highways to ask if the grass can be cut.
- Cllr Dawson reported that complaints have also that the Post Office hedge also needs cutting.
Clerk to contact Highways to cut.
- Cllr Pattison commented that compliments have been paid to him to be passed on to the litter picking team and also dog foul on the pavement has also lessened.
- A member of the public who visited the cemetery, complimented the Council on the tidiness of the burial ground.

6) Reports from District and County Councillors:-

Lincolnshire County Councillor:

- Flood alleviation scheme meeting held recently by LCC project team - Cllr Strange was in attendance for the first 2 hours.
- The majority of attendees were in favour of the scheme, the main concern continues to be the efficacy of the traffic diversions. Cllr R Davies met Cllr Strange for a parish site visit to view the potential traffic issues and understand parishioner concerns.
- Traffic plan strategy is now in place, with a dedicated team to answer queries 24hrs a day for those members of the public who have concerns.
- Likely that Wilkinson Drive will be closed in August and the A631 in September/October for the closure of the main road.
- Meeting at Osgodby Village Hall next week for the meeting of local Parish Councils to discuss traffic calming on A46 – Cllr Pattison in attendance for Middle Rasen.
- Road repairs are continuing and that it is hoped that potholes will be mostly filled by the end of the next cycle of road repairs.

Cllr Padley queried the bus routes and lack of any bus stopping in the Middle Rasen locality during the flood alleviation works – Cllr Strange commented that this has been highlighted to the traffic management team.

Cllr Strange gave apologies in advance for the July meeting and left the meeting – 8.12pm.

WLDC Councillor:

- Cllr T Smith commented that he would be grateful if the Council would complete the Public Realm Survey – *see Item 15.*
- Committees to be attended at WLDC, although no reports specific to the parish to be discussed.
- Arms Forces Covenant Conference in July which Cllr Smith will attend in his capacity as Armed Forces Champion for WLDC.

7) Crime and Vandalism

Cllr Padley reported that there had been a spate of vandalism in the locality and outlined the damage to gates, walls, shed and bowling green.

8) Clerks Report on Matters Outstanding:-

RSP contacted re static speed camera – response in correspondence bag.

9) Planning:-

137822 - Land adjacent 12 Mill Lane Middle Rasen Market Rasen LN8 3LE

Outline planning application to erect 1no. dwelling-access to be considered and not reserved for subsequent applications.

No objections.

137775 – Castle Livestock Farm, Lincoln Lane, Middle Rasen, LN8 3RZ

Planning application for proposed change of use of land to permanent family quarters for circus operating group of travelling showpeople, to include the siting of 6 no.chalets and the erection for covered vehicular parking.

In principle, whilst the site would seem suitable for the application submitted – discussions ensued regarding concerns which have been raised to Councillors by parishioners prior to the meeting about the possible escalation of the site into a larger, permanent designated site, and the Council were in agreement that the site would be inappropriate for a larger, permanent designated site.

Also the Council were dismayed by the statement that a Lawful Development Certificate had been granted, which they are unaware of and had never been notified of, and commented that the most recent planning application submitted for the site had been refused by WLDC. The Council had objected to said planning application given that the site is outside of the curtilage of the parish. The Council asked the Clerk to submit this to the usual planning e-mail address, the District and LCC Councillor and the Planning Services Manager.

Resolved: To submit the above comments to WLDC.

Permission Granted:

137542 – Land Adj Corrie Cottage, Gainsborough Road, Middle Rasen

Planning Application for 2 no. semi-detached dwellings

10) Correspondence:-

Fly the Red Ensign Information Pack

RSP – Speed Camera Request reply

LALC – Letter re closure of Pilgrim Hospital Children’s Services, Grants Information

WLDC – Parish Lighting Policy

RSP – Community Speed Watch Update

Letter from Sir Edward Leigh in response to GDPR concerns

E-mail from neighbouring PC re meeting with LCC Highways regarding speed limit on A46 Caistor Road

WLDC Councillor E-brief

LCC - Road Closure Information

11) Finance and Accounts for Payment

Income:	Burial Fees	£1,175.00
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Invoices:-	Rase Heritage Society - Grant	£100.00
	Time Assured – Clock Service	£144.00
	Green Grass Contracting – Grass Cutting	£ 43.20
	Lincolnshire Landscapes – Grass Cutting	£550.00
	AMS No-Dig – IT Services	£108.00
	Middle Rasen Church PCC – Hall Hire	£ 93.00
	Viking Payments – Stationery	£101.95
	Salaries	£510.04
	West Lindsey District Council – Dog Bins	£300.00

Resolved: That that the above invoices be passed for payment.

12) Reports from Meetings

Cllr Smith reported that he had attended WLDC to view the workings of the CCTV system in the locality. He confirmed that the Council would be contacted for their views on the quality of the CCTV.

13) Discuss and resolve Grant Application to Middle Rasen Village Hall

The Clerk advised Council that the allotted budget for grants for the financial year would be exceeded if the grant was agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr M O'Connor, seconded by Cllr S Smith and

Resolved: That the Grant Application to Middle Rasen Village Hall be approved.

14) Discuss and resolve on maintenance costs following Parish Asset Inspection

Deferred to July meeting.

15) Discuss and resolve on response to Public Realm Survey 2018

Resolved: That given the length of the Survey, Councillors would review the survey questionnaire via the copy in the correspondence bag, and formulate responses for the next meeting.

16) Items for next meeting

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

Date.....

Signed..... (Chairman)