

Hemswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Dutton, Blanchard, Foster, Black, Huntley, Cty Cllr Strange (part), Dist Cllr Howitt-Cowan (part), PCSO McFaul (part) & Sharon Gleave (Clerk)

Public Discussion

No members of the public present.

01/0114 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Dutton opened the meeting, thanked everyone for coming and wished a Happy New Year to all.

02/0114 Apologies for absence and reasons given

None received.

03/0114 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and to consider any applications for dispensations in relation to disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

04/0114 Police report

PCSO McFaul had nothing to report. In October a Councillor reported a van parked suspiciously in a driveway with the bonnet open and a guy on the house roof with someone looking on. The police arrived but the suspects had gone, however there was a smashed window and some copper on the driveway. The Police have the registration and were looking into it. PCSO McFaul is pleased that people are using the 101 number. PCSO McFaul will let Cllr Blanchard know any information that she can. A resident has passed comment to the Council that the National grid compound on the B1398 has a very bright security light which is causing a hazard to motorists. It is believed that this has since been rectified.

PCSO McFaul left 7.35pm.

Dist Cllr Howitt-Cowan arrived at 7.35pm.

05/0114 District and County Councillor report

- **County Councillor Strange**

Discussed Fracking, Cty Cllr Strange has very little information at the moment.

The County Council has to make £80m savings over the next 4 years, £150 has already been saved so this will be tough. This being said, the rates are not going up again this year and the County Council are managing money well.

£80m has been made available by the government for rural transport; at the moment rural areas don't get funding and the Government promised to rectify this.

We are still waiting to see if RWE will appeal against the decision on the Hemswell Cliff wind farm planning application. The next fight is at Corringham.

A petition was presented to the County Council by Geoff Keeley on 13 December, this was then passed to the Highways Champion, Richard Davies, there has been no contact since. Concerns were raised as a report was emailed to the County Council,

via Mike Hill, for distribution to all Councillors prior to the meeting but this does not appear to have been passed on. Clerk to send a copy of all correspondence on the matter to Cty Councillor Strange. Cty Cllr Strange has now seen a copy of the Coroners report and is hoping that the county Council will address the Hemswell bends. This summer Harpswell Hill from the roundabout to the Caravan Park will be resurfaced and a laddering system will be put in place. Cty Cllr Strange has asked for slow down and dangerous bend or entrance signs to be put in place. There is now a Highways Scrutiny committee in place and Cty Cllr Strange may take the signage and 50mph speed limit issues to this committee. The Parish Council believes the laddering will be useful but it will not prevent speeding. Once Highways respond we will arrange a meeting with Richard Davies, Cty Cllr Strange, Cllr Dutton and Geoff Healey. Cty Cllr Strange passed around a map showing the KSI's (Killed and Serious Injuries) for this area in the last 5 years which shows that the statistics have dropped significantly in recent years.

Cllr Dutton thanked Cty Cllr Strange for his help with the Hemswell Cliff Wind Farm Planning Application and particularly his report at the planning meeting.⁴

Cty Cllr Strange left at 8.10pm.

06/0114 Notes of the last meeting of the Council held on 12 November 2013 to be approved as the minutes.

The notes of the meeting held on 12 November 2013, having been previously circulated were proposed and seconded as the minutes and signed by the chairman.

07/0114 To receive reports for information only

- Clerk's report

The meeting with Dave Gillott will go ahead on Monday 27 January at 10am at the cemetery. Cllrs Dutton and Blanchard to attend with the Clerk.

Clerk to forward 2014 meeting dates to all.

Discussed the JPU, including the set-up, over the years this has not been the successful group that it was anticipated to be. The JPU is a legally bound entity and decisions made there are legally binding. It was felt that with this in mind that producing a Neighbourhood Plan working with West Lindsey District council will be our best way forward. Discussed the background and various elements of the JPU and Local Plans. There are now changes at the JPU as recommended by the Inspector. We will soon receive details of how West Lindsey plan to proceed. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Rob Lawton to discuss Neighbourhood Plans, outside of the ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Dist Cllr Howitt-Cowan informed the meeting that at a recent bi-election in Scotter the Conservatives lost both the District and Council Council seats. It is believed that this may have been partly due to the JPU stand with housing in Scotter. Over the next few weeks there will be meetings within West Lindsey regarding the way forward.

08/0114 Matters for consideration

- To consider and review the Parish Plan
Discussed at point 07/0114

09/0114 Faults and Repairs

There is a willow tree in a property on Maypole Street which is making the area overly dark. The tree should be cut back, Clerk will write to the owner to request that the tree is cut back..

- 10/0114** **Cemetery**
Cllrs Dutton, Blanchard and the Clerk will meet to discuss the cemetery maintenance on 27 January 2014..
- 11/0114** **Village Hall update**
The Christmas party was most enjoyable but, as usual, the attendance was not as great as was hoped.
The applications for grants continue. An application has been submitted to WLDC Community Assets Fund to replace the heating system in the hall for a more controllable and hopefully more efficient installation.
In the play park, the fencing between the hall and the goal is extremely noisy when most of the balls aimed at the goal hit the fence instead which has caused considerable aggravation and annoyance to nearby residents, with one seeking legal advice to have the noise stopped. To this end the Village Hall Committee have sought advice from the company which installed the fencing and the cost will be £985.66 to fasten the fence to wooden batons to stop the metal to metal vibration. The Committee has received one offer of a donation towards this costs but this still leaves a large sum to be paid out of village hall funds.
There is a possibility of computer courses being held in the hall.
The committee desperately needs new members and more support generally for the activities and events held.
- 12/0114** **Financial Matters**
- The Councillors were presented with the profit & loss, bank reconciliation & variation to date.
 - The following cheques were authorised:
 - i. Mrs S Gleave – Clerk Payment - £245.00
 - ii. Mr R Millward – Newsletter Printing – £30.00
- Dist Cllr Howitt-Cowan gave a short report at this point in the meeting.
The audit report on the proposal for a hotel on the riverside has been completed and West Lindsey did not show up well commercially. They have since appointed a temporary Commercial Director who is looking at assets and what can be done. He is also training two members of staff to deal with commercial issues. Governance and Audit meet tomorrow to discuss. Also discussed the potential wind turbine in Waddingham.
- 13/0114** **Planning matters**
None. Discussed the Waddingham wind turbine application.
- 14/0114** **Correspondence**
A letter has been received from a resident asking about the effectiveness of recycling in Hemswell, as well as some other questions about recycling. The Parish Council felt that this is not particularly a Parish Council issue; West Lindsey send all residents a note every year detailing what can and cannot be put into the recycling bins. The Clerk has contacted West Lindsey to ask the questions and will forward any response to the resident once received. The letter also requested that the Parish Council considered approaching Lincolnshire County Council regarding part night lighting. Gain, the Parish Council did not feel that this is a Parish Council issue and Cllr Huntley will speak to the resident in question to explain this.
- 15/0114** **Councillors reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda**
The Pet Safe article needs to be removed from the newsletter and Cllr Peacock to be the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Church Street.

16/0114 **Date of next meeting**
Tuesday 11 March 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.05pm

Signed:

Date: