

Hemswell Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Dutton, Foster, Huntley, Black, Storr, Dist Cllr Howitt-Cowan & Sharon Gleave (Clerk)

01/0514 Elect a Chairman

Cllr Dutton was nominated by Cllr Black and seconded by Cllr Foster. All were in agreement and Cllr Dutton accepted the position. Cllr Dutton stated that this would be his last year as Chairman.

02/0514 Chairman's Declaration

Cllr Dutton signed the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office.

03/0514 Elect a Vice-Chair

Cllr Blanchard was nominated by Cllr Dutton and seconded by Cllr Huntley. All were in agreement. Although he was not present, Cllr Blanchard has previously stated that he is happy to continue as vice-chair if he is nominated.

04/0514 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Dutton thanked everyone for coming.

05/0514 Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr Blanchard

Cllr Peacock

PCSO McFaul

Resolved: the apologies were accepted.

06/0514 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.

07/0514 Police report

There had only been one item reported to the Police for Hemswell which was a suspicious vehicle on Bunkers Hill believed to be observing chopped wood. Vehicle had left prior to Police Arrival.

08/0514 District and County Councillor report

- Dist Cllr Howitt-Cowan

West Lindsey has appointed two new directors. Resource and Commercial.

They are permanent appointments.

The new civic year begins shortly.

The May Day celebrations in Hemswell were once again wonderful!

09/0514 **Notes of the last meeting of the Council held on 04 March 2014 to be approved as the minutes.**

The notes of the meeting held on 04 March 2014, having been previously circulated were proposed and seconded as the minutes and signed by the Chairman. Some points to note from the minutes are:

- Maypole Street pothole has not been repaired.
- Cllr Huntley will carry on as the Village Hall representative for the time being.
- Clerk to ask about the quality of printing for the newsletter. Is there a problem with the printer? If not we will need to look elsewhere as the quality is unacceptable.

10/0514 **Clerks Report**

The Clerk is receiving visits from members of the public on Monday mornings at the Village hall set up is working.

Clerk will ask West Lindsey for a rota of when the road sweeper is planned to be in the area so that we can be aware for Mayday next year.

Clerk had reported to Lincolnshire County Council Highways a sunken manhole cover on Church Street. This was repaired prior to the Mayday celebrations.

11/0514 **Matters for consideration**

- Appointment of a new Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee
Already discussed.
- Printing of the newsletter
Already discussed.
- To consider attendance at Planning Training Sessions
Clerk to attend on 03 July as to see if Cllr Blanchard is able to attend.
Discussed proposed areas for development in Hemswell for the Local Plan.
- To consider quote for rabbit fence in the cemetery
It was agreed to leave this item until Cllr Blanchard is here and the gate posts are in.
- To consider an update from the A631 meeting on 04 March and any action to be taken.
Cllr Dutton attended a meeting with Parish Council's, action groups, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and County Councillors. Talked about the dangers associated with the A631. It was felt that the problem was down to speed, particularly at Hemswell and Harpswell. Lincolnshire county Council and the Road Safety Partnership listened to and talked about concerns but Cllr Dutton has heard nothing since the meeting.

12/0514 **Review of Policies**

A review was carried out of the following policies and all were accepted for the coming year:

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Finance Policy
- Grant Aid
- Complaints Procedure
- Planning policy
- Asset Register
- Risk Policy
- Equal Opportunities
- Burial Board Fees

13/0514 Faults and Repairs

There are some potholes on Weldon Road – Clerk to report.
The pavement outside Cllr Huntley’s house is disintegrating, and there are weeds growing in several areas of pavement. Clerk to take photos and report.

14/0514 Cemetery

Cllr Dutton and the Clerk met with Peter Rushden to look at consecrated/unconsecrated land in the Cemetery. The decision was made to continue on the right hand side once the current line has been filled.
Cllr Blanchard has done a sterling job carrying out work in the cemetery. The path has been cleared and the scarifying has been carried out.

15/0514 Village Hall update

Cllr Huntley read a report.
The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee also combined with a small celebration of the 40th anniversary of the purchase of the old school to create a community building owned by the residents. Several new members joined the committee – Rosemary Jackson, Ben Franklin, Steph O’Leary and Francesca Montgomery who volunteered to be the new secretary, The chairman is Freda Brothwell and Allan Brothwell is the Treasurer. Three junior members volunteered to help the committee – Emily Pennington, Luke Nelson and Christie Nelson and we value their input.

Grants – we have been awarded a £8,599 sum for improvements to replace the inefficient old windows, to provide another shed which is desperately needed to store equipment, and to upgrade the heating system to make it more adaptable to the temperature needed for different events in the hall. We also plan to provide table tennis for use indoors and outdoors for everyone to use. This grant has been provided by the Plunkett Foundation and administered by West Lindsey District Council.

We are still awaiting the outcome of our application to Awards for All to replace the Emergency Exit door, the kitchen door, and to resurface the hard standing area between the Hall and the Playground. We are supported financially by our Parish Council, our county Councillor and our District Councillor to carry out these improvements for which we send a big thank you and we hope to have some good news in the near future.

Clerk to place report in the newsletter with the results of Mayday.

16/0514 Financial Matters

- The Councillors were presented with the profit & loss, bank reconciliation & variation to date.
- The following cheques were authorised:

Payee	Matter	Amount
Mrs S Gleave	Clerk's Salary	255.00
Mr R Millward	Newsletter Printing	40.00
LALC	2014/2015 Membership Fees	132.11
West Lindsey District Council	Cemetery/Green Waste Bin	58.73
Mr D Gillot	Grass Cutting	160.00

17/0514 Planning matters

- 131018 – Scoping Opinion at Browns Holt, Corringham
Clerk will email the Scoping Opinion Stakeholder Briefing Notes to all.

- Hemswell Cliff Wind Farm Appeal
RWE have decided to appeal on the last day they were allowed to. Inspector has yet to decide whether to allow the appeal or not. Our timescale for appeal does not start until the Inspector approves the appeal. VOCAT has a meeting with planners this week, will need to get the same quality and quantity of letters as the last time but this time to the inspector. The Parish Council are happy to organise as per the last time. Cllr Dutton will call a meeting with the volunteers when required.

18/0514 Correspondence

- Introductory letter from Lava – No interest.
- West Lindsey – Notice of meetings
- Letter from a resident regarding cockerels crowing – there is nothing the Parish Council can do other than suggest that they speak to their neighbour or if it is a large problem they can speak to the Environmental Health Officer at West Lindsey. Clerk to reply.
- Letter regarding the launch of the local plan on 05 June 2.30 – 7.30pm - all Councillors aware.

19/0514 Councillors reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

Complaints were received regarding the grass cutting around the bench on Gainsborough Lane, outside the cemetery, on Beck Lane and outside the bus shelter. This has now been carried out.

20/0514 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 08 July 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Signed:

Date: