

WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Old School Hall Community Centre on the 20 January 2009 at 7.00 pm



Present: Cllr Johnson, Cllr Bridge, Cllr Cawsey, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Hawley, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Hotchin, Cllr Hopkins, Cllr Langton, Cllr Mumby, Cllr Powell, Cllr Price, Cllr AW Smith, Cllr A Smith.

Prayers were said by the Town Clerk. The Mayor congratulated the New Mayor of America - Barack Obama and wished him all the best.

1/09 Apologies for absence were received:

Apologies were received from Cllr F Marritt, Cllr Foster, Cllr Rowson, Cllr P Smith, and Ward Cllr B Regan.

2/09

Declarations of interest from councillors were received for agenda items.

Cllr Johnson, Cllr Bridge, and Cllr Langton for Winterton Playing Field Association and Newport Drive PF. Cllr Cawsey and Price for the Ark. Cllr Hopkins, ref the Old School Hall.

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Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 December 2008

Resolved: The minutes were approved as a true record.

4/09

Matters arising from the minutes were considered which were not under any other agenda item.

1. **Civic Amenity Site: Action:** Clerk to take thank you card to the site operator Melvin.

5/09

Correspondence was received and considered as follows:

1. **One Way System.** Winterton Junior School are supporting a one way system on Chapel Lane. The Police do not support it. Different thoughts on this. Will one way speed up the traffic? The Police think so. The School would like to see a 10 mph limit enforced on this road if it were one way. **Action:** Council to consult on this. Clerk to take out letter informing residents that the council are considering asking for one way system and what do they think?
2. **Development Framework for North Lincolnshire Council.** This consultation document has been received by the Clerk. It is also available in the Winterton Local Link and Library, if anyone would like to see a hard copy. It can also be accessed on North Lincs Council website, and the Clerk has a copy on Disk.
3. **SITA TRUST Notification** that they are prepared to release funding for £20,000 and the SITA Trust agreement has now been received by the Clerk. This means the council can now go ahead with the project.
Three quotes received from surfacing companies, the council to decide which one to accept, (Decision is discussed and made in Committee).
Resolved: Proposed by MH seconded AWS all agreed, to accept quote from Specialist Surfacing.

5/09 Correspondence was received and considered as follows:

4. North Lincs Council acknowledgement of CCTV planning application. Resident contacted the clerk to say he opposed the CCTV being erected on the estate, as he felt his privacy was being invaded, and he was sure the camera would overlook his garden. The clerk explained that the CCTV digitally recorded 24 hours a day but was not constantly monitored by anyone, and that it was only monitored if any incidents occurred.
5. North Lincolnshire Council Mayor is holding a charity ball at the Wortley on 7 Feb and everyone is invited. Tickets are around £25.00 each.
6. Biffa Landfill Site. The Clerk received complaints from Winterton residents about the smells from the Roxby Biffa Landfill site, and has now been invited to attend a meeting at Biffa along with the Environmental Agency 21 January. Cllr Cawsey, Kim Powell and Helen Price said they would also be attending. Residents have recently been encouraged to let the council know when the smell is bad in Winterton, so that Biffa can monitor it and action can be taken. One person who emailed the clerk, said he had contacted Greenpeace because he was so concerned about health risks. The Council had asked the Clerk to contact the MPs to ask them to look at it. The Clerk said she had been in contact with Ian Cawsey. Cllr Cawsey also said she had spoken to Ian about this and he was attending a meeting there. Cllr Cawsey said she was concerned about the amount of litter that appears to come from the tip and lorries that go to the tip which are not covered properly. Councillors also stated their concern about the rising floodwaters at the bottom of Thealby Hill in the fields. It is expected that regular liaison meetings will now take place with the Landfill sites. An article will be put into the Town Newsletter about the Landfill sites.
7. External Auditor – Audit Commission. Letter about end of year accounts have been audited and are in order. The returns have been published in the library for the public.
8. ERNLLCA newsletter will now go out on email. Hard copy to be sent to those councillors not on computers.
9. North Lincolnshire Council. CRB checks. These can either be done on line through an agency or done through North Lincolnshire Council as an umbrella body. Councillors asked if those councillors who work in schools and those who have already had CRB checks, still need to be checked. **Action:** Clerk to investigate for next meeting.

6/09 The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Applications: 2008/1748 26 Low Street, to erect an extension. **Resolved:** No objection. 2008/1733 Permission to site a residential caravan on Land near Sandhall Farm. **Resolved:** No objection. Full Planning Permission has been given to the Old School Hall development, an illuminated sign on the Coop, and a Roof Conversion at 17 Cemetery Road. Refusal was given to demolish an existing dwelling in a conservation area. Planning on West Street has been turned down.

7/09 To consider Progress reports from the Clerk

- 1 **Banking.** Do the council move some of their money to make sure it is safe? The Clerk stated that Yorkshire Bank – which comes under the Bank of Scotland have stated that the council's money is safe. Cllr Mumby said she had looked into this and money is secured with a banking system for up to £50,000, but that over that amount, there are no guarantees. This to be placed on the next agenda for council's consideration.
- 2 **Town Planters.** The clerk asked the council to make a decision who would maintain the planters this year. Cllr Langton proposed Westshores plant up and maintains the planters again this year – if they would agree to do so. Their costs are very reasonable. **Resolved:** Agreed by the council.
- 3 **Highways.** **Action:** Highways to be contacted again to ask them if they would move the sign on Appleby Lane.

- 4 **Bin for West Street. This is on the Agenda. Resolved:** After hearing difficulties the Park Keeper was having with the existing large bin, which was too big to obtain litter bags for, the Council agreed to the Clerk purchasing a smaller bin to go at the entrance. The Cost has been given as under £100.00.

8/09 **To consider information from Ward Councillor Reports**

1. **Lighting on Market Hill.** Appears to be a fault with the electric supplier which has not been resolved.
2. **White Van** – Enticing children to the van. The Police have been informed of this and the schools. Letters have gone out to parents.
3. **Footpaths.** Earlsgate in particular are poor at the moment and councillors fear there may be claims.

9/09 **To approve Accounts for Payment for January as per Appendix IV.**

The accounts were placed before the council along with the bank reconciliation and bank statements for this month. Xmas accounts were included. Discussion broke out around the logistics of removing the fencing and the Christmas tree. Unfortunately, it never works out as we anticipate. When the tree fencing was removed, Edgells man lifter truck broken down and they couldn't then proceed to remove the electrics. Clerk to arrange for the tree to be removed as soon as possible.

Precept for Winterton Town Council. The Precept has been set at £87,000.00. The Council proposed the clerk had authority to purchase the CCTV Cameras as soon as the planning permission is granted. **Resolved:** This was agreed by the full council.

Resolved: Accounts approved as per Appendix IV. Councillors were reminded by the Mayor to make sure staffing issues including pay were confidential and should not be discussed outside of the council meeting.

10/09 **To consider representatives for the Landfill Site Liaison Committee.** Resolved: The Clerk Cllr Cawsey, Cllr Price and Cllr Kim Powell.

11/09 **To consider whether one way system should be requested for Chapel Lane.**

It was agreed the clerk write a letter to the residents of Chapel Lane to see what they think. It has been suggested that a speed limit be introduced of 10 mph if it is made one way. Inform Mrs Vernau that we are writing to the residents

12/09 **To consider management of the CCTV and who should have and carry out CRB checks.** Councillors asked the clerk to find out if Teachers already checked should have the check again. This to be kept on the agenda for a decision next month. The Mayor was going to ask Heads of Neighbourhood Watch if they would be on the CCTV Committee. People interested in being on the committee are: **Cllr Hotchin, Cllr Hopkins, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Langton, Cllr Flecher, Cllr Cawsey, and Cllr Hawley and the Town Clerk.**

13/09 **To consider issues arising from the Neighbourhood Action Team Meetings.**

The Lions have provided High Viz jackets for young people from schools in Winterton. Everyone thought it was a great idea. Some parents felt there was problem knowing what to do with them when they got to school. The Mayor and Cllr Bridge said it has been relatively quiet over the Christmas period. The accident of someone getting knocked down who had been walking on the A1077 was discussed.

14/09 **To consider issues at the Old School Hall.** Lucinda confirmed that the project would be going ahead and that they would need to knock down the Ark Shed. The OS H Committee have agreed to provide P Parker with a new one for his tools and litter bins.

15/09 **To consider Council's Park Issues.** The Bin has been agreed by the council. Newport Drive project is well under way, with North Lincolnshire Council helping with the planting.

16/9 To consider progress being made at the Ark. Cllr Cawsey said quotes had been received for the sink and for the replastering of the wall near the sink. The support worker, Mary is very good with the young people, who do relate to her and talk to her. The number of young people attending has increased and there are usually between 15 – 30 kids who go to the Ark now. Cllr Price said she had received more information from VOX who deal with health issues for young people.

17/9 Councillors issues (for information) and press forum.

- 1 Trods area of Winterton very messy as the tractors re removing beets. Cllr D Johnson said he would speak with the farmer to see if they could tidy up the mud afterwards.
- 2 Caravan outside someone's house on the highway. Residents find this annoying. Cllr Cawsey said she would look at this.
- 3 Rocket in the West Street Park has been damaged and the Park Keeper has asked Fletchers to mend it as soon as possible for safety reasons.
- 4 Caravans on Leys Lane. North Lincs Council are still monitoring this. Cllr A Smith (NL) said he would speak with them to make sure.
- 5 The question as to whether people can drop curbs without planning was asked. Cllr A Smith (NL) said planning was not required, but that it should be done in a professional way so that it does not endanger the public.
- 6 North Lincs Homes are changing their name as people are finding it confusing, as to who actually owns these houses.
- 7 North Lincs Council – affordable housing. Cllr A Smith (NL) said North Lincs were looking at this.
- 8 Cllr Johnson said the DVLA had employed someone to clamp cars in the region who did not have current tax discs on.
- 9 Civic Dinner. Cllr Johnson said he didn't feel the council should have a civic dinner this year, because of the current financial climate. Some councillors were disappointed in this decision. It was agreed that a dinner would be booked for the Council at the Butchers Arms instead – and everyone would pay for their own meal. It was agreed that a Civic Award could be made at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Council then went into committee to discuss quotes for the surfacing of the Multi Sports Court.

Meeting Closed at 8:55 pm

Signed Mayor of Winterton:

Cllr D Johnson