

WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

c/o 21 Ermine Street, Appleby, Scunthorpe, North Lincs.

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Minutes of the Meeting held in the Old School Hall Community Centre on the 15 September 2009 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Cawsey (Chair/Mayor) Cllr F Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
Cllr M Foster Cllr D Hawley Cllr M Harrison
Cllr L Hopkins Cllr V Mumby Cllr K Powell
Cllr A W Smith Cllr Allan Smith (NL) Cllr P Smith
Cllr B Regan

Prayers were said by Rev Alice Nunn .

Standing orders were suspended 7:05 pm

This allowed councillors to look through planning applications.

Standing orders were resumed 7:15 pm.

123/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM:

Cllr R Bridge, Cllr D Johnson , Cllr Hotchin, Cllr F Marritt, Cllr L Langton, Cllr H Rowson and Cllr H Price.

124/09 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE. Cllr L Hopkins ref the Old School Hall. Cllr Fletcher and Cllr K Powell reference the accounts. Cllr Powell ref the allotments. Cllr Cawsey ref the Ark.

The Mayor Cllr Cawsey apologised to the Council and in particular to Cllr Harrison and the Clerk that a photo shoot which had been arranged had been rushed and wording in the paper did not recognise the hard work that they had done on the LEADER project. Cllr Cawsey said a reporter from the telegraph had contacted her to ask if she could cover the story that had been published in the "Out n About" Newsletter. Cllr Cawsey stated she did tell the reporter that Cllr Harrison and the Clerk along with Cllr Johnson had put a lot of hard work into the bid to get the money, but it was not published.

The photo shoot was rushed because the reporter wanted to get it in for the weekend.

Cllr Harrison said she was very upset about the whole situation, and asked the clerk to record what she had said. Cllr Harrison said she felt it was a very political exercise, adding that a message was left at 11.30 am on the Friday and she didn't get it until 5.00 pm. Cllr Harrison said "Why was I not asked when I would be available and why did it have to be on the Friday? " Why was it rushed and why wasn't the Deputy Mayor invited to the shoot? We have digital cameras nowadays so that it could have been done anytime. Cllr Harrison said she was really upset because she did a lot of hard work for this project and got slapped on her hand for going for the funding and she felt this was political point scoring.

Cllr Cawsey said it never entered her head that anyone would think she was being political and does realise now that it could have been interpreted so and with hindsight feels she should have refused the reporters request. Cllr Harrison said the Mayor should have said the people concerned are not available. Cllr Cawsey said I have apologised and the reporter said it was not possible to do it another time as she wanted it in for the weekend. Cllr AW Smith said the council should not be jumping to the press's tune.

Cllr Cawsey said the reporter had said they were struggling to fill their pages and that it looked like a good article for the Winterton Council which would be good publicity. Cllr Smith said they had information already from the article was in the Winterton Newsletter so why didn't they use that wording.

Cllr Hawley asked why when things happen that it always has to look like its 'political ground' that's been gained, as he felt that was not always the case.

Cllr Harrison said she just wanted to make sure this didn't happen again and wanted the council to know that she was disgusted with the situation.

Cllr Fletcher suggested that when the archway is finished that another picture should be taken of the people responsible for the success of the project to set the record straight.

It was agreed that press releases for the Winterton Council should be arranged through the Clerk who would discuss the release and arrangements with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, and involve the council wherever possible.

125/09 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2009 AS A TRUE RECORD.

Page 5 Minute 119/09 Phone Number for Police should read 0845 60 60 222.

Page 5 Minute 119/09 should read "but anything between £5,000 and £50,000 should be advertised on the public notice board".

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 JULY 2009 were approved as a true record.

126/09 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Cllr A W Smith said he had received a phone call from a resident on the Grangefield Estate who had concerns that the proposed CCTV unit would devalue his house. With permission from the Mayor the Clerk reported that she had also spoken with the resident and explained to him that his windows would be blocked out and that in fact it should increase the value of his property because crime would be reduced in the area. The Clerk had also offered to show the resident how the CCTV worked if he had further concerns.

127/09 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 **WPS Insurance.** It was agreed that this could be discussed at the precept meeting.
- 2 **LEADER FUNDING.** The Builder Mr Benson, has been told he has to complete by end February he has confirmed this is ok. The Council need to get the other work done inside the Chapels as soon as possible. **Resolved:** Meeting to be held to look at carrying out the works inside the Chapels. The Council devolved authority to the Clerk and the Committee to get this project underway within the Budget.
- 3 **HUMBER AND WOLDS RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL.** Are asking community groups to bid for a share of £20,000 to produce a plan to engage with their community to see what they want. **Resolved:** To put on the **October Agenda.**
- 4 **HWRCC – Seminar and AGM at the Ropewalk on the 9 September.**
- 5 **YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE.** Acknowledgement of council letter – and they are also asking for volunteers to oversee some of the youth who will be carrying out community service.

- 6 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL MEETING.** To be held on 5 October at 7.00 pm at Baysgarth House Museum.
- 7 **VITALISE** - Applying for funding for holidays for people with impairments and disabilities but the council do not to give to outside bodies as it would set a precedent. Action: Clerk to reply.
- 8 **WINTERTON RANGERS.** An update of their progress was received along with request to renew the Winterton Advertisement Hoarding on the football ground. **Resolved:** The Council agreed to give £150 to keep the promotional board in the football ground.
- 9 **VOTING PAPER FOR THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.** The Mayor agreed to do this at the end of the meeting.
- 10 **TOUR OF BRITAIN.** This started at Pittwood House at 10.15 am. This was a great success and touched on Winterton in the morning at the Top of Thealby Hill.
- 11 **ROSPA REPORT.** This needs actioning by the Town Clerk.
- 12 **CPRE REPORT.** Winterton came third in the small towns section, and the Lions Head and the Top Road Garage were commended for tidiness and decoration. The vegetable shop on High Street was also mentioned. It was thought that a few councillors could get together and look at areas where things could be improved for next year. Resolved: Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend the presentation.
- 13 **VANL.** Will hold their AGM on the 8 October. Further details from Clerk if anyone wishes to go.
- 14 **ERNLLCA - TRAINING DIARY.** For Councillors training courses.
- 15 **WINTERTON RANGERS BALL.** Cllr Cawsey said it was discussed but no date was arranged, this will have to be organised sometime next year.
- 16 **PLAYBUILDER 2009/10**
A capital sum has been allocated for new play areas in North Lincolnshire as an area and this is an opportunity to establish the play area on Marmion Drive Playing Field for young children.
Resolved: This to be placed on **OCTOBER** agenda.
- 17 **LICENSING POLICY – STREET TRADING AND COLLECTIONS.** A review of North Lincs policy on this is taking place. If anyone has any observations they must submit them by the 13 October 2009.
Contact Phone: 297750 or visit www.northlincs.gov.uk.
- 18 **EMAIL – H ROWSON.** Re the minutes. LC mentioned the email that Cllr Rowson was not happy with the wording, but the council have already agreed on this wording, and it has been accepted.

128/09 TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORTS

- THE PRECEPT MEETING** - it has been organised for the 24 November 2009.
- 1 The Deputy Mayor said she would have preferred another date to the 24 Nov.
- 2 **EMPLOYMENT TRAINING.** Cllr P Smith cannot attend the Employment Training as she the auditor is at her work. The Mayor asked if any other councillor would like to attend? Resolved: To authorise the Clerk to attend the course if no councillors wished to go.
- 3 **WEST STREET RAILINGS.** Condoms have been put on the railings of the park and there are still problems with glass and human excrement.
(Cllr Powell and Cllr Smith left meeting at 8.00 pm)
- 4 **Twinning Sign Appleby Lane.** A new one is to be erected by North Lincs Council.
- 5 **NPOWER and THE ARK.** The clerk informs the Council that a Direct Debit has been arranged to pay for electric at the Ark.

- 6 **COOP BANKING.** This has now been set up and if agreed will hold the monies that the council are raising for Newport Drive Playing Field project. At present it has £40,000 in this account and the Clerk has asked for another £10,000 to be deposited so that the amount in there is £50,000. The Council has agreed that if money for the Chapels is required that some of this money will be used to pay for the work.
- 7 **CCTV PROGRESS.** Will be dealt with in Committee. **See Appendix I**
- 8 **CILCA.** The Clerk reported the verifier has flagged one or two issues that need further consideration around the Law which the Clerk is to address. It is anticipated that the submission should go to the examination board at the end of September 2009.
- 9 **FINDING FUNDING.** The Clerk asked on progress report if the Funding Committee could meet to look at where the next lot of funding could come from for Marmion Drive PF and other future projects.
- 10 **WOODLAND TRUST.** Have confirmed to the Clerk that they will renew the notice board.
- PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
PA 2009/1018 Permission to remove condition 2 of 7/308/93 (limited dwelling occupancy to agriculture) The Council objected to this on the grounds that it is agricultural land and giving permission would set a precedent.
 PLANNING APPLICATION AT 61 West Street. Ref: PA2008/0364. This application has gone through after an appeal to the Secretary of State. Cllr Cawsey said she would like to arrange a meeting with Keigar Homes to see what they would be willing to give to the town of Winterton.
 The Application for Leys Lane for Café and manufacturing business has also been approved.

129/09 TO CONSIDER WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Cllr Regan reported that North Lincolnshire as an area has to improve safety targets and reduce the numbers killed on the road. A road safety seminar on the 22 October 2009 will begin at 9 am and will be used to consult on road safety issues. They will be asking if people have any ideas how to reduce road accidents. Please feed any comments through to Debbie Tomlins 297166 or Cllr Bernard Regan. Cllr Regan also reported that North Lincolnshire Council would be resuming the role of the Civic Enforcement of Parking Restrictions which will come into force around Christmas. This is the responsibility of the Police at the moment.

Plans are afoot to improve school participation and schools have been asked to produce safer routes to schools plan. The 20 is plenty campaign is being promoted.
 Cllr Smith reported that it has been alleged that a bus company appears to be claiming for longer journeys than have been taken by customers. **Action:** Ward Councillors and Clerk to pursue.

130/09 TO CONSIDER THE CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Resolved: The Council accepted the recommendations from the Christmas Committee and approved the minutes of the meeting. **Action:** Copy of the minutes to be sent to AKE Contractors.

- 131/09 WEBSITE WORKING GROUP.** At present Cllr Hotchin and Cllr Marritt are on this group. The clerk is appealing to all councillors to participate by going on to the Website and checking to see items want updating or are out of date.

132/09 CHAPELS REFURBISHMENT.

Councillors Fletcher, Harrison and Johnson are on the working party to restore the Chapels. **Action:** A meeting to be called shortly to move the project forward. It was suggested Schools to be contacted to see if they are interested in using the Chapels.

133/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The Council considered the accounts for payment placed before them as Appendix I. The numbers using the Johnsons Bus to Brigg was requested. The Clerk was asked to place this on the Council Website. **Resolved:** The accounts were approved for payment see Appendix II. (Cllr Fletcher abstained from voting on the accounts.)

134/09 CONSIDERING ISSUES FOR THE NAT MEETING.

The Council was asked if they would consider hiring the “flashing” speed camera which could be included in next year’s precept. Cllr Mumby said some smaller parishes were sharing the cost of hiring the “trip cameras” and sharing its use. It was thought this was a good idea. Cllr A Smith (NL) (Chair of the NAT meetings) had received complaints about speeding on Cemetery Road in Winterton and ‘mini motorbikes’ in Burton. He said if there were any issues to let him know so that he could take them to the NATs meetings.

135/09 TO CONSIDER ISSUES FROM THE WEST STREET PARK, MARMION DRIVE PARK AND NEWPORT DRIVE SPORTS FIELD.

Cllr Johnson requested permission from the Clerk and the Mayor to ask Mr. Nugus, to remove the fencing and posts from Newport Drive Playing Field which incurred a cost. An event was being held and he needed an urgent decision. The posts and fencing may be used at the allotments at a later date. The Clerk agreed to this in consultation with the Mayor.

Marmion Drive Ball Court. Cllr Johnson arranged for Paul Heyes of Scunthorpe United to open the Marmion Drive Playing Field. It was well attended by the children off the Town. *Action:* Clerk to send Paul Hayes a letter of thanks for giving his time.

136/09 PLAYBUILDER. Application for Funding for Marmion Drive Park to be placed on the next AGENDA.

137/09 TO CONSIDER A GRANT FOR WINTERINGHAM FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Council agreed to give £50 because the Winteringham Football Club supported a lot of under 16’s from Winterton. **RESOLVED:** A grant of £50 to be given to the Winteringham Football Club.

138/09 TO CONSIDER GIVING A GRANT TO A HOLIDAY SCHEME FOR THE DISABLED.

This was to an outside charity from Essex. As it is council policy to support groups and charities within the parish of Winterton, the application was declined. **Action:** Clerk to inform Vitalise.

139/09 HUMBER AND WOLDS COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLANNING FOR REAL. All Councillors received a copy of this with their agenda papers. It was agreed that this would be placed on the Town Council AGENDA in October.

140/09 TO CONSIDER ISSUES ARISING FROM THE OLD SCHOOL HALL AND ARK.

Resolved: It was agreed to accept a quote for plastering and redecorating the Ark upstairs. It was also agreed to obtain quotes for windows upstairs, purchase a carpet upstairs and install a window security grid. See Appendix II.

141/09 COMPLAINTS, SUGGESTIONS AND MATTERS FOR THE PRESS.

a) **BOGUS CALLERS?** A resident asked a member of the council if Winterton Council or North Lincs Council cut people’s hedges. The answer was no, but allegedly someone has been calling on residents to see if they want their hedges cutting. The only time that North Lincolnshire Council would carry out this action would be after they had written to the resident asking them to cut their hedge if it was encroaching on the footpath. **Action:** Residents are advised NOT to enter into any contracts with people knocking on their doors.

b) **SAWCLIFFE HILL – A1077.** A request was made to ask North Lincs to have the Cycle Track, hedging and footpath cut back as it was un-useable.

c) **PEOPLE AND POLITICS.** Cllr Hawley asked why when certain things happened did people always think that political motivation was behind it. He said this just wasn’t the case in his opinion adding that people did not really listen properly and that some things he had said had been misinterpreted.

Meeting Closed 9:30 pm

Signed: _____ Chair/Mayor of meeting

