

HORSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11TH JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs, A Clarke, A. Robinson, V Oliver

CLERK: Mrs L Needham

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: 6

1.Chairman's Remarks- These were made at the start of the Public meeting and are as follows:

I would like to say a few words before the public session commences.

Our thoughts are with the family of Les Moore who sadly died recently. Les was instrumental in setting up the Parish Council and served as a Councillor for many years.

Our thoughts are also with Councillor Hill and his family. Charles remains in Lincoln Hospital having suffered a stroke just before Christmas. We wish him well.

Following the resignation of Councillor Sibbons and the absence of Councillor Hill due to illness, we have only three Parish Councillors at meetings and therefore there may be the need to alter meeting dates if any one of the three cannot attend. Please bear with us and keep an eye on the Parish Noticeboard.

Horsington Parish Council holds a relatively small budget of about £2500 which covers verge grass cutting, bus stops, planning consultation etc. We also give grants for the over 50's dinner and the children's Christmas party. Without the Parish Council it is quite possible that the street lights would be off, the public verges uncut and no over 50's dinner! It is therefore an institution to cherish.

We would appreciate the public's help to attract a Parish Councillor. This is not a paid position. The commitment is to attend 6 meetings a year and work with the other Councillors to serve the community by bringing local issues to the attention of the District Council and helping to make decisions on behalf of the local community.

May I remind you that the first 15 minutes of each meeting is a public session. The public are only allowed to speak during this session. Comments of a personal nature are not acceptable. The Parish Councillors will not be able to make any decisions on issues that are raised where they are not in possession of the full facts prior to the meeting.

2. Apologies - C Hill,

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2016 - The minutes were read and agreed.

4. Matters Arising:

No 1 Tower View: LN has been in contact with Highways and they say that it is the responsibility of the landlord to provide off road parking as the dropped curb is already in place. It was also suggested that if the situation worsens, we contact the police. Past correspondence with the landlords have stated that the land belongs to Highways so they don't have the authority to lay a drive/parking space. As we don't seem to be making any progress LN will send an email to Highways saying that if another person is injured whilst using the footpath, the Parish will not accept any liability. It is up to the Tennant to request a drive/parking spaces are installed. This matter is now closed.

5. Finance.

Deposit account (Buis Bank Instant)

Balance at 9/11/2016 =	£4272.88
Interest	0.32
Lincs CC Grass Cutting Grant	£528.34
Transferred to Current account	£900.00
Balance at 11/01/2017 =	£3901.52

Current Account(Treasurers account)

Balance at 09/11/ 2016	£948.03
Transferred across from Dep Account	£900.00
Cheques issued 318– LALC Councillor Training	£8.00
319- R H Plant – Grass cutting	£594.00
320 – L Needham – Wages & Exp.	£635.54
321 – Village Hall – Grant	£150.00
Balance at 11/01/2017 =	£460.49

Invoices outstanding

LALC – Annual Training Scheme £55

6. Update re Street lighting – LN Contacted Scott Ashdown from ELDC who confirmed that there will be no charges made for the street lighting for the present and that they will be converted to LEDs within the next few months.

7. Chairman items

Precept: This needs to be set for the 2017/18 financial year. The present finances were discussed and as we won't need to pay for street lighting this year it was decided that the precept remain unchanged.

Defibrillator: As mentioned in my opening comments this evening, when items are raised by the public at a Parish Council meeting and all the facts were not made available to the Councillors at least three days prior to the meeting, the Councillors are not allowed to make a decision at that meeting. The matter has to be deferred to the next meeting.

The following item, regarding a defibrillator, was raised at our last Parish Council meeting by the public and is therefore on this evening's agenda.

I will now hand over to Councillor Robinson to present information and an update on this matter before putting it to a formal vote.

Cllr Robinson said that He has managed to get us a defibrillator Free of Charge but that we will need to purchase the heated box to house it. This would cost £300. Cllr A Clarke proposed that the Parish Council purchased the box. This was seconded by Cllr V Oliver. The motion was carried. Mr Robinson is to obtain the box and pass the invoice to the Parish Clerk for payment.

Costs for Annual Parish Meeting: As previously discussed it is hoped to make the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting more appealing to members of the public by inviting LIVES to demonstrate how to use a defibrillator and also someone to talk about Birds of Prey. A cost will be incurred and it was agreed that the Parish Council cover the costs (£35 donation to LIVES Plus £35 For the Birds of Prey Demonstration) This was agreed. It was also agreed that £100 be transferred into the current account from the Deposit account to ensure that there is plenty of money to cover costs.

8. Clerk's items

Website Update: This is still in the process of being updated.

Councillor Vacancy: No applications were received but we will continue to try and find a candidate to be in 'post' for the next Meeting.

Appointment of Internal Auditor: In order to comply with regulations we need to find someone to carry out an internal Audit. Permission was given to the Parish Clerk to find someone to carry this out.

9. Correspondence.

An application has been received from the Church for a Grant to help pay for the maintenance of the Church Yard. Only 3 Councillors were present at this meeting and Cllr Robinson declared an interest so there wasn't a quorum so no vote could be made. This matter will be taken forward to the next meeting when it is hoped that we will be in a position to take a vote.

Amanda Midgely from The Friends of Jubilee Park has emailed asking if she can come to a Parish Meeting to speak about Volunteering at Jubilee Park. It was suggested that she is invited to the Annual Parish Meeting where she can talk about this to interested members of the public.

10. Matters to be included in the agenda for the next meeting

Grant Application
Agenda for Annual Parish Meeting
Approval of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

11. Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: 

Date: 8/3/17