

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

2 July 2014, 7.15pm at West Halton Village Hall.

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Alan Batley (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Ralph Ogg
 Cllr Steve Hodson
 Cllr Charles Dent (Chair)
 Cllr Sue Robinson

Organisation:

West Halton Parish Council
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No members of the public were present.

Apologies:

Cllr Bob Ferraby
 Cllr Elaine Marper
 Cllr Helen Rowson

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Apologies for Absence:

The above apologies were received.

Minutes from the last Annual Parish Assembly (3rd July 2013)

Minutes from the previous meeting were circulated. These were proposed by Cllr Batley and seconded by Cllr Dent.

a) Any Matters Arising

No matters arose.

Chairman's Report

Cllr Charles Dent provided the above. The following information was given:

- 2012/13 saw no changes to the members of the Council. Cllr Dent thanked all of the Councillors for their continued contribution and service.
- Cllr Dent thanked Emma Bainbridge for her work as Clerk to the Council.
- The Council has, as always, sought to maintain the precept at the lowest possible level. The main expense to the Council remains to be the maintenance of the village green and playground.
- Three applications have been received for planning permission this year two of which were for minor works and as a result the Council raised no objections or concerns. The third application was for the conversion of disused barns at Glebe farm into four new dwellings. The council raised a number of concerns with regard to this, in the main relating to access to the site and drainage. These concerns were addressed in the planning conditions attached to the planning approval. The proposed erection of three large scale wind turbines by Waste Recycling Group continues through the planning process. Following rejection by NLC, an appeal has been launched and the public inquiry just completed. A decision will be made towards the end of 2014.
- The Council have investigated the adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan to try and provide more local guidance for potential developments within the parish. This is

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currently under consideration, but is a lower priority than other issues regarding flooding, the cemetery and village green.

- Highways continue to be a major part of the Council's work, with a number of issues being raised at each meeting. The street lighting is now maintained to a high standard, in no small part due to the vigilance of Cllr Batley. However, the conditions of the paths (particularly in Winteringham Lane) and the degradation of verges at the Winteringham lane/Whitton road junction remains areas of concern. The Council has raised these matters with North Lincolnshire Council and we hope that some improvements can be made during the forthcoming road/path maintenance planned for this summer.
- The Council continued dialogue with the Church Commissioners regarding renewal of the village green lease which has now expired. There have been a number of delays, mainly due to the late submission of a contract proposal by the Commissioners and there a number of issues that remain unresolved. Negotiations on this continue.
- The outstanding works from the floods a number of years ago, involving changes to an access bridge over the beck in Water Lane remain unresolved. NLC are dealing with this and the Parish Council continues to monitor progress. Assurances were received in early 2014 that the design of the replacement bridge had been agreed and that the EA permission had been sought. However, there are no signs to date of any work being completed.
- There have been two burials within the cemetery this year. Unfortunately, this has resulted in soil being deposited under the hedges of the cemetery and the funeral directors concerned have been unco-operative in removing this. There was a similar occurrence at the subsequent burial, including spoil being deposited on an adjacent grave, although in this case the funeral directors were much more helpful in resolving the issues.
- Winterton landfill liaison committee continues to meet regularly in the village hall. There have been few odour issues with the site in the past year and it has subsequently been announced that the site is to close for disposal of non hazardous waste. The future operations for asbestos and hazardous waste disposal and final landscaping are yet to be discussed.
- Cllr Dent thanked everyone involved in the Parish Council for all of their hard work and support in particular Cllr Ferraby who continues to maintain the church yard and planters. Cllr Dent thanked the Ward Councillors who have supported the Parish Council on a number of matters.

North Lincolnshire Councillor's Report

The following information was reported:

Cllr Ogg reported that on the 4th June he had met with Rod Chapman (NLC, Highways) to ask for progress on the ornamental bridge, it was noted that the officer responsible for this was on annual leave and that Highways are still working with the owner of the bridge. Cllr Ogg informed the Council that he was meeting with the Head of Highways tomorrow and would raise this work as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Ogg explained that significant investment has been made in Highways to improve roads across North Lincolnshire

Questions from Members of the Public

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No members of the public were present at this meeting.

Any Matters for Discussion

It was agreed that any matters arising would be discussed at the Annual meeting.