

WEST HALTON & COLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

24th April 2018, 6.30pm at West Halton Village Hall.

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Charles Dent (Chair)
 Cllr Sue Robinson
 Cllr Alan Batley
 Cllr Fran Altoft

Organisation:

West Halton Parish Council
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Apologies:

Cllr Helen Rowson
 Cllr Steve Hodson
 Emma Bainbridge
 Cllr Ralph Ogg
 Cllr Elaine Marper

NLC
 West Halton Parish Council
 Clerk
 West Halton Parish Council/NLC
 NLC

Apologies for Absence:	Action
The above apologies were noted. Cllr Batley agreed to take the minutes in the Clerk's absence.	AB
Minutes from the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting had been distributed with the agenda for this meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Altoft that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
Matters Arising from these Minutes The following matters arose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous minutes: Cllr Altoft agreed to follow up the maintenance of the troughs. Cllr Ogg to follow up funding bid to "Windfarm" • Website: All agreed that it was easier for the developer to update the site than individual members. Cllr Dent asked all to visit the website as it had been updated recently. Any issues or required updates report back to him. Agendas and minutes will be uploaded from now on. • Winteringham Lane: See Highways below • West Halton in Bloom: £250 applied for by Clerk? Cllr Dent to check • Parish Clerk Duties: Cllr Dent agreed to continue to be temporary Clerk and informed NLC. All post being redirected to village hall. Post box affixed to railings. Cllr Batley agreed to continue taking & producing minutes. 	FA RO CD CD CD & AB
NLC Councillors Report No NLC Councillors were present at the meeting	

<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Payments to be made following the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks Salary £228 • HMRC £48 <p>Already paid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Audit (Smailes Goldie for 2017) £84 <p>It was agreed that Cllr Altoft will require reimbursement for materials/paint etc for maintaining the troughs. Cllr Dent is assisting in the maintenance.</p> <p>Cllr Batley agreed to arrange to countersign cheques as required</p>	<p>CD & AB</p> <p>FA & CD</p> <p>AB</p>										
<p>b) NLC Grant Funding:</p> <p>Cllr Hodson needs to sign the application form.</p> <p>A discussion took place about moving and restoring the bus shelter in Coleby. It needs to be nearer the main road so that passengers and the bus driver can see each other on approach. Cllr Ogg to follow up</p> <p>Cllr Dent clarified the conditions set by NLC on these matters to which all present agreed will be met.</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>RO</p> <p>CD</p>										
<p>c) Proposed changes to banking arrangements (Update):</p> <p>Cllr Dent informed members that Unit Trust Bank would give us on-line banking for £7/month. All agreed that Cllr Dent should go ahead with this arrangement.</p>	<p>CD</p>										
<p>d) Grass/Hedge cutting (Update)</p> <p>The following were being asked or had been asked to submit bids:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Yards Apart</td> <td>Too Busy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lawn & Order</td> <td>Quoting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NLC</td> <td>Quoting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alan White</td> <td>Cllr Dent following up</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guy at Thealby?</td> <td>Cllr Ogg following up</td> </tr> </table>	Yards Apart	Too Busy	Lawn & Order	Quoting	NLC	Quoting	Alan White	Cllr Dent following up	Guy at Thealby?	Cllr Ogg following up	<p>CD</p> <p>RO</p>
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<p>e) Reserves Policy</p> <p>Cllr Dent distributed copies of the draft policy. All agreed that we needed to make a large provision for the maintenance of the Village Green Wall. All agreed to finalise at next meeting with appropriate figures.</p>	<p>All</p>										
<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>a) Holes in road surfaces: Various problems with Winteringham Lane, Alkborough Rd, West St, Ermine St and Water Lane were noted. Cllr Dent agreed to report these (again!) on the NLC website. Cllr Ogg to report back at next meeting as little progress seemed to have been made.</p> <p>b) There were no streetlight issues.</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>RO</p>										

<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Planning Permission Requested: PA/2018/586 single story extension on Water Lane – No Objections, other than we hoped the Gambions would be in keeping with the village.</p> <p>b) Planning Permissions Granted/Refused: None</p>	
<p>Village Green/Church</p> <p>a) St Ethelreda's Church: Graveyard will be closed from 16 April to 31 August while building/repair works take place. Contractors will make good any mess</p> <p>b) Lease: Cllr Dent distributed draft copies and informed members that careful reading was required by all. Increased legal costs were noted as unreasonable. Feedback to Cllr Dent any other issues. Review at next meeting. Members generally felt aggrieved that we were paying a very high cost to maintain what was someone else's property.</p> <p>c) Graveyard: Nothing to report (Rates bill overdue)</p>	All
<p>Play Area Funding</p> <p>On-going. Discuss at next meeting</p>	
<p>Neighbourhood Planning</p> <p>After some discussion, it was agreed that the cost/benefit of producing a Neighbourhood Plan was still not viable. It was believed that many other local Parishes had not taken theirs to completion. Cllr Ogg to report local progress at next meeting</p>	RO
<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>NLC: Forthcoming meetings posted on external noticeboard</p> <p>NATS: Tony Robinson has stepped down as the local co-ordinator after many years of excellent work. The group voiced their appreciation accordingly. A local man had agreed to take over the role but may have changed his mind as Becki Grainger (Safer Neighbourhoods Officer) has sent out a flyer to all residents requesting a volunteer. Cllr Robinson agreed to check on progress and feedback at the next meeting. Cllr Batley agreed to attend meetings in the mean time until a replacement was found.</p> <p>Meeting at Alkborough – 1/5/18 (Home Security Talk)</p>	SR AB AB
<p>Comments from Councillors to Chairman and Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Robinson reported that the "Litter-Pick" day had gone exceedingly well but there had been a shortage of Black Bags. The amount of rubbish collected was astonishing as was the litter that has been dropped since. Agree date for another session at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Robinson pointed out that the ivy on the Village Green wall was overgrown in places and needed pruning. She agreed to organise a date for members to undertake the work.</p> <p>Cllr Altoft fed back reported problems with a "Pack" of dogs congregating on the village green and causing children to be reluctant to cross and use the road instead after school. There was also an issue with a Greyhound disturbing horses. Any councillor that sees such activity should have a word with the dogs' owners.</p>	All SR All

<p>Cllr Batley noted that the price of swimming for a Senior Citizen had increased from £3.50 to £4.00 from 1 April. All agreed that The PODS should be encouraging senior citizens to be more socially involved and to use the facility. Cllr Ogg to investigate and feedback at next meeting.</p>	RO
<p>Cllr Altoft noted that there were some excellent wild flowers near the wall on the village green that should not be mown at present. She agreed to put in some temporary posts to dissuade the mower from cutting them down</p>	FA
<p>Cllr Batley noted that the 30 limit signs between Thealby and Coleby are fading and will need replacement. Cllr Dent agreed to report</p>	CD
<p>All members thanked Graham for the excellent job he made of producing the new gate for the Village Green.</p>	RO
<p>Cllr Dent noted that some trees overhanging the footpath on the village green required pruning. Cllr Ogg to follow up</p>	RO
<p>Cllr Batley requested feedback on access to “Fibre” Broadband in the village as the cable now passed right through. Cllr Ogg to report back at next meeting</p>	CD
<p>Cllr’s Altoft and Robinson reported that various footpath signs are missing and the footpath through “Spinks Field” has yet to be reinstated. Cllr Dent agreed to report to NLC.</p>	
<p>Cllr Batley again voiced his concerns about the HGV traffic on the road between Normanby Hall and Thealby. The road is very narrow and more potholes are appearing on the edges. Lorries at times are unable to navigate the sharp bends safely and he is concerned that this is an accident waiting to happen. Cllr Ogg to report on potential Highways issues ASAP.</p>	RO
<p>All agreed that Cllr Dent was doing an excellent job as Chair and Clerk. He agreed to send members’ best wishes to Emma Bainbridge (Clerk) as she is sorely missed.</p>	
<p>Comments from members of the public present Feedback on the issue of speeding through the village was requested. Results were not yet available but should be by next meeting.</p> <p>Paragliders are still flying low over the village. This issue had already been reported to NLC and therefore there was little that the PC could do. Cllr Batley suggested that we ask them nicely to keep away from properties but apparently this has already been done.</p>	RO
<p>Date and Time of the Next Meeting Future proposed meeting dates: 31st May, 12th July 2018.</p>	