WEST HALTON & COLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

17th December 2014, 7.15pm at West Halton Village Hall. MINUTES

Present: Organisation:

Cllr Alan Batley (Chair)

Cllr Ralph Ogg

Cllr Bob Ferraby

Cllr Sue Robinson

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Cllr Helen Rowson NLC

Cllr Steve Hodson West Halton Parish Council

Apologies:

Cllr Elaine Marper NLC

Cllr Charles Dent West Halton Parish Council

Apologies for Absence:		
The above apologies were received.		
Minutes from the Previous Meeting (19 th November 2014)		
The minutes of the meeting had been distributed with the agenda for this meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Ferraby that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting with the following amendment.		
Matters Arising from the Minutes including:		
a) Local Plan – It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for discussion at future meetings.		Cllr Ogg
b) Flooding – Cllr Ogg reported that he had received an update from NLC's Bridge Officer (Mike Blake) stating that the start date for work had been rearranged again to the 6 th January. It was noted that two previous dates to start work had now been given, these dates were the 8 th December and the original date of 10 th November.		
The Council asked Cllr Ogg to contact NLC as a matter of urgency and ask that this work take priority and begin asap. The Council felt strongly that if the work did not begin in the new year that a complaint should be made to Ombudsmen.		
c) Website – Cllr Batley reported that Joe Bull is currently working on a draft brief for the website on behalf of the Council. Cllr Batley to update at the next meeting.		
North Lincolnshire Councillors Report		
Discussed above.		
Financial Matters Payments made since the last meeting:		
Park Farm Landscapes	£475.00	
NLC Playground Inspection	£173.21	

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R.Ferraby – Winter planters	£45.00	
Clerks Salary & Expenses	£200.00	
HMRC	£42.00	
Money in Bank Accounts:		
Money In Current Account:	£4,810.44	
Money In Premium Account	£3,546.56	
Payments to be paid:		
Park Farm Landscapes	£237.50	

The Councillors agreed that the above invoice should be paid.

Parish Council Precept 2015/16

The Clerk previously distributed information on the proposed precept for 2015/16. It was noted that:

The proposed scheme differed this year from previous years, in that all councils whose precept is more than zero will receive some grant. Councils whose band D council tax is the same or higher than the previous years will be offered the same level of grant they were offered last year. If a council reduces its band D council tax, it will receive proportionally less grant.

The proposed precept for the Council, 2015/15 is £4,592 plus £565 grant funding making the total amount £5,157.

After discussion the Council agreed the precept be set at £5,157 for 2015/16.

Highway Matters

Holes in Road Surfaces:

The Council discussed the following highways matters:

- Loose tarmac had been left on the corner of Coleby Road on the triangle area and needed to be removed. The footpaths on Winteringham Lane had been omitted from the previous work list. Cllr Ogg explained that the road was been resurfaced at the moment and that he would raise the issue of raising the footpaths and putting a kerb in place.
- The missing road sign on the top of the A1077 has not been replaced.
- The sign on Winteringham Lane is missing.
- The old wooden sign into Thealby is diminishing and therefore difficult for drivers to read.

Cllr Ogg agreed to chase these issues with Highways.

Street Lights: None.

New Highway Issues:

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None. **Planning Planning Permission Requested:** Planning Permission Refusal: PA/2014/1074 - It was noted that the Council had objected to the proposed application. This application was refused by planning. Cllr Ogg Clerk asked for a copy of the original planning application. Clerk to action. Village Green a) Play Equipment: Wall – Discussed in the agenda item below. b) Lease: Cllr Batley gave the following update from Cllr Dent: The issue of maintaining the wall was discussed with the commissioners but to date no feedback had been received. Concerns were raised that the Commissioners see the current lease as 'one sided' particularly the guaranteed tenancy rights. If the Council wants to maintain existing rights then it would need to apply to the court for them and would face an increased market rent. If the Council were to agree to this, the market value of the land would increase significantly. At present as it stands, the value is minimal, as the Council, as a tenant is not paying a huge amount. If the proposed changes are agreed, the Council could be removed at any time, which would increase the market value of the land significantly. It was proposed that Richard Mason's opinion be sought before any decision made is made by the Council and that the Council discuss this at the next meeting. Cllr Ogg to circulate information on village green status for the Council to explore further. c) Grave Yard - No issues were raised. **Correspondence Received North Lincolnshire Council** a) Forthcoming meetings - the information from NLC is now on display. b) Street Works List – this information was circulated prior to the meeting. **Other Correspondence** None received. Comments from Councillors to Chairman and Clerk Discussed under new highway matters. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

28th January, 7.15pm at West Halton Village Hall.

11/03/15, 22/04/15, 10/06/15, 22/07/15, 2/09/15,14/10/15

Proposed future meetings: