

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 6.30pm via Google Meet.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Cllr Charles Dent (Chair)  
 Cllr Alan Batley  
 Cllr Fran Altoft  
 Cllr Ian Williams  
 Cllr Helen Rowson  
 Cllr Ralph Ogg

**Apologies:**

Cllr Elaine Marper  
 Cllr Steve Hodson  
 Emma Bainbridge

<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>Cllr Dent welcomed Councillors to the meeting.                      Cllr Marper, Cllr Hodson &amp; the Clerks' apologies were noted.</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>                      The minutes of the last meeting were agreed, proposed by Cllr Batley and seconded by Cllr Altoft.</p>	
<p><b>Matters Arising</b>  <b>Wedding requests</b> – Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Website</b> – Ongoing, relevant information and updates added by the Clerk as and when.</p> <p><b>Winteringham Lane</b> – The footpaths have been stripped and cleaned back to remove vegetation, but now there are a number of trip hazards that need to be resolved. Councillor Ogg to chase Highways for an update on progress.</p> <p><b>Bus Shelter</b> – Councillors agreed that a date be set once the weather improves and Councillors have availability. Agreed to remain as an agenda item.</p> <p><b>Whitton Parish Council/Speeding</b> – Clerk to contact Whitton Parish Council for an update.</p> <p><b>Planters</b> – Cllr Altoft reported that she had applied for 'Spring in bloom' funding from the Local Authority and received a grant of £339. The church had also been awarded funding of £119 and it was noted that these would be paid to the Parish Council with the church to be refunded from the Parish Council. Cllr Altoft advised that she had identified what the funding was to be used for and outlined this to the Council. All councillors agreed to the proposed use of the funding.</p> <p>It was agreed that the planter on Alkborough lane be left until it dries out before turning it around to avoid it sinking into the verge.</p> <p><b>Grass Cutting</b> – Clerk has contacted Grove groundworks for a quote and is awaiting a response, Clerk to also contact John White to obtain a second quote.</p> <p><b>Phone Box</b> – Councillors all agreed that the work and progress on the phone box project is looking superb. It was noted that a lot of residents have also echoed this message and are impressed with the progress and difference already. Cllr Williams updated the council on the work ongoing on the phone box and noted that spending</p>	<p>RO</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>FA</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>was in line with the agreed budget with some minor cost re-allocations for materials.</p> <p><b>Allotments</b> – Cllr Altoft noted that a resident from Winterton had requested an allotment. All allotments spaces have now been allocated, but there is spare space within the grounds where an additional plot could be created, It was noted that this would require a lot of work by the allotment holder to make usable. The council agreed to allow this to be offered to the interested party.</p> <p><b>Litter Picking</b> – It was noted that Cllrs Batley, Altoft and Williams, along with a number of residents had taken the opportunity of some recent good weather to carry out Litter picking on Winterton Hill and adjacent roads.</p> <p>It was noted that rather than organising formal litter picking sessions, the council could promote the opportunity for anyone to do this and that materials such as litter pickers and waste bags are available from NLC (Cllr Ogg) on request. Note to be added to the website.</p>	<p>FA</p> <p>CD / Clerk</p>
<p><b>NL Councillor’s Report</b></p> <p>Cllr’s Ogg and Rowson reported the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that at the recent planning meeting, where planning permission for the development of housing to the rear of the Butcher’s Arms had been refused, a comment had been made that areas such as West Halton would need to accept more development in the future.</li> <li>• It was noted that there is currently money within the NLC budget to carry out repairs to Winteringham Lane. However, it was noted that Alkborough Lane was also in a poor condition and was subject to much higher volumes of traffic. Therefore, this budget may be reallocated to Alkborough lane works.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>The following invoices were proposed and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyanite Consulting – Website Hosting - £147.16 (000749)</li> <li>• B Knapton – Tree cutting – Village Green - £400.00 (000750)</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Ogg noted that he had discussed cutting of the village green grass with Adrian Stephenson, who has done this for the Parish Council for the past 3 years for no charge. Cllr Ogg noted that Mr Stephenson had recently spent in the order of £3,500 on repairs to his mower and it was suggested that the Parish Council should make a contribution to the cost of these repairs. A figure of £1,000 was proposed by Cllr Batley and agreed by the council. A cheque for this amount was raised (000753).</p> <p>Cllr Altoft reported that North Lincolnshire Council had approved a figure of £339 grant for Spring in Bloom. The council agreed to supplement this amount to give a total budget of £450 for spending on this project.</p> <p>Cllr Dent noted that the council had received a historic invoice from North Lincolnshire Council for playground inspections carried out in 2017/18. This is to be investigated further prior to payment.</p>	
<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p><b>Streetlights</b> – Nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b> - The footpath at the bottom of Winteringham lane, after the bridge is continuously flooded. Cllr Ogg reported that the whole field is also flooded and that there have been problems in that area previously. Cllr Ogg informed the Council that it would be the Environment Agency who would need to be informed.</p>	

<p><b>Planning</b>  <b>Planning Permission Requested: None</b></p> <p><b>Planning Permissions Granted/Refused: PA/2020/1066</b> – This had been submitted to the planning committee and following a request from Cllr Ogg, the decision was deferred to allow for a site visit. Following this visit, a second meeting of the committee unanimously opposed the application.</p> <p>The Council discussed the process for applying to have the pub protected as a Asset of Community Value and agreed that this should be applied for. Cllr Dent agreed to make this application.</p>	CD
<p><b>Village Green</b></p> <p>It was noted that the tree branches on the green have been cut to allow improved access for cutting of the grass.</p> <p>Cllr Altoft asked if we could allocate an area of the green, adjacent to Short Lane, for planting of wild flowers. This area is difficult for grass cutting and this would improve the appearance and add character to this part of the green. The council agreed to this proposal.</p>	FA
<p><b>Cemetery</b> – Cllr Dent noted that the plan for the Cemetery requires updating as we are not achieving the layout on the current plan. This is partly to do with the hedge encroaching in to the available area, but also due to the Urn burial plots taking up a greater space than had been assumed on the plan.</p>	CD
<p><b>Correspondence received:</b>  <b>NL Forthcoming meetings</b> – link to the latest meeting dates on the PC's website.</p>	
<p><b>Comments from Councillors to Chairman and Clerk</b></p> <p>Cllrs agreed that a gift be sought for Mrs S Robinson who served on the Council for at least 30 years to thank her for her contributions over the years.</p> <p>Cllr Altoft asked if the bin had been replaced in the playground. Cllr Dent noted that this is still to be done.</p>	CD  CD
<p><b>11- Date and Time of the Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Dates to be agreed:  20<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> May.</p>	