

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

30th July 2015, 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
 Cllr Bob Ferraby
 Cllr Elaine Marper
 Mr Lockwood

Organisation:

West Halton Parish Council
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 NLC
 Member of the Public

Apologies:

Cllr Helen Rowson NLC

Apologies for Absence:

The above apologies were received.

Minutes from the last Annual Parish Assembly (2nd July 2014)

Minutes from the previous meeting were circulated. These were proposed by Cllr Ogg 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:

- 2014/15 saw no changes to the members of the Council. All members of the council stood for re-election and the election was unopposed. Whilst this is good for continuity of the council and it is welcome that we are able to continue as a team, it would be nice if there was more interest from others within the parish. All councillors continue to make a full and active contribution to the council and I would like to thank all of them for their continued service. 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 sought to maintain the precept at the lowest possible level required to provide the existing services and the council maintained the precept at its previous level. The main expense continues to be the maintenance of the village green, now with North Lincolnshire council carrying out the grass cutting. Personnel, Insurance and maintenance of the playground are the next most significant costs.
- There have been 4 applications this year within the parish. These were as follows:
 - 2 applications for Hope Farm to retain the temporary house that had been previously allowed. The council objected both of these applications on the grounds that it would set a precedent for people wishing to build outside

the village. The first application was refused on the basis of Flood Risk, but the second application was approved.

- 1 application related to the conversion of a garage to residential accommodation in Coleby. No objections were raised and this was approved.
- 1 application related to the conversion of barn buildings within Coleby. Again, no objections were raised and this has been approved.
- In addition, there was an application for an Agricultural building in Coleby – no objections were raised and North Lincolnshire allowed this to proceed without a full application.
- The proposed the erection of 3 large scale wind turbines by Waste Recycling Group continued through the planning process. Following rejection by North Lincolnshire council, an appeal had been launched and the public inquiry was completed in Summer last year. The inspector subsequently recommended approval of the scheme, but this was overruled by the Secretary of State and the appeal refused. It is pleasing that this matter is now hopefully at an end.
- The adoption of a neighbourhood plan to try and provide more local guidance for potential developments within the parish is not currently being pursued by the Council. The costs and benefits of this are not yet clear and we are awaiting the experience of other councils with this before proceeding.
- 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 continuing vigilance of Cllr Batley.
- North Lincolnshire council have completed the resurfacing of roads in and around the parish and these are much improved on before – even if they do make strange noises.
- 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 are a number of issues that remain unresolved. Negotiations on this continue and we are awaiting confirmation from Smiths Gore that the Church have accepted the proposed rent.
- The outstanding work from the floods a number of years ago, involving changes to an access bridge over the beck in Water Lane has finally been completed. This has taken far more time and effort on the part of the Parish council, the Local councillors (particularly Councillor Ogg) and North Lincolnshire council to resolve than should have been necessary and there is much relief that this has now been completed.
- There have been no burials within the cemetery this year.
- I would like to thank all my colleagues on the council, for their support. In particular, thanks once again to Councillor Ferraby , who continues to maintain the church yard and the planters, along with other parts of the village to a very high standard.
- Thank you also to Ralph, Elaine and Helen who have continued to serve as Ward councillors for Winterton & Burton and who have supported the parish council on a number of matters over the last year.

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The following information was reported:

- Cllr Marper thanked all the Parish Councillors and Clerk for their time, effort and commitment for the Parish Council.
- It was noted that the Council tax remained down again.
- All roads and paths have been resurfaced throughout the village.
- Wind turbine Application Refusal – Cllr Marper reported that Andrew Percy called this decision into Secretary of State following an appeal by the applicants against the refusal for planning from NLC - and he refused the turbine development to go ahead, since then news that subsidies will cease in future.
- Broadband and Mobile Signals – Cllr Marper explained that following representations from Parish Councillors and Ward Councillors to the MP, Andrew Percy has now taken this issue up and is looking at options for delivery of broadband to outlying villages and vast improvement to mobile signals.
- Improvements to the playground - Ward Councillors have provided advice to and guidance on applying for funding to the community grant pot.
- Request for off road parking, Ethelreda Close – Cllr Marper explained that North Lincolnshire Homes advised that there is already a lay-by in place in front of 1-6 and the planners do not usually allow swapping off street parking for off street parking. The grass in front of No7 and No8 is open plan, and we do not normally create drives across this type of space. If we did, it would only serve No8 anyway as No7 and 9 are privately owned. No10 is on a junction, so even if there was room from frontage to edge of property we would not be able to install a drive to the rear. NLH advised that their land also only extends to the pathway leading to Nos 8, 9 & 10, with the grassed area leading from that path and across the side of No10 around the corner belonging to the council. This is also on a road junction. There is a street light virtually central to No7 and 8 which would stop us putting more than two spaces between that and the path which we would not be able to annotate to specific addresses and would be on a first come first served basis and two of the properties are privately owned. Because of the above it is unlikely that we would increase the off road parking in that area.
- Ornamental Bridge – this has been resolved and a new bridge is now in place.
- Slight Alterations to bus route 60 – Cllr Marper reported that in order to avoid delays which were occurring in Scunthorpe, This means that the service would avoid the traffic problems at Berkeley Circle. Although Scotter Road and Doncaster Road would be missed out on this journey there are other buses that serve this route.

Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Lockwood raised concern over the trees that have not been trimmed along Winteringham Lane. Cllr Ogg agreed to contact Highways and ask them to visit the site and assess the situation. Cllr Ogg to report back.

Any Matters for Discussion

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