

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2017 at the Ruby Hunt Centre Donington.

Present Councs Rollinson, Baldwin, Harrison, Hawkins, King, Lovell, Lunn, Marshall, Robinson, Stanley, Wray and District Coun Johnson

1/17 POLICE REPORT – clerk to obtain details of crimes.

2/17 DRAFT NOTES OF LAST MEETING – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes. Proposed Coun Baldwin seconded Coun Robinson.

3/17 MATTERS ARISING – Chair, not at last meeting, questioned payment of DIB Christmas tree. Mistake by company invoicing Parish Council. DIB paid Parish Council nett amount.

4/17 IDEA –recent meeting discussed advertising events better within the village.

5/17 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES –

5/17A Old Cemetery - better, but still requires attention.

5/17B New Cemetery and churchyard – marked improvement.

Agreed to request tenders for February meeting from AGM, Chris Dawson and Mark Granby. Councillor agreed wording to be used, including hourly rate for additional work.

5/17C Finance - Approve Precept

Coun Harrison presented proposed budget for 2017/18, projected contingency at 31.3.17 £31199. Expenditure for 2017/18 estimated at £31575 including donations normally made and an additional £1,000 for unexpected expense.

WAGES/EXPS	8500
CEMETERIES CHURCHYARD MAINT	13000
PLAYING FIELD	2000
CAMERA	1000
RATES WATER BLACK SLUICE ETC	500
INSURANCE	3200
DONINGTON VOLUNTARY CAR	375
MISC	1000
PROFESSIONAL FEES	500
XMAS	600
DIB PLANTS	300
FF FUN DAY	200
LIVES	250
PARTY IN THE PARK silver band	150
RED COW LOCK UP	

31575

Coun Hawkins questioned why the Voluntary Car Scheme was only £375. Clerk confirmed they had increased their charges last year and only required £750 of which District Coun King donated £375. They had requested the same year. Coun Lunn asked if DC King was prepared to make the same contribution. She agreed but DC Johnson also agreed to pay half of that share. Clerk advised that Mr Kew had not had an increase for locking toilets for the 13 years he has been doing it, currently £10 per week. Calculating an average of 2.5 hours on minimum wage of £7.50 (2017) it was proposed Coun Baldwin seconded Coun Lunn that Mr Kew's wages be increased to £78 per month. Correspondence from LCC that Highway maintenance is to be reduced due to their financial restrictions and Parishes may look towards their own maintenance to keep up standards. Large areas of amenity grass in village, clerk to ascertain what South Holland are responsible for.

Coun Harrison proposed an increased for clerk as it had been some considerable time since one had been given. Clerk to ascertain what Band with the NALC guidelines she would have been on if given a rise each year and bring to next meeting. Although anticipated end of year figure 2018 would be £30k it was proposed Coun Baldwin, seconded Coun Marshall that precept remain at £23000 for the 7th year.

Red Cow secure unit discussed, following the letter sent in December requesting all monies paid. Although not completely up to date a full years rent had been received in 2017. As the Lease expires in September it was proposed Coun Harrison and seconded Coun Baldwin tenants be allowed to remain as long as no further default on payments. Statement to be sent each month to Tenant and Guarantor.

Coun Stanley reminded Council suggestion for new plinths in memorial garden. Clerk to obtain quotes.

Coun Baldwin was concerned that whilst the precept hadn't increased, the reduction in Grant Support from the Government, the amount per household as advertised by South Holland gave the impression that it had increased. Suggestion made that article to be placed in the Doningtonian confirming this was not the case.

COUNCIL PAYMENT AUTHORISED JANUARY			
	WAGES	CLERK & TOILET LOCK UP	556.41

Prop Coun seconded Coun

5/17D Planning Applications Received

H04-1235-16 adj. 27aA Quadring Road – erection of chalet bungalow

H04-1282-16 18 Barnes Road

LCC – Development - to retain replacement windows at Donington Library (retrospective as works have been done)

5/17E Library

Running fine. Disturbing correspondence received from LCC regarding relocating the library but this had been instigated personally by one volunteer and was not the wishes of the group. Questions that Lease was not in place as yet. Clerk confirmed to solicitors that Chair and Clerk would sign the document but nothing forthcoming. Clerk to request update.

Coun Lunn asked if the annual grant wasn't spent, could it be invested? Nothing on the market of any value at present.

6/17 CORRESPONDENCE -

LCC – Highway grass cutting, it falls into two categories. Safety involves 1 metre wide verge cut mainly in rural areas adjacent to carriageway, junctions and bends was carried out 3 times a year by LCC contractors and amenity cutting, this for areas of amenity value and is cut 7 times a year with work being carried by a mixture of providers including District and Parish Councils.

In February 2016 safety cuts were reduced to twice a year, amenity cuts service funding has been reduced to zero. These changes will obviously reduce the standard for former amenity areas, as discussed during precept.

7/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Coun Stanley asked if the Parish Council had objections to the PCC applying to the Wind Farm Trust for the trees at the rear of the old part of the cemetery be pollarded. No objections received.

Coun Lunn requesting again if the Parish could employ a street cleaner. Advert to be placed in the Doningtonian.

Public toilets – not being locked as key had snapped in lock and awaiting South Holland to repair. Coun Baldwin felt it would be prudent that all councillors knew when things like this happened in order they are aware if asked by public. Clerk to advise Council of anything relevant in future.

Coun Baldwin also suggested the Council should be aware of key holders for any Council owned locked equipment. Clerk to provide.

Teen Park dyke, whilst Flinders Founders work studiously planting shrubs in the dyke, would it affect the water flow? Chair to check with Black Sluice.

Coun Lunn advised the communal grass areas in Summerson Close are overgrown and untidy. Clerk to speak with Housing Association.

Coun Hawkins asked if any answers received regarding the streetlights not illuminated after midnight. Coun King confirmed no answer received, will ask again and why the Parish were not advised.

District Coun Johnson advising two critical points being discussed at County at present are the revamp of District Offices to include DWP County Council and possible Registrars and Community Police. Discussions of splitting Lincolnshire County Council into 2 unitary Councils.

Parish Council aware that Coun Harrison is moving out of the Parish, Chair asked if he would be prepared to continue next election as valued member. Coun Harrison agreed he would.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 2nd February 2017