

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 7pm at the Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside.

Present: Cllrs Bond, Carlile, Cunningham, Harris, Holgate, Knowles, Lindley, Parkin, Rowbotham, Skelton, Steers & Taylor.

Also Present: 1 resident & Ward Cllr Tim Mitchell.

Chairman: Cllr Holgate presided.

Clerk: Deb Hotson

2402/01 Apologies and reasons for absence received from Cllrs Booth & Martin. Councillors are reminded that they have a duty to attend meetings and to email the Clerk if they are unable to attend a Parish Council meeting and the reason why.

2402/02 Resolved - to temporarily suspend the meeting for a period of normally, no more than 15 minutes, but at the Chairman's discretion to allow for a period of public participation. Members of the public may raise subjects, which they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Items relating to matters on the agenda will be taken first and any decisions will be made when the meeting is declared opened.

A resident advised of a pothole on the B1296 to the west of park drain in between the crossroads and the parish boundary. Cllr Carlile stated that he had escalated this to Ward Cllr Kennedy as this has been reported several times and concerns were raised that if a vehicle were to hit the hole they could be thrown into the dyke. Clerk to chase up with Cllr Kennedy.

To welcome Cllr Tim Mitchell, Axholme Central Ward Cllr and Cabinet Member of Connectivity with the main objective being public transport.

Cllr Mitchell went on to inform the Council of the following:

- Concerns have been raised about the level of public transport in the Isle.
- There are currently 7 regular services to Scunthorpe – Bus 399. Monday to Friday and 6 services on a Saturday.
- 57 Service is an early morning service to Doncaster. The Doncaster links are not great, and an evening bus is being added to allow workers to commute using the buses.
- There is also a weekly bus to Gainsborough.

6.50pm – Cllrs Bond & Cunningham joined the meeting.

- There is a new 97 Service covering Epworth, Crowle & Haxey.
- NLC have formed a new partnership, Enhanced Partnership with the bus service provider.
- £2m has been provided from Government to improve the infrastructure including the buses and stations.
- The bus service needs to be used more.
- The Just-Go service has recently been reviewed which will be reviewed. Cllr Parkin stated that at present it was a waste and sites in the layby. This services cannot clash with scheduled services and the new contract will see prioritising ride sharing. Cllr Rowbotham suggested that Tim Mitchell works with Nick Fletcher to work in partnership. Cllr Mitchell said this is already in practice as the First Bus operates in South Yorkshire and is subsidised to come into Epworth.
- NLC are supporting the vulnerable and elderly in North Lincolnshire.
- Further £118m to be received by Government next year.

- Cllr Holgate stated that the Council have been waiting for a quote for a replacement bus shelter in Haxey that was knocked down by Stagecoach. Cllr Mitchell stated he would look into this if the Clerk sent him the information through.
- There is a £2 cap on 95% of routes with an extension to December 2024.
- The Charter includes punctuality and cleanliness.
- Cllr Rowbotham stated that her mother uses the Gainsborough pensioners bus which is a good service with friendly bus drivers.

Cllr Mitchell was thanked for attending the meeting. Cllr Mitchell left the meeting.

Resolved – to re-open the meeting.

2402/03 To approve the following minutes:

Resolved – approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th January 2024.

Resolved – approval of the minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2024.

2402/04 To record declarations of interest by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.
No declarations made.

2402/05 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed.

Dispensation granted regarding item 2402/14 due to the Parish Council being Sole Trustee of WPPFA.

2402/06 **Planning**

a. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21st February 2024.

Noted.

b. **2022/1374** - planning permission to erect two detached properties with associated private driveway at 14 Greenhill Road, Haxey – appeal has been made to the secretary of state against NLC decision. Further representations required by March 5th.

Resolved – object resubmitting the Parish Councils original response and comments, with additional comments as detailed.

It appears that substantial refurbishment of the listed house at 14 Greenhill Road has been very well carried-out and, apart from some relatively minor external ground works, has been completed. The need for planning permission for the rear garden land the subject of the appeal is thus wholly negated. Funding of the refurbishment by means of development and sale of such rear garden land is clearly not a prerequisite to such refurbishment and that and associated arguments by the appellant should thus be wholly disregarded.

Haxey Parish Council remains firmly of the view that the rear land development as appealed would establish the loss of an important historic garden and wildlife amenity and would create unacceptable overlooking on several existing neighbouring dwellings. At the same time the Parish Council is concerned by an increased traffic hazard at an already dangerous junction. It should also be noted residents voiced concern regarding parking in the area at the Public meeting held on the 20/02/24 regarding parking and the access can only compound road safety.

Previous response -

2022/1374 – erection of two detached properties with associated private driveway to the rear of 14 Greenhill Road, Haxey.

Resolved – strenuously object with the following comments: -

Haxey Parish Council considers that this application be considered alongside PA/2022/1021 (alterations and extension to listed dwelling at 10 Greenhill Road) and PA/2022/1278 (associated listed building application). Insufficient financial information has been provided in support.

This is both back land and garden development and is contrary to local plan policy H7 (ii a) and (iic). Haxey Parish Council has consistently opposed garden development and disagree with the DAS statement “development away from the road and in gardens has become common place. “This may be the case in other areas but not in this.

The DAS makes reference to number 14 in terms of the design. The relationship to these the Parish Council considers to be largely based on the current proposal to alter number 14 which have as yet not been approved and therefore may prove un-acceptable.

The applicant seeks to justify his opposed substantial development as providing profit with which to fund the repair and major extension of the listed house at 14 Greenhill Road. The Parish Council is firmly of the view that the building of two large houses must itself satisfy all planning policies and requirements regardless and irrespective of any need for such funding.

The proposal does not provide either affordable or social housing and as such does not meet any identified local housing need. The DAS is contrary to local plan policy CS2. “3. Small scale developments within the defined development limits of rural settlements **to meet identified local needs.**” Haxey is a larger rural village and yet this part of the local plan appears all too often to be overlooked in favour of market housing for which no identified need is identified.

The Parish Council considers the amenity space for the dwellings is small in relation to the size of the dwellings and at odds with the DAS statement “The layout of the plots is intended for use by 21st century families responding to greater demand for large open spaces” it is in the context of Haxey small and therefore impacts on the character of the area. The dwellings are large and will create overshadowing and impact on neighbouring properties privacy.

Access onto Greenhill is an area where parking is a problem and the DAS statement “The addition of 2 properties to Greenhill Road is not considered detrimental to the overall highways loading.” The Parish Council considers this statement is misleading and the additional cars accessing Greenhill both from this proposal and the proposal at number 14 will present further dangers to other road users. The Parish Council concludes it is over development of the site, it will impact on the area and while the Parish Council recognises the substantial investment posed to number 14 this is more an investment opportunity at the expense of both number 14 and the area.

Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded: Cllr Parkin. All in favour.

2402/07 Clerks Report

- a. Clerk has organised a meeting with NLC Highway Officer to discuss Uppertorpe Road gullies and drainage issues on Friday 15th March at 9.30am at the pond.
- b. Low Burnham would like to participate in the Best Kept Village again this year. They are also holding events to celebrate the 80th D-Day landings including a themed coffee morning.
- c. Clerk provided Gareth Denovan a copy of the response to the resident of Haxey Lane as per the January minutes and he was happy with this response stating that there is nothing more NLC can do as the level of speed concerns doesn't warrant any further intervention.
- d. Response from Nick Fletcher MP stating he may be able to attend the March meeting and I should get back in touch with him nearer the time. Clerk to do this when setting the March agenda.

Improvement / Projects

Highways / Neighbourhood Services / North Lincolnshire Council items

2402/08 To determine actions required regarding the installation of electricity on Greenhill, Haxey and Christmas Street Lighting.

NLC would look at this as part of their work to install a pillar, with a NPG supply which would be metered, the Parish Council would need to set an account up with an energy supplier.

Once installed the parish council would be fully responsible for the installation of the distribution system, all energy charges including any standing charges, along with all ongoing maintenance.

Upon completion of the installation, they asset would be the full responsibility of the parish council, the limitations for use would only be set by the incoming supply around 25 amps, at 230 volts.

Resolved – to go ahead with the installation. Clerk to thank NLC.

Proposed: Cllr Holgate, seconded: Cllr Skelton. All in favour.

Cllr Holgate has been in contact with the Chair of Belton Christmas Light Committee and is arranging a meeting.

2402/09 To consider the outcome of the public meeting held regarding Church Street parking issues determining any actions required.

The notes from the meeting will be circulated in due course.

For those that attended it was agreed that the meeting was well attended and went well. The NLC Officer that attended coped well with all questions. Clerk to ask if a plan can be provided within 6 months and another public meeting to show this to the residents.

2402/10 To receive an update on the incident with the bus shelter on the High Street in Haxey determining actions required.

As stated earlier the Clerk is still waiting for a quote to pass to the insurance company of Stagecoach.

2402/11 To be notified of the latest information from residents of Turbary Road, Haxey determining any further actions required.

Item noted. This should be treated the same as BR/FP97.

2402/12 To determine actions required regarding Nethergate parking and travelling along this route.

Cllr Harris stated that this was a dangerous road with blind bends and NLC needed to be made aware of these conditions. Several Cllrs agreed with this statement. Clerk to ask NLC to look into the layout and parking issues. The planning granted over the years has seen an increase in cars now having to park on the road.

Reports / Updates

2402/13 To receive a report from the Ward Councillors on activities within North Lincolnshire Council.

No Ward Cllrs present.

2402/14 To receive a report from the Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee.

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

2402/15 To receive an update report on Westwoodside Pond determining actions required.

The silt checks will be discussed further down the agenda.

2402/16 To receive an update report from the Planting Group determining actions required.

A meeting was held on 26/02. The minutes will be circulated in due course.

An inventory has been made of the sculptures that have been made for the flower beds for the 80th D-Day event.

Planting will be themed red, white and blue.

If and when a Handyman is found it would be wise for him to attend the Planting Group meetings to meet the Group.

A representative from the WWS Pond Committee will be invited to the next meeting.

2402/17 To receive an update report from the 80th D-Day Event Working Group determining any actions required.

Cllr Rowbotham went through the latest minutes of the meeting. Clerk to circulate the latest minutes again and Action Plan.

A grant has been awarded for £250 from NLC.

Cllr Cunningham suggested so illuminated soldiers and will send the information to Cllr Rowbotham.

2402/18 To receive an update report and costs to install CCTV in the parish determining actions required.

The Clerk has asked the PCC for an extension as the quote is not yet finalised.

General Items

2402/19 To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Clerk to provide Cllrs with contact information and office hours for NLC Flooding Department and the Drainage Board Office at Epworth in case any further issues with the dykes.

2402/20 To notify the Clerk of items to be submitted for inclusion into the next edition of the Arrow.

No items raised.

2402/21 To consider a Parish Council Representative for the Haxey Parish Combined Charity.

Resolved – Cllr Skelton was elected as the representative.

Proposed: Cllr Parkin, seconded: Cllr Holgate. All in favour.

Finance

2402/22 To receive a copy of the Financial Statement up to 27th February 2024.

Item noted.

2402/23 To consider the next steps for Dr Dysons Garden refurbishment determining actions required.

Item deferred as no further quotes have been received.

2402/24 To consider the quotes to carry out the testing of the pond determining actions required.

Resolved – Oakshire company was selected with the DIY kit which Cllrs Steers and Parkin will carry out.

Proposed: Cllr Parkin, seconded Cllr Skelton. All in favour.

2402/25 To consider purchasing a dog/waste bin for Low Burnham and FP97 determining actions required.

Resolved – to purchase an install a waste bin on the PROW. This to be emptied monthly.

Proposed: Cllr Skelton, seconded: Cllr Parkin. 11 for with 1 abstention.

It was agreed to defer the waste bin for FP97 to confirm the minutes regarding a previous agenda item.

Grant Requests

Expenditure

2402/26 To approve the following accounts.

Salary, expenses & admin		
H M Revenue	Employers NI / Tax	
NEST	Pension contributions	£158.75
BT	Phone & Broadband	£108.07
Arrow Publication	Article Fee	£252.00
Cloudy IT	IT Support	£42.58
Tesco	Copy paper	£3.50
HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00
Haxey Bowls Club	Grant	£300.00
Haxey Parish Heritage & Culture	Grant	£1500.00
Total Expenditure 27 th February 2024		£1,945.73

Resolved – approval of the monthly accounts for payment.

Proposed: Cllr Rowbotham, seconded: Cllr Lindley. All in favour.

2402/27 To agree the time and date of the next meeting as 7pm on Tuesday 26th March 2024.

If Nick Fletcher is able to attend the meeting will start at 6.45pm. It was suggested Cllrs look at the Bio of Mr Fletcher via his website or Facebook page.

2402/28 To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed if required.

Resolved – to close the meeting to the public and press.

LWP Recommendations.

Resolved – approval of the recommendation.

Proposed: Cllr Bond, seconded: Cllr Skelton. 9 for and 3 abstentions.

Appendix A – Abbreviations

AA	Allotment Association
CCC	Caravan & Camping Club
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
Cllrs	Councillors
DPD	Development Plan Document
EA	Environmental Agency
ERNLLCA	East Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Council Advisors
FP	Footpath
HPFA	Haxey Playing Field Association
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs
HWRCC	Humber Wolds Rural Community Council
ICCM	Institute of Cemetery & Cremations Management
LDF	Local Development Framework
LWP	Land Working Party
LWT	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
NATs	Neighbourhood Action Teams
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch
NHP	Neighbourhood Plans
NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NLH	North Lincolnshire Homes
PCC	Parochial Church Council
P&CC	Police Crime Commissioner
PP	Planning permission
PPAG	Parish Plan Action Group
PROW	Public Right of Way
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TEN	Temporary Event Notice
T & PC	Town & Parish Council
WLHH	We Live Here Haxey
WPFA	Westwoodside Playing Field Association
WPFMC	Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee
WWS	Westwoodside