

## Coningsby Town Council Meeting

### 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

In attendance Cllr Ruth Sharples, Cllr Martin Foster, Cllr Glyn Olive, Cllr Dick Johnson, Cllr Matthew Mason, Cllr Mary Walker, Cllr Paddy Donnellan, Cllr Marlene Wilson, Cllr Colin Mair, Cllr Sharon Beamish.

District Cllr Stan Avison & Cllr Martin Foster

Public forum – 5 members of public attended. Concerns over speed of traffic on Park Lane, cars and mopeds racing (needs to be reported to police with registration numbers if possible) Also reported the poor surface on Hoplands Road due to the amount of construction traffic.

#### Agenda

- 76.1 **Welcome** to all to the February meeting.
- 77.2 **Apologies and reasons** for absence were given from Lincolnshire County Councillor Tom Ashton and Cllr Kevin Moorhouse, reasons RESOLVED to approve.
- 78.3 **No declarations of interest** at this point.
- 79.4 It was Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Mason and **RESOLVED by all that the minutes previously circulated be approved** signed by chairman as true and correct record of 25/01/18 meeting.
- 80.5 **Police report** provided by PCSO Toni Gordon.
- 81.6 **District Cllr Stan Avison** – reported that after a nine month struggle the lights on Old Fen Lane are being repaired, Cllr Avison was pleased but commented on the absolute waste of time and efforts to get simple jobs done.  
**District Cllr Martin Foster** – Area forums , next one locally is Horncastle 19<sup>th</sup> March, both councillors have concerns about the effectiveness of enforcement at EL and are challenging this with the head of planning. Question regarding the Local Plan, there are still a few questions to be addressed before resubmission following consultations. Once in place it will be fixed plan for the next 15years.
- 82.7 **Cllr Colin Mair** asked what can be done long term to address the infrastructure issues Coningsby is facing with the continued major development; Cllrs agreed that as a council action should be taken and questions asked. Cllrs Foster, Mason & Cllr Mair were asked to draft a letter to be passed to all agencies including District & County Council leaders and area MP.
- 83.8 **Gifted Land** – the parcel of land that runs parallel with the Community Hall has been purchased and gifted in trust to the Town Council, this area will be tidied up and resurfaced in time, the land will be used solely as a car park for the Community Hall, funds from outside trust funds are being sought to carry out the required works this will be at no cost to the parishioners.
- 84.9 **Outside groups. Chairman & Clerks training** attended by Cllr Sharples & clerk lots of interesting reminders of the rules a good beneficial day for both parties. Coningsby Surgery are soon to put out questionnaires, can everyone please get as many patients as possible to put in their comments.
- 85.10 **Dog fouling on Allan Barker field** and around the village - a brief meeting had been held with members of the football club due to concerns regarding the field, signage will be

installed at earliest opportunity, Police and East Lindsey Dog warden have been informed and have offered to help by attending the field and handing out information also talking to dog walkers. Notices are to be placed in the Wapentake newsletter and in local press.

- 86.11 **Planning – 86 High Street S/035/00092/18 & 00093/18** comments have been sent in from Council.
- 87.12 **Burial Board meeting** – Notes circulated to councillors proposed & seconded as a true and correct record of the meeting **RESOLVED**. Proposal to increase fees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 as listed £200 on non-parishioner fees and £100 on parishioners fees, seconded all in favour **RESOLVED**
- 88.13 Proposal to join the **Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium management** at a cost of **£90** per year, seconded, **RESOLVED** all in favour
- 89.14 **Finances –approved February including £90 as above. All in favour RESOLVED as listed below.**

EON - Allan Barker pavilion	DD	172.10
Nest pensions January - council & staff contr	DD	211.80
Salaries	BACS	2,481.47
HMRC PAYE	BACS	413.13
Ellgia - Play Park bins	BACS	49.61
UK Waste solutions - Pav & Cem Bins & Overweight	BACS	72.67
Aktiv Pest & Hygiene Co Ltd	BACS	136.80
Goodwins - Allan Barker & Pavilion	BACS	64.12
Business Rates - Allan Barker Field 2015/16	cheque	1,280.00
Business Rates - Allan Barker Field 2016/17	cheque	1,290.67
Business Rates - Allan Barker Field 2017/18	0	0.00
Mark Wilson - back up hard drive	Cheque	49.99
ICCM	cheque	90.00

- 90.15 **Clerks report** – 100years RAF are council going to mark the occasion?

**Christmas Lights for** – war memorial trees, Facebook page doing fine no problems seems to be working well. Signage backing has lost its luminosity speed indication signs Dogdyke Road, RAF community development officer Ben Rossi, details for next meeting.

**Proposal to move into closed session to discuss employment, terms and conditions.**

Clerk requested that the opening times of the office be a little more flexible as long the office is open for the advertised hours, should work allow it can be open longer to public longer. Opening hours must be advertised in the Wapentake on notice boards and on the building. Additional hours worked (training days, evening events etc) if possible clerk would prefer to take this time off rather than take the pay. Council agreed that this should be the case but should the clerk wish to be paid an invoice for the hours would be acceptable presented at meeting.

A three monthly review of working times, possibility of a HR group being formed to determine staffing polices and duty sheets. Thank you letter sent to Royce Sellars for his work at play area following his resignation this month.