

MINUTES OF SOUTH WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013

Present:

Councillor Cutts: Chair

Councillor Doughty

Councillor Edmundson

Councillor Harrison

Councillor Hart

Residents Forum: A further query had been received from a resident regarding the BT telephone kiosk. **Action: Clerk to contact Councillor Simpson ELDC.** Councillor Cutts had received a telephone call from a resident regarding the footpaths – see Item 8.

1 Apologies:

Councillor Nutten (holiday) and Councillor Harris (work).

2 Declarations of interest in any items on the Agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

3 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2013:

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising.

5 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 February 2013:

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

6 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Item 5b: It was noted that the damaged village sign was unlikely to be replaced before December 2013 due to a backlog of work. It was reported that there was a pothole outside The Thatch on Station Road and there were two faulty street lights. **Action: Councillor Doughty would contact LCC regarding the potholes and the street lights.**

7 Financial Matters:

Councillors were able to view the latest Financial Report and Bank Statement. The invoice for the LALC subscription had been received. **Action: Clerk to send cheque in payment.** Defibrillator: Councillor Simpson had completed the form for the donation to the Defibrillator Fund, which the Clerk had signed. A letter had been received from the Parish Hall Committee requesting the Parish Council's donation. **Action: Clerk to compose a letter to the Parish Hall Committee.** Appointment of Internal Auditor: **Action: Councillor Cutts to approach Paul Fuller to ask if he would be prepared to act as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council**

8 Footpaths: Councillor Cutts had written to Councillor Marfleet (LCC) who had replied indicating that he would make further investigations. It was suggested that Permissive Footpaths could be an option, but as this is normally for a fixed period the preferred option was for the footpaths to be designated as Definitive Rights of Way. **Action: Councillor Cutts to await further information from Councillor Marfleet.** Alison Mayers at LCC had contacted Councillor Cutts regarding the number of forms and maps required for completion by the witnesses.

Councillor Cutts had received a telephone call from a resident who rented land around The Mound for the grazing of sheep. The resident had concerns that if the current Permissive Footpath was designated a Definitive Right of Way, walkers and their dogs would have access all year round which could be a problem in the lambing season. Councillors discussed various options which included electric stock fencing.

Fieldpaths Association: **Action: Councillor Cutts to update Chris Padley on the latest situation regarding the footpaths.**

9 Village Tidy Up: A successful tidy up had taken place on Sunday 3 March. The Chairman thanked Councillor Harris on behalf of the Parish Council for organising this.

10 Planning for Annual Parish Meeting: 9 May 2013 at 7.30 pm: It was agreed that the arrangements would be as follows:

7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting

8.00 pm Annual Parish Council Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be publicised by way of a notice to be placed in the bus shelter.

11 Request for Additional Grit Bin: Councillors agreed that this would be best placed in the hollow on Station Road as the slopes either side were hazardous in icy weather and the road is used by school buses. **Action: Councillor Cutts to contact LCC.**

12 Planning: Tree works Codlins Cottage, Barkwith Road: There were no objections.

It was noted that Full Planning Permission had been granted for the erection of an agricultural building at The Sycamores, Hainton Road.

13 Hedgerows: It was noted that the hedgerows had been cut back. Discussion followed regarding the cutting of verges and it was noted that cutting too early would be detrimental to the ecology.

14 Correspondence:

NALC online survey; ELDC survey regarding electronic communication with Parish Councils; Invitation to attend "SO" Briefing Session; letter from Community Lincs regarding Best Kept Village competition; ELDC Pecuniary Interest forms for certain Councillors.

15 Items for next Agenda: to be agreed.

16 Date of next Meeting: Thursday 9 May 2013 Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: