

## MINUTES OF SOUTH WILLINGAM

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2013

#### **Present:**

Councillor Cutts     Chair

Councillor Doughty

Councillor Edmundson

Councillor Harris

Councillor Harrison

Councillor Hart

Councillor Nutten

#### **Public Forum:**

Elaine and Paul Herrick from Woodbine Cottage attended to talk about issues relating to the parking of vehicles on the area between the telephone box and the bus stop. This had been of concern to residents and Councillors had received a number of complaints. Lincolnshire County Council's Highways Department had also been contacted by a resident. Elaine explained that the building work they were having done meant that they could not currently use their own drive to park on and that two of their children had returned to live at home, each having their own vehicle. On completion of the building works, there would be space for the van and two cars on the drive. They would, if possible, try to find parking space for their son's car elsewhere. Anonymous notes had been placed on their car windscreen, and Elaine and Paul asked that residents approach them directly if wished to discuss the issue. They also pointed out that one of the cars regularly parking there did not belong to them.

Councillors agreed that they would monitor the situation. The building works should be completed by the next meeting in November and this would be discussed at that meeting.

Telephone box: it was noted that a resident had concerns about the continued use of the phone box. However BT had not so far given any indication that they were intending to decommission the line.

Visibility at the junction: Councillor Edmundson reported that he had been approached by a local farmer. The overhanging sycamores meant that drivers of

high vehicles such as tractors were unable to have clear sight when turning on to Hainton Road. The road drains were also covered by vegetation. **Action: Councillor Nutten to approach the resident.**

**1 Apologies for absence:**

There were no apologies.

**2 Declarations of interest in any items on this Agenda:**

There were none.

**3 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 May 2013**

(The July meeting had been cancelled.) The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Footpaths: Two residents who had moved away were approached but they did not feel able to complete the evidence statements required. Councillor Cutts had received a letter from LCC Highways stating that legal statements were being prepared. The Parish Council would await further information from LCC.

Grit bin: An application for a second grit bin had been refused but Councillor Cutts had received a list of criteria from LCC and would apply again. The bin would need to be sited 200m away from any other bin and preferably on a slope. A site on Station Road was suggested.

**5 Financial Matters:**

Councillors were able to view the financial statement and the bank statement. The audited accounts had been received from Grant Thornton and the notice of closure was displayed in the bus shelter. Signatories for cheques: Councillors Hart and Nutten would go to HSBC in Louth with their forms and proofs of identity.

**6 Footpaths:**

Dealt with in 4 above.

**7 Planning Matters:**

An application had been received from Mr J Miller at The Old Rectory for the erection of a building to provide a double garage with an office and store. The Council had not submitted any objections.

Councillor Harrison reported that the proposed drilling application for Belmont had now been moved to Biscathorpe, a beautiful area of the Wolds. Councillors and residents could if they wished object to the plans by accessing Lincolnshire County

Council's planning portal and searching under "Biscathorpe". **Action: Councillor Nutten to object on behalf of the Parish Council.** There was also an application for two wind turbines on Ludford Airfield.

#### **8 Village Newsletter:**

Councillor Doughty informed the meeting that a bank account had been set up for the newsletter and a donation of £50.00 had been received. The cost of printing the newsletter was somewhere in the region of £400.00 per year. Possible ways of funding the newsletter were discussed; it was agreed to approach Councillor Simpson of ELDC, the possibility of matched funding had been investigated without success; a donation from the Parish Council would be discussed at the November meeting when the budget for 2014/15 would be set.

#### **9 Parking:**

Parking by the bus shelter already dealt with in 'Public Forum'. Parking in the layby on Barkwith Road was also discussed. People had parked here for a number of years and it hadn't caused an obstruction.

#### **10 Condition of Rainwater Drain in Layby on Barkwith Road:**

**Action: Councillor Doughty agreed to contact LCC Highways regarding the condition of the drain.**

#### **11 Grass cutting and Verges:**

Councillors were pleased to note that this had been done. Another cut was due at the end of September.

#### **12 Correspondence:**

LCC: Proposed changes to library provision in Lincolnshire – consultation

Home Start: Information and request for donation

Local Government Boundary Commission electoral review of E Lindsey

Commemoration of WW1 by planting poppies (for next agenda). **Action: Clerk to copy letter to Parish Hall Committee.**

A number of documents were passed to councillors for circulation.

#### **13 Items for next Agenda:**

Budget setting and precept; parking; WW1 Commemoration

#### **14 Date of Next Meeting: 14 November 2013**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: