

MINUTES OF SOUTH WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2013

Present:

Councillor Cutts: Chair

Councillor Doughty

Councillor Harris

Councillor Harrison

Councillor Hart

Councillor Nutten

Residents Forum: A further query had been received from a resident regarding the BT telephone kiosk. **Action: Councillor Cutts to reply.**

1 Apologies:

Councillor Edmundson (ill health) and ELDC Councillor Simpson (ill health).

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 8 November 2012:

The Minutes were agreed subject to the following amendment:

Item 4 Matters Arising should read “. . . but that there was intention to repair the potholes.”

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Dog waste bins/litter bins: The questionnaire had been prepared but due to the publication deadline did not appear in the newsletter. Subsequent information from ELDC indicated that any new bins purchased by the Parish Council would not be emptied. Defibrillator: Councillor Simpson had contacted the Clerk regarding a £300.00 donation towards this fund. Several points needed clarification and it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Hall Committee would be discussing this.

Action: Councillor Cutts to attend the meeting and report back to the Parish Council. Village Signs: Councillor Hart had obtained quotes which ranged between £1000 and £2000 per sign. **Action: In view of the high cost of the signs, it was agreed to raise this at the Annual Parish Meeting in May and seek the views of residents. Action: Councillor Cutts to contact LCC regarding the replacement**

of the current village signs which were in a poor state of repair. Hedgerows: LCC had indicated that if the Parish Council could establish who owned the fields with overgrown hedges, the County Council would contact the owners to request them to cut the hedges back. **Action: All Councillors would try to establish the names of the owners.**

5 Financial Matters:

Councillors were able to view the latest Financial Report and Bank Statement. Precept 2013/14: Councillors ratified the setting of the precept at £600.00 (no increase on previous years) as agreed at the December meeting. It was agreed that in addition to standard items, the Council would budget £50.00 towards the newsletter (if required); £50.00 to LIVES; and £50.00 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. It had been agreed at the previous meeting to subscribe to the Fieldpaths Association at a cost of £5.00. The purchase of an additional grit bin was raised. **Action: Councillor Cutts to contact LCC regarding this.** A vote was taken and Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed budget. (Post meeting note: the precept form had been received from ELDC 13/1/13.)

6 Footpaths: Councillor Cutts had received copies of the evidence for all four routes from LCC. It was agreed to hold an additional Council Meeting on Thursday 14 February 2013 at 8.00 pm to go through the papers and agree the next steps. **Action: Councillor Cutts to provide copies for all Councillors. Action: Clerk to book the Hall.** (Post meeting note: the Hall was booked for 14 February.)

7 Planning: The Old Rectory: Concerns had been expressed regarding this application and information relating to the archaeology of the site had been passed to ELDC. Councillors discussed the difficulty of viewing applications online. **Action: Councillor Nutten to contact ELDC to see if it would be possible to have plans sent on a dvd.** It was agreed that if planning applications were received and needed a response before the next planned meeting of the Parish Council, an additional meeting would be called.

8 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Standing Orders: The standing orders needed reviewing in the light of new legislation. **Action: The Clerk would check the current standing orders and highlight any changes necessary.**

9 Oil Drilling – Biscathorpe: Councillors were informed that planning permission had been sought several years ago. In 2012 permission had been sought for a screening opinion for an exploratory well site for hydrocarbons. **Action: All Councillors would keep a watching brief regarding this issue.**

10 ELDC Consultation: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment: Councillors discussed this issue and agreed not to respond to this consultation.

11 ELDC Electoral Review: A notice had been posted on the notice board in the bus shelter. **Action: The Parish Council would look at the warding arrangements when they were announced.**

12 Village Tidy Up: Councillor Harris had received the equipment and was awaiting confirmation from ELDC regarding collection of the rubbish. The provisional date was Sunday 3 March 2013 at 10.00 am. (Post meeting note: Councillor Harris confirmed that ELDC had agreed and the date would be 3 March.)

13 Correspondence: The following had been received:

Footpaths Association newsletter

LALC newsletter

Gritting Routes

Horncastle Area Committee Meeting

14 Items for the next Agenda: Feedback from the footpaths meeting;
Feedback from Village Tidy Up

Date of next meetings: 14 February 2013 to discuss footpaths; normal meeting
Thursday 14 March

Meeting closed 9.35 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: