

MINUTES OF SOUTH WILLINGAM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2013

Present:

Councillor Cutts Chair

Councillor Edmundson

Councillor Harris

Councillor Harrison

Councillor Hart

Councillor Nutten Vice Chair

Councillor Simpson ELDC

Public Forum:

No residents attended.

1 Apologies for absence:

Councillor Doughty – travelling back from Devon.

2 Declarations of interest in any items on this Agenda:

There were none.

3 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2013

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Edmundson reported that the drain cover at the junction of Barkwith Road and Station Road had been reported, and that the residents of Holly Cottage were arranging for the sycamores to be cut back. Councillor Doughty had reported the covers on Barkwith Road and would chase if necessary.

5 Financial Matters:

Councillors were able to view the financial statement and the bank statement.

Councillors Hart and Nutten had taken proofs of identity to HSBC in Louth but since the Clerk's original visit the system had been changed and most Councillors now

needed to resubmit proofs of identity. **Action: Councillors would take identity to HSBC in Louth.**

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for 2014/15 for Councillors to consider. Councillors discussed the budget headings and the budget was accepted. It was noted that should the Council decide to enter the Best Kept Village competition 2014, there may be costs involved. **It was agreed that the precept would be set at £600.00 for 2014/15, again no increase on previous years.**

6 Planning Matters:

Councillors had been notified of applications for tree works at Bay Tree Cottage, Station Road and Millendreath, Barkwith Road. An amended application for planning permission at The Old Rectory had been approved. Councillor Nutten circulated a letter from ELDC regarding Planning and Building Control.

7 Parking:

Councillors noted that the problem of a number of cars parking in the area near the bus stop was much improved. There was still one car parking on a regular basis. **Action: Councillor Cutts to identify the owner to seek a solution.**

8 LCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan:

A letter had been received from ELDC regarding Notification of Consultation. The consultation documents were available via the following address: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste The consultation will end at 5.00 pm on 13 December 2013.

9 Farmers' responsibilities in relation to bird scarers:

There had been a problem last year with excessive noise from bird scarers as early as 4.30 am. **Action: Councillor Cutts to draft a letter to local farmers; Councillor Nutten to identify farmers and landowners in the area for discussion at January meeting.**

10 Lincolnshire Wolds Conference 27 November 2013:

Councillors were reminded that this event was taking place in Market Rasen.

11 Commemoration of WW1 – planting of poppies:

It was agreed to support this in principle, possibly in conjunction with the Parish Hall Committee and the Church Committee.

12 Meeting Dates 2014:

Councillors agreed to continue with the 2nd Thursday of the month:

9 January; 13 March; 8 May; 10 July; 11 September; 13 November. **Action: Clerk to book the Hall.**

13 Broadband Speed:

Councillors reported that broadband service had recently been intermittent. It was understood that the problems were with BT rather than individual users. Broadband coverage was slow particularly in the East of the County. Councillor Simpson explained the current situation with regard to the roll-out of superfast broadband which was due in 2015. Residents were encouraged to complain about slow speed and intermittent service to their own service provider. **Action: Councillor Simpson agreed to investigate further with LCC and find out who to approach at BT.**

14 Complaint regarding path illumination lights at Glebe Cottage:

Several complaints had been received regarding these lights. The lights are close to the road edge and are very bright. On approaching the village from East Barkwith the lights can appear to be the headlights of an approaching car. It was noted that the verge is the property of LCC. **Action: Clerk to notify LCC Highways.**

15 Correspondence:

No correspondence had been received. General information was circulated to Councillors.

16 Items for next Agenda:

Best Kept Village; Village Tidy Up; Letter to farmers re bird scarers

17 Date of Next Meeting: 9 January 2014 (provisional)

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: