

**D R A F T**  
**MINUTES OF SOUTH WILLINGAM**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Present:**

Councillor D Challenger

Councillor M Edmundson

Councillor P Elliott

Councillor N Harris

Councillor D Nutten Chair

Councillor N Spencer Vice Chair

Councillor R Fry (ELDC)

The Chair welcomed Councillor Richard Fry from East Lindsey District Council. Councillor Fry introduced himself and gave a brief outline of his role on the Executive Board as Portfolio Holder for Planning.

Councillor Fry was aware of the issues with broadband speed and asked that he could be notified if there had been no improvement in speed by the end of September.

**1 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor P Cutts.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 To agree the Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 and 30 July 2015:**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**4 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

Councillor Nutten raised the issue of the high cost of Parish Council insurance with Councillor Fry and whether there was any possibility of East Lindsey District Council holding a blanket insurance policy that would cover individual parish councils. Councillor Fry agreed to investigate further.

The Clerk had amended the Minutes to show that Councillor Spencer was responsible for Village Newsletter and Website Liaison.

## **5 Financial Matters:**

Councillors were able to view the latest bank and budget statements. The Clerk informed Councillors that the audited accounts had been received from Grant Thornton.

## **6 Footpath Applications:**

Councillor Elliott had met with Christopher Heneage to discuss the various options regarding the three remaining footpath applications. The Estate had originally opposed the applications for reasons of health and safety where paths were routed through working farms and areas of farmland sensitive to wildlife. It was noted that the current permissive footpaths were temporary until 2017. **Action: Councillor Elliott would invite Christopher Heneage to the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss the options.**

## **7 Update on Grass Cutting on Village Approaches:**

Lincolnshire County Council had informed Councillor Nutten that it was not possible for South Willingham to opt out of the County Council's grass cutting programme, but it would be possible to supplement the three cuts per year at South Willingham's own expense. **Action: Councillor Nutten and Councillor Spencer would meet to discuss the issue before the next meeting.**

## **8 Planning Matters: Oakfield Cottage, Barkwith Road:**

Full planning permission had been granted for this application.

## **9 Best Kept Village Application:**

Councillor Nutten had contacted the organisers and feedback was expected by the end of September.

## **10 Affordable Warmth:**

The Affordable Warmth Scheme was run by Community Lincs. It would be possible for a representative to do a free one hour presentation covering issues such as bulk buying, energy supplier switching process etc. A minimum of ten participants would be required. **Action: Councillor Spencer would contact Community Lincs and produce a flyer for residents when the date for the presentation was known.**

## **11 Correspondence:**

Correspondence had been received from ELDC regarding changing the Area Committee Meetings to a system where East Lindsey was divided into three areas

and forums held in each area to encourage more direct communication between the different council tiers. A consultation was in process. **Action: Councillor Nutten would consider the documents submitted.**

## **12 Items for the Next Agenda:**

Footpaths; broadband speed; grass cutting on village approaches; best kept village feedback; affordable warmth; budget/precept for 2016/17; meeting dates for 2016; wildlife conservation.

## **13 Date of Next Meeting:**

19 November 2015 (note change of date from 12 November).

A further discussion followed regarding measures that could be introduced to encourage wildlife into the village. A grant may be available but anything put in place would need to conform to the AONB maintenance rules. Councillor Fry indicated that he may be able to help with funding from the Councillor Grant. Information and guidance was available from various conservation groups. **Action: Councillor Challoner to obtain details of suppliers and costings.**

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: