

Washingborough Parish Council

*Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 19th January 2022** at 2 pm, in the Community Centre*

Public Forum - no members of the public attended the meeting

Reports from NKDC (appended)
LCC Councillors (appended)

Present:

Cllr D Fothergill (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs J Aspinall
Cllr R Harrington
Cllr G Kent
Cllr G Peck
Cllr Mrs L Simons
Miss K Broddle (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr Carrington & Tinsley(NKDC) and Cllr Cawrey (LCC).

69a. Apologies and reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Bland and Whipp and Cllr Goodwin (NKDC)

69b. Declarations of interest - were received from Cllrs Fothergill, Aspinall, Harrington, Kent, Peck and Simons regarding the approval of the Precept for 2022/23, item 72g.

69c. Applications for dispensation – were granted to Cllrs Fothergill, Aspinall, Harrington, Kent, Peck and Simons in respect of approving the Precept for 2022/23.

70. Draft notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th December 2021 were approved for signature as the minutes.

71. Clerks Report:

- a. MUGA Cleaning – it was advised that the Netball Club are willing to contribute £350 towards the cleaning of the MUGA and Council were grateful for this offer.
- b. Half Year Internal Audit Report – the report was noted with no problems arising.
- c. Work to Trees on the Village Green and Penfold – it was advised that no permission is required as the work is for the removal of deadwood only.

72. Recommendations from Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, including the approval of the Precept 2022/23 – 10 January 2022. The notes were circulated prior to the meeting and the following recommendations were proposed, seconded and resolved:

- a. To replace the windows and fit interior blinds in the Community Centre, one room at a time, depending on cost and to seek quotations for the work.
- b. That the CCTV and alarm systems be updated following receipt of appropriate quotes. The money is to come from the 2022/23 projects budget.
- c. That the project to reinstate the railway station sign is deferred and will be considered for the 2023/24 financial year.
- d. That the project for an illuminated Christmas decoration is deferred and will be considered for the 2023/24 financial year.
- e. That the weeding treatment for the playing fields goes ahead and the quote from AGC for £733.20 is accepted.
- f. The new donations application form and the minor amendments to the policy and grant application form.
- g. The third quarter financial statements
- h. That the precept request for 2022/23 be set at £180,300.

73. The following items were resolved as stated:

- a. Request to use the outside of the field for dog walking – after some discussion it was proposed, seconded and resolved to allow this request.
- b. LCC Budget/Council Tax proposal for 2022/23 – it was agreed that individual Councillors may decide whether or not they wish to make any comments.

May 2021 – April 2022

Initials:

c. Updates from working parties:

- i. Play Equipment – it was advised that the procurement process has been completed and is on the Government website, the closing date for tenders is 7th March, further consultation will take place on the 9th, 11th and 13th March, with Council making the decision on the successful tender at the March 16th FPC meeting.
- ii. Jubilee Celebrations – a meeting with the organisers will take place in February.
- iii. Community Centre Bar – it was proposed, seconded and agreed to extend the remit of the working party to include drawing up an agreement with K-bars.

74. Planning Matters:

a. applications received:

21/1827: Kingsmead, 7 School Lane – demolition of existing garage and erection of a replacement garage. Washingborough Parish Council do not wish to make any comment on this application.

21/1708: Land ady 2 Park Lane – variation of condition.

Washingborough Parish Council do not wish to make any comment on this application.

21/1905: 13 Durham Close – front dormer extension & single storey rear extension.

Washingborough Parish Council do not wish to make any comment on this application.

21/1918: 10 1 The Fields – erection of single storey garden room.

Washingborough Parish Council do not wish to make any comment on this application.

b. to note decisions

21/1558: 57 Fen Road – approved.

21/1605: 14 Chester Close - approved

75. Financial Matters:

- a. The payment schedule, for December was proposed, seconded and resolved. The salaries payments were noted.
- b. The Unity Trust Bank statement for December was noted and signed

76. Council proposed, seconded and resolved to move into Closed Session (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) for the following items.

77. Staffing Matters:

The authorisation for the staffing panel to offer the post of Assistant Clerk to a suitable candidate was proposed, seconded and resolved.

78. The Church had returned the additional documentation requested and it was proposed, seconded and resolve to grant the sum of £300 with the conditions that the monies must be spent on grass cutting of the church yard, that official proof of this is provided to the Parish Council in the form of invoices from the contractor and that if this does not happen the monies must be repaid to the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm

District Councillors' Report
Heighington, Washingborough & Canwick
January 2022

Covid

Plan B is still in place but levels of infection appear to be dropping across the country.

From Monday 17 Jan, the period which people need to self-isolate reduced to 5 full days. Therefore, assuming a negative lateral flow test on days 5 and 6 – isolation can finish.

Data as at date shown:

- England 1083 positive tests per 100,000 (17 Jan)
- North Kesteven 1213 (17 Jan)
- Heighington area 902 (12 Jan)
- Washingborough & Canwick area 851 (12 Jan)
- 91% of adult population (12 and over) have had 1st dose
- 83% have had 2nd dose
- 63% have had the Booster jab.

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grants

Hospitality and Leisure businesses which offer in-person services in a fixed-rate paying premises can apply for this grant up to 14 Feb 22. A further grant for the supply chain servicing Hospitality and Leisure is being developed and details will be announced shortly.

Virtual Council Meetings

The Association of Democratic Services Officers and Lawyers in Local Government have launched a petition to give discretion to Councils to decide for themselves whether or not to revert to remote meetings. NKDC has supported the proposal and individuals can sign the petition at change.org. Over 7,000 signatures have already been received.

Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards

Landlords are obliged to ensure that properties they let have a minimum Energy Performance Certificate rated E or above. Letting properties with an F or G rating could be an offence and the Council can use enforcement powers to ensure property ratings are increased to E.

Call Before You Serve

Is a scheme designed to help landlords tackle tenancy issues and accordingly to prevent homelessness. Landlords can contact the Council if they need assistance with rent arrears, mediation, communications issues and advice on renting property.

LCC Report

Highways Budget

The Highways budget has a hole of £12m which needs to be resolved so that the council can continue to fill potholes, carry out its winter maintenance schedule and necessary repairs and resurfacing. This £12m shortfall is because the treasury has cut highways budgets by 25% across England and the government expects each highways authority to find the extra funding from their own resources.

Highways Decarbonisation

As part of Lincolnshire County Council's Lincoln Transport Strategy, not only is the ambition to help people get to their destinations safely and quickly and in support of a resilient local economy, it is also our ambition to reduce the carbon output of our transport choices. This decarbonisation strategy includes the improvement of the road and rail network, the use of new technologies to reduce the need to travel, to increase the access to open spaces and the natural environment and the development of green corridors as part of the planning process. This strategy can be found at: lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/3608/lincoln-transport-strategy

Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMI) Report

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue was inspected by HMI in April and the report was published in December. The service was found to be good in how it responds to emergencies, but two causes for concern were identified: equality, diversity and inclusion and; its inspection program. These two causes for concern have now been addressed. HMI will return to Lincolnshire in February to inspect progress.