

Washingborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 16th March 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 Mrs B Bland

Cllr R Harrington

Cllr G Kent

Cllr G Peck

Cllr Mrs L Simons

Cllr Mrs R Whipp

Miss K Broddle (Clerk)

Also present: Cllrs Tinsley, Carrington & Goodwin (NKDC)

91a. Apologies were received from - LCC Cllr Cawrey

91b. Declarations of interest - none

91c. Applications for dispensation – none

92. Draft notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th February 2022 were approved for signature as the minutes.

93. Clerks Report:

- a. The MUGA will be cleaned on April 4th, but is weather dependant.
- b. The joint letter to LCC Highways, regarding the Branstpn/Bardney Causeway has been sent.
- c. The LALC News will be forwarded to all Councillors.
- d. The Pavilion changing rooms have had to be cleaned, as some of the football teams are not doing this. An invoice has been sent to reclaim the time taken for this.
- e. The Government has advised that Covid-19 guidance has been removed regarding the Councils' properties.

94. The following items were resolved as stated:

- a. The work to the fire alarm in the Pavilion was proposed, seconded and agreed.
- b. The update on the recent Four Parishes meeting was given.
- c. The request from Bread + Cheese to use the Community Centre Car Park once a month was proposed, seconded and resolved.
- d. To purchase the basic website support from LALC was proposed, seconded and resolved
- e. Updates from working parties: It was proposed, seconded and resolved to move item e I into the closed session
- f. Play Equipment – It was proposed, seconded and resolved to move this item into the closed session
 - i. tenders are awaited, the closing date for these being 7th March 2022
 - ii. Jubilee Celebrations – these are well underway and the event is being advertised in Sheepwash and various Face book accounts
 - iii. Council Policies – the first meeting has taken place and a way forward agreed, this includes initially looking at ploicies on the website and associated links to other policies.

95. Planning Matters:

a. applications received:

22/0283/: Ramah, 5 Granson Way – erection of single storey extension

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

b. to note decisions:

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Initials:

21/18275: 7 School Lane – approved.
21/1708: Land adj Park Lane - approved.
20/0014 & 0015: Ferry Boat Inn, Hight Street – approved.

96. Financial Matters:

- a. The payment schedule, for March was proposed, seconded and resolved. The salaries payments were noted.
- b. The accounts and budgets for February were noted.
- c. The Unity Trust Bank statement for February was noted and signed.

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

98. Staffing Matters:

It was advised that the Clerk's six monthly appraisal has been completed and was very positive.

99. Play Park Tenders:

Following the scoring and public consultation it was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept the tender from Kompan for £121997.32

The meeting closed at 2.40pm

March 2022

Covid

After several weeks of falling cases, numbers have risen in the last week although they are well below the peaks of Jan and early Feb 22. The time delay in establishing the local numbers against those of the whole of North Kesteven will be seen in the detail below. It is therefore anticipated that the number of cases reported in the ward will rise to reflect those of the whole NK area.

Data as at date shown:

- England 459 positive tests per 100,000 (11 Mar)
- North Kesteven 855 (11 Mar)
- Heighington area 388 (6 Mar)
- Washingborough & Canwick area 416 (6 Mar)
- 91% of adult population (12 and over) have had 1st dose
- 85% have had 2nd dose
- 67% have had the Booster jab.

Council Meeting – March 2022

A few notable issues were resolved at this month's Council meeting;

- The Council showed its support for the people of Ukraine with a minute's applause.
- The **NK Plan** and the **NK Financial Plan** were both approved. The NK plan establishes the Council's priorities for the years 2022 – 2025 and the financial plan creates the framework for financial sustainability, with the capacity to invest in Council services and priorities.
- The Council passed a motion to reduce the Planning Committee to 15 councilor's which will meet every three weeks.
- Addressing the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Council voted to maintain 'Chairman' as the default form of address but recognised that individual members might wish to decide how they should personally be addressed.

County Councillor's Report

March 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what areas of work to support Ukrainian refugees, and our settled Ukrainian communities, are currently progressing.

Please be assured that 'business as usual' is being carried out across Lincolnshire County Council, but I feel it is important to focus on your county council's response to the humanitarian crisis engulfing Europe at this time.

Utilising partner agencies across the county, who have sector-specific experience, training and resources (and co-ordinated under the auspices of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum), the following preparations and activities are already taking place, grouped into four main areas:

One: Outbound Donations and Gifts and Support for New Arrivals Locally

The Lincolnshire Community Foundation is leading a group in the county - including British Red Cross and Churches Together - to advise on donations. For cash donations, the county council recommends that these are made through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). Details can be found at: www.dec.org.uk The DEC is a government-backed body which brings together 15 aid agencies to deliver a co-ordinated response to global emergencies. This is safe and targeted at specific needs and you can be certain that your donation is reaching the places where it is needed. In addition, many local organisations and communities have self-organised to collect donations. The Lincolnshire Community Foundation is collating information on these organisations and is responding to those which are seeking support and advice. The Lincolnshire Community Foundation is also developing mechanisms for receiving local donations to support new Ukrainian arrivals if and when they arrive in our county.

Two: Intelligence, Community Tensions and Local Impacts

The Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF) is leading this activity which includes LRF colleagues, Lincolnshire Police and Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. I understand that invites have also gone to Boston, South Holland and City of Lincoln councils (which have identified populations of Ukrainian origin) in order to understand who may have family members attempting to travel to the UK. The group has agreed to produce a regular update to share with partners in order to inform targeted planning and response.

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Initials:

Three: Emotional support for those in this country now, plus potential family arrivals

The Wellbeing Service is developing a process to triage the needs of those people in our county who have families in Ukraine and who may need emotional support. We are trying to get this live by the end of this week. The group will also develop plans for wraparound support for new arrivals from Ukraine, with group members including Churches Together Faith Responders, local community group and mental health services.

Four: Receiving refugees and evacuees into Lincolnshire

The Lincolnshire Resettlement Partnership (which includes North Kesteven District Council as the lead partner on this aspect) already includes all key agencies and has significant experience in receiving new arrivals, often at very short notice (from the work the county's local authorities undertook during the Syrian and Afghan refugee crises). Of particular interest to people who have already been in touch with me with kind offers of accommodation, please make note of the contact email LincsResettlementPartnership@n-kesteven.gov.uk which has been set up to receive offers of accommodation. So, in the first instance, we are asking everyone to register their details at this address, or, for those without access to the internet - you can ring 01522 552222. As there is currently no information on what the government approach will be, there is no further information (on things like timings, numbers, any additional needs, unaccompanied children etc) that we can give to people kindly offering accommodation and additional support at this time. This will be reviewed when we have more clarity from central government and when we have specific requests or instructions.

As I know you appreciate, the devastating war in Ukraine and the resulting humanitarian crisis is a rapidly changing situation, but please be assured that daily council business is still taking place. I know you will join with me in our efforts to offer such aid and assistance as we can to those fleeing the destruction of their homes in Ukraine.

Cllr Lindsey Cawrey