

Washingborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 6.00pm in the Pavilion meeting room, Fen Road, Washingborough, Lincoln. LN4 1AB

Present:

Cllr Mrs J Aspinall – Vice Chairman

- Cllr Mrs B Bland
- Cllr R Clark
- Cllr Mrs M Gibbons
- Cllr Mrs L Hannam
- Cllr R Harrington
- Cllr G Peck
- Cllr Mrs L Simons
- Cllr Mrs W Skelton
- Cllr Mrs R Whipp

In Attendance: Miss K Broddle (Clerk) and Mrs E Salter (Assistant Clerk)

Also Present: None.

Members of the Public: None.

Public Forum: None.

Reports from LCC and NKDC – NKDC report appended. No report received from LCC.

40. Localism Act 2011 requirements:

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr G Kent and also Cllrs Carrington, Goodwin (NKDC) and Cllr L Cawrey (LCC).

Declarations of Interest received from Cllr Harrington, regarding LALC items.

Applications for Dispensation: None.

41. Draft notes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th July 2023 were proposed, seconded and resolved for signature as the minutes.

42. Matters Raised at Public Forum: None.

43. Clerks Report:

- a. To note that the Bowls Club Service Agreement has been signed parties.
- b. PAT Testing has been carried out for the current year, including items belonging to Penfold Players.
- c. LCC have accepted responsibility for the land on Main Road/Policeman's Lane and will reimburse cost
- d. Comments on the proposed speed reduction on Fen Road have been returned to LCC Highways.
- e. Councillors were reminded that the Macmillan Coffee morning will be held on 29th September.
- f. Councillors had no comments on the upgrade to the telephone mast.
- g. Councillors were reminded that they have signed up to the Civility & Respect pledge, copies were distributed.

43. The following items were resolved as stated:

- a. Options from Welton Tree Services for work to the Maple on the village green – it was proposed, seconded and resolved to go with option 2, reduce the whole tree in height and reshape sides to match, at a cost of £300 + VAT. Permission from NKDC must be sought initially as the tree is in the Conservation area.
- b. Proposed work by National Grid at the electricity distribution system on the playing field – it was proposed to agree to the work with the proviso that all remedial work being undertaken by National Grid or their availability

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- c. Opening of the Warm Room Coffee Morning – it was proposed, seconded and agreed that this will be held fortnightly from 5th October to 14th December and then reviewed. Councillors were asked to email their availability to the clerking team.
- d. A further member of the Staffing Panel to bring the Panel up to the required number of members – it was proposed, seconded and resolved for Cllr L Hannam to join the panel.
- e. Report of the Policies Working Party – members of the working party who were present stated that their last meeting was prior to the July Council meeting, at which all reviewed policies were resolved and they had nothing further to add.

44. Planning Matters.

a. Applications received:

No	Planning ref no.	Address	Work Requested	WPC Comments
i.	23/0806/FUL	Storage Land, Five Mile Business Park	Change of use of land to B* self-storage facility	No comment
ii.	23/0813/HOUS	14 The Orchard	Dropped kerb	No comment
iii.	23/0926/HOUS	124 Granson Way	Erection of detached annexe as self-contained accommodation (part retrospective), amended to hobbies room	No comment
iv.	23/1083TCA	26 High Street	T1 Cypress – Fell	No comment

b. To ratify comments on the following applications returned under Clerks delegated powers:

No	Planning ref no.	Address	Work Requested	WPC Comments
i.	23/0835/FUL	Cloudside Stud, Fen Road	Temporary siting of mobile home (retrospective)	It was ratified that no comments were made on this application
ii.	23/0839/TPO	38 Fen Road	2 roadside trees – crown lift to 3m, prune to clear street light	It was ratified that no comments were made on this application
iii.	13/0885/TPO	Washingborough Hall Hotel, Church Hill	T1 Maple – fell T2 Sorbus – fell	It was ratified that no comments were made on this application

c. To note the following decisions from NKDC, on the following applications received:

No	Planning ref no.	Address	Decision
i.	22/1139/FUL	Dell House	Approved
ii.	23/0595/HOUS	Stone Pit Cottage, Canwick Road	Approved
iii.	23/0642/HOUS	The Rectory, Church Hill	Approved

45. Financial matters:

- a. The payment schedule for August 2023 was ratified were noted.

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- b. The payment schedule for September 2023 was proposed, seconded and resolved and the salaries were noted.
- c. The accounts and budgets for August 2023 were noted.
- d. The Unity Trust Bank balance for July and August 2023 was noted and signed.
- e. It was proposed, seconded and resolved to have the website maintained through LALC for the remainder of the current financial year at a cost of £85.
- f. The costs of between £1300 and £1560 from Selmec for repair work to 13 emergency lights, following the annual inspection, was proposed seconded and resolved.
- g. The purchase of the Christmas Tree, ordered under Clerk's delegated powers was ratified.
- h. The report and certificate from the external auditor for the 2022/23 AGAR was noted.

46. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was proposed, seconded and resolved to move into closed session for the following item: none

47. Staffing Matters

- a. The resignation of the Caretaker was noted.
- b. Changes to the job description/duties of the Environmental Warden to include cleaning was proposed, seconded and resolved.
- c. To recruit an additional cleaner for the Community Centre and Pavilion was proposed, seconded and resolved.
- d. Council was advised that the Clerks appraisal had been undertaken by the Staffing Panel and members thanked the clerk for all her hard work.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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Date.....

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS: August 2023			Amount
Petty Cash			
			NONE
Current Account			
30-Aug-23	NKDC	NDR (CC)	£ 380.00
30-Aug-23	NKDC	NDR (P)	£ 358.00
30-Aug-23	XLN	Telephone & Broadband	£ 96.85
30-Aug-23	ESPO	Gas (CC)	£ 136.62
30-Aug-23	ESPO	Gas (Pav)	£ 78.72
30-Aug-23	NKDC	Election Costs	£ 78.64
30-Aug-23	ESPO	Cleaning Items	£ 117.48
30-Aug-23	Sharp Shine	Window Cleaning	£ 39.00
30-Aug-23	Wave (Anglian Water)	Water Rates (CC)	£ 141.41
30-Aug-23	PKF Little John	External Auditors	£ 1,008.00
30-Aug-23	Citron Hygiene	Sanitary Disposal	£ 112.93
30-Aug-23	Rigby Taylor	White Line Marker	£ 345.06
30-Aug-23	Glendale	Grass Cutting (Chapel Park & Ferry Ln)	£ 133.63
30-Aug-23	Total Energies	Electric (CC July)	£ 295.38
			£ 3,321.72
Salaries etc.			
			£ 7,771.64
		Total expenditure: August 2023	£ 11,093.36

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Petty Cash			
12-Jul-23	Pitstop	Petrol	£ 41.98
12-Jul-23	B&Q	Cement	£ 10.15
			£ 52.13
Current Account			
19-Jul-23	NKDC	NDR (CC)	£ 380.00
19-Jul-23	NKDC	NDR (P)	£ 358.00
19-Jul-23	XLN	Telephone & Broadband	£ 96.85
19-Jul-23	ESPO	Gas (CC April)	£ 931.81
19-Jul-23	ESPO	Gas (Pav April)	£ 241.95
19-Jul-23	Hirer	Damage to Handbag	£ 22.00
19-Jul-23	ESPO	Cleaning Items	£ 51.37
19-Jul-23	Watson Lindsey Arb	Tree Report	£ 297.90
19-Jul-23	Welton Tree Services	Work to Trees (playing field)	£ 360.00
19-Jul-23	ESPO	Gas (CC May)	£ 192.61
19-Jul-23	ESPO	Gas (P May)	£ 141.80
19-Jul-23	Selmec	Replacement Lightd (CC)	£ 810.00
19-Jul-23	Selmec	Repair of floor buffer	£ 99.30
19-Jul-23	Glendale	Grass Cutting (Chapel Park & Ferry Ln)	£ 133.63
19-Jul-23	Ricoh	Photocopier Charges	£ 227.81
19-Jul-23	ESPO	Stationery	£ 42.05
19-Jul-23	Total Energies	Electric (CC May)	£ 299.29
19-Jul-23	Total Energies	Electric (CC June)	£ 288.78
19-Jul-23	K Broddle	Land Registry Search	£ 14.95
19-Jul-23	ESPO	Gas (CC June)	£ 136.62
19-Jul-23	ESPO	Gas (P June)	£ 78.72
19-Jul-23	Mower Magic	Hedge Trimmer Cutters	£ 114.51
			£ 3,553.29
	Salaries etc		
			£ 9,227.62
		Total expenditure: July 2023	£ 12,833.04

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**NKDC Report
July – September
Cllrs Harrington, Goodwin and Carrington.
New housing**

Six new residences within a development named in honour of a local individual are either let or on the verge of being let. A total investment of £1.1 million has been allocated to bring forth the three-bedroom residences situated on David's Court, off Lincoln Road in Holdingham. These residences have been developed by Lafford Homes, a company owned by North Kesteven District Council, with the objective of satisfying the local housing demand by setting high standards and delivering top-quality market and affordable rental homes.

Great emphasis has been placed on the quality of these residences. For instance, all six of them are equipped with solar panels to reduce carbon emissions and make them more cost-effective to operate for their occupants. Furthermore, they boast larch cladding and double batted roofs on their exteriors, and this meticulous attention to detail extends to their interiors. The kitchens are designed to be spacious and bright, complete with built-in appliances. The primary bathrooms feature full-height tiling around the bathtub and shower.

There is a strong emphasis on natural light indoors and ample storage space to ensure that these residences are comfortable to live in and cater to the needs of the residents. Additional thoughtful touches include pre-installed curtain rails for the tenants and household waste bins already provided and ready for use. As of the current moment, all these residences have either been leased or have lease agreements pending. Two prospective tenants expressed interest in these properties at the outset of the construction phase and have been eagerly awaiting their completion, with plans to move in now in progress.

For more information visit [HERE](#).

Wheelchair Accessibility Event at Lincolnshire Airsoft Club

In June, the Council's Chairman paid a visit to the Lincolnshire Airsoft Club, where they hosted their inaugural event tailored for individuals who use wheelchairs. Located in Washingborough, the club has made significant adjustments to its facilities to accommodate individuals with various additional needs, hidden disabilities, limited mobility, and those dependent on wheelchairs for mobility. During the visit, the Chairman had the opportunity to meet with Ian Lawrence, the club's owner, and engage with participants of the unique wheelchair-oriented event, gaining valuable first-hand feedback about their experiences at the facility.

Shaping a Fresh Vision for Sleaford's Market Place

Proposals have been presented for the transformation of Sleaford's Market Place into an enhanced public space, with the removal of car parking, aiming to fulfil longstanding desires for the optimal utilization of this central area. North Kesteven District Council has submitted a planning application to bring this vision to life, with the goal of creating a welcoming venue for public gatherings, an improved market, and a place for people to meet and unwind.

If approved, the project will be funded by a government grant of over £1 million dedicated to economic revitalization. The construction work is scheduled to take place from the latter half of 2024 through to spring 2025.

This plan has been developed in direct response to the community's calls for an upgraded public space at the heart of the town. These calls were echoed in two masterplan scoping exercises conducted in recent years, which garnered thousands of comments as valuable feedback.

Key aspects of the plan include:

- Eliminating parking within the market square while preserving limited provisions for church-related activities.
- Maintaining the market, relocating it temporarily during the construction phase to a safer car-free area. The market is operated by the town council.
- Prioritizing the space for pedestrian use.
- Incorporating landscaped areas surrounded by ample seating.
- Creating a versatile space suitable for public events, akin to last year's successful River Light displays.
- Introducing new paving, enhancing the lighting around the war memorial, and improving the overall setting.
- Injecting more vibrancy into the area.

The objective of encouraging people to spend more time in the town is to enhance their enjoyment and increase support for local businesses. A comprehensive planning application will soon be open for public comments and responses, inviting input from residents, traders, and anyone with a vested interest in the planning process.

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See more detail of the plans [HERE](#).

Additionally there is a video clip of Cllr Richard Wright explaining how it's looking to fulfil a long-held aspiration for the town expressed by the public through master planning over the years which can be found [HERE](#).

Launch of New NHS Gambling Support Service in the East Midlands

An NHS service, offered at no cost, has been introduced to provide specialized treatment and assistance to individuals in the East Midlands grappling with gambling-related issues.

Named the East Midlands Gambling Harms Service and situated in Derby, this service is geared towards offering specialized therapies, treatment, and recovery support to those affected by gambling addiction and gambling-related challenges in the regions of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, and Rutland.

The team delivering this service consists of clinical psychologists, therapists, mental health practitioners, psychiatrists, and individuals with first-hand experience in overcoming gambling addiction.

Most of the support will be delivered through virtual treatment programs and group workshops. Additional assistance and guidance will also be extended to family members and caregivers. Collaborations with other agencies will be established to address associated issues like mental health, debt management, and housing.

Referrals are currently being accepted, and individuals concerned about their gambling habits can either self-refer or request a healthcare professional to make a referral on their behalf. This service is administered by the Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

For more information visit [HERE](#).

The Motive-8 Challenge: A Spark for Autumn Activity

As the memory of summer fades and the appeal of staying active diminishes, Motive-8 September arrives to inject vigour into the autumn season. The rationale behind Motive-8 lies in the average person's daily routine: eight hours dedicated to work and, if fortunate, eight hours allocated for sleep, leaving only an eight-hour window for other essential tasks. Often, self-care takes a back seat. This challenge presents a week filled with enjoyable activities, culminating on the eighth day to encourage participants to sustain their newfound healthy habits, fostering an environment of staying active, motivated, refreshed, and engaged.

Registration for the challenge opens on September 1st and remains accessible until midnight on National Fitness Day (September 20th). The Motive-8 Challenge unfolds from Thursday, September 21st, through Friday, September 29th.

Register your interest [HERE](#).

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