

## MEETING OF ROPSLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Ropsley & District Parish Council Meeting** held in the Memorial Hall, Ropsley on Thursday, 13 September 2018

**CLLrs present:** Cllr P Buckley – Chair, Cllr A Sentence, Cllr A Marshall, Cllr G Reeves, Cllr N Gosbee, Cllr J Leslie, Cllr K Porter and Mr Adrian Illingworth - Clerk

Chair welcomed all present

Meeting started 7.00pm

Public Forum: Two members of the public were present.

Item 9.3 was brought forward to give an update to the public present. The Chair explained Mr Duggan is still interested in developing the site but has been delayed due to paper work. His intention is to meet with planners to seek an agreement in principle before arranging to meet the residents.

Public present would like to see what will happen to the trees on the site. This will be covered by Mr Duggan.

A member of the public raised the question of people roaming round the village, knocking on doors and making a nuisance. There has been a number of cars broken in to, with others suffering damage. The Clerk is to contact the Inspector at Grantham West pointing out elderly people are becoming worried.

Travellers, have again, moved into Ropsley Woods. The Forestry Commission are aware.

Public forum closed at 7.15pm

Council meeting opened at 7.17pm

### **2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Rowbotham, and District Councillor Stephens. Reason for absence noted and accepted.

### **3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None

### **4 SIGNING OF THE NOTES (18/410)**

Council resolved to approve the notes of the meeting, held on the 24 July, to be a true and accurate reflection of the meetings. The Chair signed the notes.

### **5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (18/411)**

5.1 Matter deferred to next meeting when a decision will need to be made

5.2 After discussion it was resolved to make a payment of £100, for the cutting of grass in Braceby.

5.3 Council were made aware no payment towards the Church Clock had been made since 2015. As a result it was resolved to make a donation of £300. Cllr Sentence asked for this item to be placed on the Annual Parish Meeting agenda, in the future. The Clock is in need of repair at a cost of £2500.

### **6.0 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS (18/412)**

No report given by Cllr Stephens (Dist Cllr)

Cllr M Hill joined the meeting at 7.45pm and reported Grantham bypass is progressing but still have issues with Highways and Network Rail.

Grantham hospital is now open until midnight but no decision has been made towards its future. Discussions are taking place with East Midland Ambulance Services. The NHS have many problems.

County Council considering three amenity grass cuts per year

95% of area now has faster broadband. This will increase to 97%.

Cllr Hill to take up with Highways the potholes outside the village hall as well as road signage.

More surface dressing is taking place throughout the County.  
Cllr Hill to contact the Clerk with a contact in Highways so a walkabout can be arranged.  
Cllr Hill was informed by members of the recent spate of crime in the village.

#### **7.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Nothing to report. Next meeting will be 17 September when a draft plan will be considered.

#### **8.0 HIGHWAYS (18/413)**

- 8.1 A discussion took place regarding whether or not to receive a grant to maintain the grass areas, or give responsibility back to LCC. It was resolved to contact Highways to ask for them to take back ownership. Clerk also to ask why Sapperton and Braceby are not covered by amenity cutting.
- 8.2 The road from Crown Hill to Humby Road is to be closed for 5 days. No explanation as to why. Clerk to contact Highways.
- 8.3 Cllr Hill to take up with Highways. Pothole on the Corner in Little Humby still not been repaired.

#### **9.0 PLANNING (18/414)**

No applications received

9.1 Applications granted.

9.1.1 S18/1024 Ropsley House. Tree removal approved

9.1.2 S18/0805 Red House Farm. Single storey extension and porch approved

9.2 Comments regarding planning permission for static caravans at Cold Harbour have been submitted by Council to SKDC. Council against development.

9.3 Refer to public forum

All applications can be viewed on SKDC's web site

#### **10.0 FINANCE (18/415)**

10.1 To note income received:

None

10.2 To approve the following payments:

10.2.1 N Gosbee – Fuel	75.56 and 96.88
10.2.2 CRM	85.00
10.2.3 D Doughty – Clearing moles	60.00
10.2.4 Clerk's expenses	59.50
10.2.5 AB Electrical Services – Defib	162.00

Council resolved to approve all payments.

10.4 and 10.5 Council resolved to approve income and expenditure account and bank reconciliation.

#### **11.0 DEFIB UPDATE (18/416)**

Report read out by Clerk in Cllr Rowbotham's absence.

Both defibs have now been installed and have been logged with Lincolnshire Ambulance Service.

Thanks to Cllr N Gosbee for helping clean the telephone box and making at fitting a map/info board for residents and visitors.

Training still to be done. Awaiting reply from the School.

Humby, Braceby and Sapperton defibs will need replacement batteries. Costings to be obtained.

#### **12.0 CEMETERY (18/417)**

12.1 Approx. 100 – 150 plots left.

12.2 The Clerk asked Council if all Cemetery matters could be passed to Cllr Sentence, Gosbee and Mrs Mavis Grossmith. All three are familiar with the graveyard. Council resolved to approve. Clerk to produce letter stating who will look after future burial and to notify funeral directors.

12.3 Letter to be sent by Council authorising cutting of the trees.

#### **13.0 MATTERS AFFECTING THE VILLAGE (18/418)**

Despite new fencing being erected, travellers have again gained access to the Woods. Forestry Commission aware

#### **14.0 COMMUNICATION (18/419)**

14.1 The logo produced is not satisfactory. To consult with designer.

14.2 Resident has agreed to produce a new sign for the village at no cost. Council to review.

14.3 Council resolved to adopt Social Media Policy. Clerk to update with details of Facebook page and Village Web site.

Councillor Sentence informed the Council the last ceremony for the last WW1 fatality will take place at the Church on 21 October at 9.30.

Remembrance Service to take place in the Church on the 11 November. A request has been made for all to be in Church by 9.30am

#### **15.0 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be Thursday, 8 November in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm