



# Wellingore Parish Council

## Notes of the Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm

*Please be advised that these are notes of the meeting taken by the Clerk and cannot in any way be regarded as the official minutes of council proceedings until they are approved and signed at the next meeting.*

Present: Niall Shaw (Chair), Cllr Mills (Vice Chair), Alex Theaker, Paul Hathaway, Karen Mitchener, Ben Hausermann, Patricia Reid  
Cllr Lucille Hagues  
Cllr Marianne Overton  
Clerk: Chantelle Hausermann

### **/1 Public Forum**

Nil

### **/2 To receive apologies and reasons given.**

Cllr Mountjoy (Work)

### **/3 To approve the notes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

Proposed Cllr Mills, Seconded Cllr Theaker – All in agreement.

### **/4 To receive declarations of interest on any item on the agenda.**

Cllr Mills declared an interest on item 9.2. Cllr Mills husband is the applicant.

### **/5 To discuss matters arising.**

Nil

### **/6 Councillors Reports.**

**/1 Councillor L Hagues** – Nothing further to add to her September newsletter

**/2 Councillor M Overton** – There will be no ticket offices at Sleaford or Grantham which could cause issues for individuals who do not have access to the internet or have disabilities.

Fosse Green Energy – The local council are concerned about the size of the solar panel farm. 20% of the land is good land and can be used for suitable farming. There are also concerns about the control of the expansion of the solar farms. Local landowners are being contacted directly to sell their land for solar farms. This would seriously impact the production of wheat.

Lost Village Festival – The noise of the festival was discussed. Cllr Overton has asked for a meeting with the organisers, the priority is that the sound is within the legal limits for future events.

### **/7 To consider matters for discussion and resolution**

**/1 to update the Parish Council on the purchase of a new dog bin for Memorial Hall Field. (Parish Clerk)**

PC spoke to Jenny at NKDC who suggested a Topsy 2000 bin. Rough cost is £200, funds to be transferred to PC for purchasing. NKDC will then add it to their disposal agents list

**/2 to provide an update on the purchase and installation of posts around the Memorial**

**Hall Field. (Cllr Hausermann)**

Posts are approximately £1000 and installation is £1100. Cllr Hausermann to obtain an accurate cost, funds will then be transferred for payment and receipts will be provided at the next meeting. It was discussed that hedges should be planted in between the stumps.

**/3 to discuss the CCTV & a defibrillator at Wellingore Memorial Hall. (Chairman).**

There have been issues at the playing field and the current CCTV is old. It has been accessed a new CCTV is required. The price for a new CCTV and Installation is £2318.40 inc VAT. The Parish Council have confirmed that they are content for the CCTV to be purchased and installed, however, there are concerns relating to GDPR and access to the facility particularly on personal phones.

**ACTION: Chairman to liaise with Chairman of WMH.**

Defibrillator – Would it be a good idea to have one at the village hall. The PC have purchased a defibrillator for the Wellingore Garage and there is one at the Wellingore Hall

**ACTION: PC to pass on details of the grants available.**

**/4 to discuss the Fosse Green Energy detail, confirm attendance at the meeting and discuss the response (email sent by Cllr Mountjoy to Parish Council)**

Cllr Overton shared the details of a consultation meeting in Thorpe on the Hill on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. It is strongly encouraged that Parish Councils have representation. Cllr Mills advised that she may be able to go. The Parish Council voted on support for the Fosse Green Energy, 2 Parish Councillors abstained and the remainder of the Parish Council were against the project.

**/5 to discuss a play park improvements and the Annual Inspection Report. (Cllr Mitchener)**

Cllr Mitchener and Cllr Hausermann met with Wicksteed to discuss improvements for the park. A climbing frame, a roundabout and a tennis area were quoted at £23,000. Cllr Mitchener will share the quotes with the Parish Council and gauge opinion. There are a number of grants available to support village parks. It was discussed that the opinions of the village are necessary. It was agreed by the Parish Council that Cllr Mitchener will obtain accurate quotes, a grant will then be submitted to support with financial costs. If a grant application is successful the opinions of parishioners will be requested.

**ACTION: Cllr Mitchener**

**/6 to discuss an action plan for bulb/tree and hedge planting in addition to tree tidying around the area including overgrown trees and hedges on Highcliffe. (All)**

Bulb and hedge planting will take place between the posts at Wellingore Memorial Hall Field. A decision needs to be made on where we are planting and who is planting. Areas could include all Parish Council green spaces.

**ACTION: Cllr Hathaway**

The tree survey has been completed and 35 trees need work. Quotes to be obtained for essential works to be completed. Permission needs to be obtained for trees to be trimmed in a conservation area. Cllr Hathaway to liaise with local tree surgeons to discuss works.

**ACTION: Cllr Hathaway**

The overgrown trees near Highcliffe are the responsibility of LCC. Neil Gratton has been tasked to trim the trees.

**/7 to discuss the Parish Councils activity on Social Media (Cllr Hathaway)**

Chairman to liaise with the individual who set up the original FB account to discover how to grant other councillors access to maintain this account.

**/8 to provide an update on the Christmas Fayre and to discuss future village events. (All)**

An email was shared from the Chairman of WMH in relation to planned events. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

**/9 to discuss the Millgate Road block. (Chairman)**

LCC confirmed that whilst initial consultation was sought there was not a formal application to close the road. Parish Clerk to liaise with LCC Highways to ask if they will write a letter to explain the requirements to follow the correct procedures.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

**/10 to provide an update on the derelict cottage in High Street. (Chairman)**

The chairman has met with the current owner and has discussed his aspirations for the property. The property has been weeded slightly but further works must be completed. The owner confirmed that he is paying council tax. If there is no progress further consultation will take place with NKDC.

**/11 to discuss the collapsed barn opposite the Red Lion. (Chairman/Cllr Theaker)**

The wall is looking very precarious and there are concerns that the gable end will collapse and cause further damage. Cllr Theaker is in consultation with the owner in relation to extending the safety fence to prevent any damage or injury.

**/12 to discuss the new stone wall. (Chairman)**

Planning permission was not sought for the wall, the Parish Clerk has spoken to NKDC Planning who confirmed that planning has not been sought, however, should an application of been submitted then it would likely have been approved. NKDC Planning advised that as the wall is now on the highway they would write to them and ask for retrospective planning permission.

**/13 to discuss the phone box library and necessary improvements. (Chairman)**

It was agreed that a joiner should quote to make the current facility serviceable, however, this may be difficult as it is MDF. Two quotes should be requested, one to improve the current bookshelf and one to replace in total.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

**/14 to discuss Diamond Jubilee Wood responsibilities. (Chairman)**

The land is owned by the Theaker family, the land was donated but the responsibility of upkeep is the Parish Council.

**/15 to discuss the Barclays Community Involvement. (Chairman)**

Barclays have confirmed that they are not able to come back this year. Barclays confirmed that they will be back next year.

**/16 to discuss a response and decision on the WI Bench. (All)**

Alex Theaker is to send the Parish Clerk details of the bench which is approved by the Parish Council. Parish Clerk will share this with the WI.

ACTION: Parish Clerk/Cllr Theaker

**/8 To note correspondence received:**

No Comments

**/9 Planning**

**/1 Notification of Intended Works to Trees in a Conservation Area.**

**Application reference:** 23/0914/TCA

No Comments

**/2 Prior Approval Development**

**Planning Application Reference:** 22/0869/FUL

No Comments

**/10 Finance**

/1 To approve payments (see below) and to confirm that the Council approve both cheque and online payments.

/2 To confirm bank balances on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 as:

Current account at 05.09.23	11,486.13
Deposit account at 05.09.23	43,740.84

Confirmed by all.

**/11 To discuss any other business.**

/1 Nil

**/12** To note the date of the next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm of Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm

signed..... dated.....

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Chantelle Hausermann - Parish Clerk

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List of payments approved:

35	03.08.23	CH	August Salary	£624.88
36	03.08.23	HMRC	PAYE	£156.20
37	03.08.23	CBGM	July Grass	£360.00
38	03.08.23	WMH	Summer Fete/2 x Tea@3	£2048.00
39	03.08.23	Wicksteed	Annual Play Park Inspection	£269.28
40	03.08.23	NGMS	July Ground Maintenance	£312.00

41	03.08.23	AM	July Litter	£110.00
<b>Total paid in August: £3880.36</b>				
42	11.09.23	CH	September Salary	£624.88
43	11.09.23	HMRC	PAYE	£156.20
44	11.09.23	CBGM	September Grass	£360.00
45	11.09.23	NKDC	Tree Survey	£831.60
46	11.09.23	NKDC	Election 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	£47.50
47	11.09.23	NGMS	August Ground Maintenance	£204.77
48	11.09.23	AM	August Litter	£110.00
49	11.09.23	CH	Expenses for Play Park Signs	£50.76
<b>Total for September: £2385.71</b>				

Proposed: Cllr Mills / Seconded: Cllr Theaker  
All in agreement