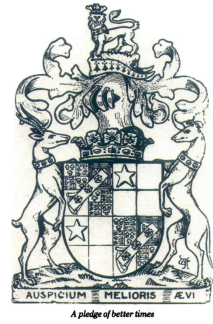


Redbourne Parish Annual Meeting

All electors are invited to attend the Annual Parish meeting to be held at St Andrews Church on Monday March 2 2020
The meeting will commence at 1900 under the Chairman of Cllr Lynn Wainwright.

At the meeting residents will have the opportunity to developments and action over the course of the past year and participate in discussions regarding actions for the next year.



Lynn Wainwright – Chairman, Redbourne Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Redbourne
The meeting started at 19:00

There were 7 members of the public present.

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting.

Minutes of the meeting from March 2019 approved as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting of Redbourne.

- The purpose of the meeting is so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and allows you the electors to have your say on anything you consider is important to the people of the Parish.
- You may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of Redbourne. This will be welcomed, and it is the whole purpose of the meeting.
- Play Area: Last year the PC undertook a survey and invited Children, Parents and Grandparents to share their views and ideas for regenerating the Play Area, information was then collated and sent to various companies for tender, we estimated the costs to be approximately £20k, we submitted a request for funding to NLC Community Fund and one of Cllrs presented our application to the Council, we were given to understand that we would be successful for the whole of the funding, unfortunately funding from the Community Grant of £10k fell far short of our expectations. We were very disappointed, especially when learning that Broughton Parish had been awarded £580k for 3 football pitches, well over the usual £150k limit for the fund, I'm unaware of the Community Funding Budget for 2019, but based on this year's budget of £500k, Broughton has managed to secure 102% of the budget.
- Summer Events: A McMillan fund raising event was held in the church and Open Gardens in the village raised welcome funds for both these charities.
- Christmas: A Christmas tree was installed at the Blacksmiths Shop this year, carols were sung with the help of Scawby Academy children, mulled wine, mince pies and hot chestnuts were served and the Lions Father Christmas made an appearance, response from residents was positive and a nice way to begin the festive season

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Flooding

- It is almost 17 weeks since flooding in the village – the situation remains unchanged, and flooding is still a major concern and perhaps the main reason most of you are here this evening.
- Following the 2007 flooding NLC commissioned - quote
“A High Level Flood Mitigation Study Based upon Historic Events and Modelled Data” the PC have requested a copy of this report and been told it is now obsolete, nevertheless we would like to see a copy and, if necessary, we will apply under The Freedom of Information Act to obtain one.
- Extract from Minutes of PC Meeting held on 1 March 2016 – NLC Issues – Update on the Flood Alleviation Scheme
*“To receive an update on the Flood Alleviation Scheme determining any actions required.
NLC Rod Chapman responded to the Parish Council and stated that further modelling work has been done on the beck in conjunction with consultants and the work has highlighted that the flood risk is 1:200 and this statistic will not justify funding from DEFRA as originally planned. The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy has recommended that some form of remote monitoring of the Beck levels in the vicinity of the culvert is considered together with consultations with the affected property owners to look at options for specific property level protection.
Clerk to contact NLC stating that the Parish Council are disappointed that the scheme is now not being undertaken as there are still serious concerns for householders within the parish.
Clerk to forward to NLC relevant details as to previous work carried out which may compromise the flow of the Beck in School Lane.”*
- Referencing the letter sent to some residents on 20 December 2019 from Peter Williamson, Director of Operations NLC – quote “In light of recent circumstances, the council will now commission work by specialist Flood Risk and Drainage Engineers to further consider options required for further works to improve future flood mitigation in the Redbourne Area” this should be completed by 31 March 2020
Following the extract from the PC minutes of 2016, some 9 years after the 2007 flooding event, you will understand the PC concerns and the importance of communication between those people with local knowledge and those with expertise from the responsible agencies. The letter advises that NLC intend to participate in the Property Flood Resilience Recovery Support Scheme. I am aware that residents are having difficulty in applying for this scheme and have had no response to date despite numerous requests – the Lead Local Flood Authority is proving very difficult to contact.

The PC have asked numerous times for an open meeting where concerns can be expressed, knowledge shared and fears alleviated – although promises have been made, I’m sorry to say that to date no meeting has materialised.

Gardening Group Report

- Gardening Group – continue with village gardening, the land to the front of the Huntercombe Centre has been cleared and planted and should show improvement this year, grass cutting will be contracted out this year and be controlled by the PC, this will provide more cuts and hopefully a better standard, Scawby PCC have provided funds for cutting the churchyard. Disappointment in the CPRE results last year, hopefully better this year.

4. Ward Councillor Report

North Lincs voted best place in the UK to raise children, based on Country Life magazine study.
Notice raised of council tax scam by telephone for residents to be aware of.
Community speedwatch scheme in place, NATS meeting held in early February.

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Negotiations ongoing over steelworks with Chinese still being most interested buyers and may receive boost from HS2 due to rail works required.

Ward Councillors noted the funding received a few years ago for the refurbishment for the Fire Station. The funding for the Broughton project was noted as being funded from a different source than the grant pot from which Redbourne applied for Play Area funding and has not affected the Community Fund Pot. There will be additional funding available to Parishes over the next two years which Redbourne is encouraged to apply for.

Current process for grant funding is to offer up to 75% of cost for applicants, but this is variable based on the amount of the pot available for that month. Therefore, the application for Redbourne may have been impacted by timing and the number of applications made in the month. Suggested to use the grant awarded for Stage 1 and put in a further application for Stage 2 with a 25% match funding.

NLC draft budget initially included funding to enhance the vehicle fleet including refuse vehicles over the next two year has been deferred and £1m redirected to localised flooding improvements over the next two years. This will be match funded by the Environment Agency and the Government.

Public transport policy being reviewed for rural areas with improvements planned.

out. Therefore, program of works to be scheduled is planned to fully fix the problem and this will be made available towards the end of March. Funding already in place to implement the solution following the report being completed. Once report has been issued this will be circulated to the village(s) in question for feedback to be provided.

5. Open forum for public participation

Formal request again for an open meeting to review the flood report output and input as a group. Noted that formal meetings will take place with landowners as required.

Residents also questioned if there is to be a coordinated approach to implementing the report findings and queried whether individual actions would impact the findings of the reports.

Public noted that the assistance of Ralph Day on the days of the flooding made a significant difference to the efforts of the fire service.

A further request was made for the flood report in 2007 to be made available for viewing. Public noted that it was proving difficult to make contact with the flooding officer and calls and letters had been ignored. Ward Councillors committed to looking into this situation.

Proposal put forward that a meeting be held as soon as the flood report is issued to be held at Hibaldstow Church Hall. Ward Councillors to request that this be arranged by the Drainage Officers with a follow up request from Redbourne Parish Council

Residents noted that there was limited information provided on the flood recovery grant scheme for flooded residents. Cllr Poole to follow up and report back to residents who suffered flooding.

Meeting closed at 20:40