

Redbourne Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Redbourne Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 6th May 2021, via a WHYPAY conference call.

Present: Chair – Cllr Lynn Wainwright.
Cllr Penny Stevenson, Cllr Judy Brown, Cllr Pauline Hawley, Cllr Phil Hotham, Cllr Gonzalo Salvatierra.
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Public Participation

No members of the public attended.

Agenda

21/22 – `0501 **Apologies**

- a) No apologies were received.

21/22 – `0502 **Declaration of Interest**

- a) No declarations of interest were made by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items.

21/22 – `0503 **Minutes of Previous meeting**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

21/22 – 0504 **Flooding – 6th February 2021**

- a) Cllr Wainwright gave an update from the recent Flood Meeting with North Lincs Council held on 6th May 2021, stating that she was pleased to have the full backing of Ward Councillors, however progress was very slow with Officers making written commitments that are subsequently not upheld. There is currently a lot of focus on works at Emmerson House, but not on the attenuation pond, which is worrying as this is necessary for the protection of homes in Beck Lane. Additionally there appears to be some reluctance on the part of landowners to the acquisition of land.

21/22 – `0505 **Report from Ward Councillors**

- a) No Ward Councillors attended.

21/21 – `0506 **Highways / Footpaths / NLC issues**

- a) The Clerk cited the following outstanding highways issues:
- i) Pavement debris around Village.
 - 1) Councillors discussed the quote for pavement sweeping / cleaning, questioning whether this would set a precedent and stating that these works should be the responsibility of NLC.
Resolved – To accept the quote for pavement sweeping / cleaning.
 - iii) Request for dropped kerb to be replaced with standard kerb – Redbourne Road at Bus Stop – Cllr Wainwright expressed frustration that this wasn't completed when dropped kerbs were installed for access to the trash screen opposite.
 - iv) Resurfacing of footpath from School Lane to Little Redbourne – Councillors noted that this footpath would be being dug up for the flood alleviation works.

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Resolved – To request that NLC resurface the footpath as part of the reinstatement after the flood alleviation works.

- v) Broken plank on Bridge on Footpath FP267 – No update. Cllr Salvatierra provided photos evidencing the dangerous state of the bridge.

Resolved – Clerk to forward photos to NLC and request that the works be prioritised.

- vi) Request for additional street lighting on the footpath from School Lane to Little Redbourne – No update

- vii) Blocked drain on east side of B1206, opposite the Red Lion – No update

21/22 – `0507 **Community Matters – Police and NAT**

- a) The clerk raised that there had been several reports of attempted dog thefts in the North Lincs Council area recently.
- b) The Clerk advised that the NATs meetings would resume in June on a virtual platform.
- c) No other Community Matters were raised.

21/22 – `0508 **Planning**

- a) No planning applications had been received.
- b) The following decisions were received from North Lincolnshire Council:
- i) PA/2021/439
- ii) PA/2021/315
- c) No other planning matters were raised

21/22 – `0509 **Community Facilities and Open Space Management**

- a) Councillors discussed the monthly inspection of the Play Area, noting that the Forest Climber and Swings needed refurbishment and painting.
- i) Councillors discussed the quote for refurbishment of the Forest Climber and Swings

Resolved – To accept quote for refurbishment of this equipment pending references for work being received and acceptable.

- b) Councillors discussed Parish Projects.
- i) Councillors discussed the quote for construction of a bookcase and repair of the door to the phone box.

Resolved – That this be deferred to the July meeting

- c) Cllr Wainwright gave an update on behalf of the Gardening Group, stating that there had not been much progress over the 2021/22 year due to lockdowns and restrictions, and that there was a lot of work needed to bring the beds up to standard.

- i) Councillors reviewed spending to date.

- ii) Cllr Wainwright requested a budget of £1,200 for Gardening Group spending over the forthcoming 2 months.

Resolved – Cllr Hotham proposed a £1,200 budget for Gardening Group spending, this was seconded by Cllr Salvatierra.

- d) Councillors discussed the request for a memorial bench in the Village, although Councillors could empathise with the request they did not wish to set a precedent for memorial benches, and all Councillors felt that there was not a need for an additional bench on the Green as the replacement picnic bench would be installed over the Summer months.

Resolved – Clerk to discuss alternative locations and options with requester providing an update at the July meeting.

- e) Cllr Hawley requested more litter pickers and bin bags for the Village.

Resolved – Clerk to request from North Lincs Council

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21/22 – 0510 **Insurance Renewal**

- a) Councillors discussed options for renewal of Parish Insurance and to consider the length of agreement with insurance provider.

Resolved – To renew with a 1 year agreement at a cost of £893.81

21/22 – 0511 **Clerk's Report**

- a) The Clerk asked Councillors to consider switching to monthly meetings due to the large quantity of business on the agenda at 2 monthly meetings.

Resolved – Councillors unanimously resolved to move to monthly meetings when face-to-face meetings could be resumed.

The Clerk gave an update on items requiring attention since the March meeting on any subject not separately on the agenda.

21/22 – 0512 **Accounts**

- a) Councillors reviewed the current financial position

Resolved – That the Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation be noted and signed by Cllr Wainwright.

- b) Councillors reviewed the bank statements.

Resolved – That the documents be noted and signed by Cllr Wainwright.

Councillors noted the following invoices already paid:

- c) 11th April 2021 - CGM - Verges & PROW March - £699.20
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- e) 11th April 2021 – Autela Payroll Services – Q4 Payroll – £73.92
- f) 11th April 2021 – ERNLLCA – Annual Membership - £317.86
- g) 30th April 2021 – CGM – Churchyard - £72.00
- h) 30th April 2021 – Brian Brooks – Internal Audit 2021/22 - £350.00

21/22 – 0513 **Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda Items for the next meeting**

- a) There was no progress on items not requiring decision and resolution, not otherwise detailed on the agenda
- b) No items of correspondence had been received.
- c) No matters of correspondence had arrived since agenda was posted
- d) No articles for submission to Hibaldstow Village Voice
- e) The refurbishment of the phone box, memorial bench and Speed Watch were put forward for the July agenda

21/22 – 0514 **Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting of Redbourne Parish Council is to be confirmed pending relaxation of COVID restrictions

21/22 – 0515 **Resolved – to exclude of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.**

- a) To authorise payment of Clerk's salary and expenses.

Resolved – To pay Clerk's salary and expenses.

- b) Councillors reviewed Clerk's standard contracted hours.

Resolved – To increase Clerk's standard contracted hours by 10 hours per month.