



# Redbourne Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of Redbourne Parish Council held on:  
Thursday 21 April 19:00 at St Andrews Church, Redbourne.**

**Present:** Chair Cllr Lynn Wainwright, Cllr Judy Brown, Cllr Geoff Hawley, Cllr Pauline Hawley, Cllr Phil Hotham

Andy Hopkins – Parish Clerk

Ward Councillor – Trevor Foster

## **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

### **21/22 – 0401      Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Stevenson.

A Casual Vacancy Notice had been published following the resignation of Cllr Salvatierra.

### **21/22 – 0402      Declaration of Interest**

- a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared

Cllr Brown for payment of paint purchased for the ploughs.

- b) To note any dispensations granted to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below

There were none.

### **21/22 – 0403      Minutes of Previous meeting**

- a) **Resolved** - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

### **21/22 – 0404      Report from Ward Councillors**

Cllr Foster updated the Council that NLC's Community Grant pot was available for parish projects, this may not be available from next year.

Covid rates for the area were below the national average at 400 cases per 100000.

Cllr Wainwright had e-mailed Ward Cllrs and NLC Leader R Waltham regarding an approved planning application which allowed further 'industrialisation' of Hibaldstow Airfield. Cllr Wainwright expressed concern that decisions were being made by the Planning department perhaps without considering the holistic effects of their decisions and its impact on Redbourne and the surrounding countryside. Cllr Foster had viewed the area and reported that Cllr Waltham had agreed to facilitate a meeting with the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Waltham and accept the offer of a meeting and ask him to arrange.

## 21/22 – 0405 Financial Matters

a) The following were **resolved** for payment:

01/04/2022	Transfer from Savings Account		BP	0.00
01/04/2022	Lawn n Order - Grass Cutting 8/3/22	INV11626	BP	696.60
01/04/2022	Lawn n Order - Grass Cutting 23/3/22	INV11647	BP	696.60
01/04/2022	ERNLLCA - Annual Subscription	INV629	BP	329.49
07/04/2022	British Gas - Electricity	DD	DD	32.54
14/04/2022	Wicksteed Playground Inspection	INV0000817429	BP	144.00
To pay	ITC Playground repairs/picnic table installation	INV1490	BP	297.13
To pay	Lawn n Order - Grass Cutting 11/04/22	INV11669	BP	696.60

b) The Bank Reconciliation up to the end of March 2022 was **resolved** as correct.

c) The insurance renewal quotation from Zurich had been received. There was an offer of a 3 or 5 year Long Term Agreement at a fixed price. It was **resolved** to accept the 5 year offer as this would save several hundred pounds over the length of the agreement.

d) The Council had been selected for an Intermediate Review by the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn, this year. The Clerk was preparing for this year's Internal Audit.

## 21/22 – 0406 Airfield Plantation

Cllr Wainwright gave the Council a brief account of events that had taken place on the airfield following the removal of thousands of tonnes of waste tyres many years ago. Following removal of the tyres by NLC they had taken ownership of the land. A significant budget and plans had been agreed to provide a Nature Reserve to be managed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, for

reasons unknown this never happened. Cllr Wainwright suggested that it would be a good opportunity to get this plantation finally secured for the village of Redbourne, perhaps as part of the Northern Forest Project.

Cllr Foster updated the council on his current understanding of the present situation regarding the area.

The Council expressed their unhappiness with the current position.

#### **21/22 – 0407          Merlin Site**

Following discussions with Future Biogas concerning the lack of landscaping at their Merlin site on Hibaldstow Airfield Cllr Wainwright reported that the company had accepted that after 10 years of operation landscaping fell far short of what had been required in the original planning application. Cllr Wainwright had been advised by Future Biogas that a new landscaping consultant would be approached with a view to rectifying the matter. Concerns were expressed that simply planting tree whips would not solve the problem and more mature trees were required. Cllr Wainwright stated that any further planting should take into account the 10 years lapsed and she hoped that Future Biogas would honour what was required.

#### **21/22 – 0408          North Lincolnshire Council Matters**

A response on the speed-sign post was still awaited from NLC. This was following the last meeting and discussions over the incorrect posts and locations for the speed signs. Ward Councillors had also been asked to try and contact the officer.

A concern had been received from a resident about encroachment of the verge over a pavement to the south of the Village, this had been reported to NLC.

The snicket was due to be treated in July following the completion of works at Emerson House. The Clerk had stated again to Highways that a porous surface to prevent the runoff was preferred, tarmac would match what is already at either end.

A copy of a letter, to be delivered to residents, had been received from NLC. This outlined the one-off clearance of the riparian beck sections throughout the village along School Lane & Beck Lane, this information would be made available on the Council website.

Cllr Wainwright expressed concern that progress on the A15 attenuation pond section of the Flood Alleviation Scheme showed little signs of progress. Cllr Foster said that it would go ahead but needed the co-operation of the landowner.

A table of outstanding NLC enquiries would be produced for the next meeting.

NLC had not confirmed ownership of the old A15 from the roundabout. Cllr Wainwright had researched old Parish Council minute books where it was confirmed the land had been made a Public Right of Way some years ago. The Clerk will raise this with NLC.

**21/22 – 0409**

### **Community Safety Matters**

Cllr Hotham had attended the Neighbourhood Action Team meeting on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> April. He reported that there were no real issues for the Ridge Ward. A new off-road policing team was being put in place across the force area as well as more policing in the long term for the area.

The Clerk had spoken to the area co-ordinator and Cllr Stevenson, about setting up Community Speedwatch. There were 6 volunteers and will now progress in tandem with the speed sign initiative. Cllr Stevenson will be arranging the training.

A grant of £1300 has been awarded from NLC towards the cost of the speed sign.

**21/22 – 0410**

### **Planning**

There were no new applications received for the Council to consider.

Appeal Dismissed

PA/2020/1363

Keepers Hide, Vicarage Lane, DN21 4QW

**21/22 – 0411**

### **Community Facilities and Open Space Management**

The new picnic table has been installed on the Green.

The woodland slide had been cleaned, painted and the ramp had been repaired.

The playground inspection from Wicksteed had been received. The only real concern was a bolt on the swing. Cllr G Hawley had checked this and it was not loose. The bolt will be checked at regular intervals.

The newly planted bulbs were starting to come up and the grass cutting contractors had been asked to avoid the area.

The Clerk had written to Welton and Borrills about donating boulders for revamping an existing area as a Jubilee rockery, neither had replied. The Clerk was asked to contact Welton again and ask for a price to purchase the boulders instead.

NLC had inspected a tree on the Green following a fallen branch. The tree was not in the best condition, but the officer had raised no immediate concerns.

Cllr Wainwright had seen a tree at Appleby Nursery for £190 that would be suitable for the Jubilee planting, it was **resolved** that this could be purchased.

Pudsey Diamond were unable to supply the doors for the lighting columns. Following Cllr G Hawley's suggestion, it was **resolved** to purchase gutter pipes to be fitted around the column for safety reasons.

All the beds had been dug over in the village and a quotation from Scott Roberts for £60 to paint the 2 ploughs was **resolved**.

#### **21/22 – 0412 Clerk's & Councillor Updates**

It was reported that groups had been gathering at the playground, with dogs off leads, during the evenings. The Clerk was asked what signage was appropriate and to investigate Public Space Protection Orders with NLC.

The Clerk was asked to create a Redbourne Community page on facebook.

It was **resolved** to make £100 available for a Platinum Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and support from residents would be welcome. This would be held in the playground or Church depending on the weather.

#### **21/22 – 0413 Date and time of the next meeting**

It was **resolved** that meetings would move to a Tuesday evening from now on. The next meeting would be Tuesday 17 May 2022, this would be the Annual Council Meeting and would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

**The Council resolved to exclude the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the following items to be discussed**

#### **21/22 – 0414 Staff Payments**

It was **resolved** that Clerk's salary and expenses be paid

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_