



# Redbourne Parish Council

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## **MINUTES of the Council Meeting of Redbourne Parish Council held on:**

**Monday 12 December 2022 19:00 at St Andrews Church, Redbourne.**

**Present:** Chair Cllr Lynn Wainwright, Cllr Judy Brown, Cllr Geoff Hawley, Cllr Pauline Hawley, Cllr Penny Stevenson

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### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

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**22/23 – 066**

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Trevor Foster & Cllr Phil Hotham submitted apologies.

**22/23 – 067**

#### **Declaration of Interest**

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 P Hawley submitted receipts for the Christmas Tree lighting event.

Cllr G Hawley asked Councillors if he could purchase fuses for the speed sign. Approved

To note any dispensations granted to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below:           None

**22/23 – 068**

#### **Minutes of Previous meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 November 2022 were approved and signed by Cllr Wainwright.

**22/23 – 069**

#### **Report from Ward Councillors**

In the absence of the ward councillors, it was disappointing that no report had been sent considering the number of concerns on planning issues.

**22/23 – 070**

#### **North Lincolnshire Council Matters**

To be carried forwarded to the next meeting:

- i. Resurfacing of the snicket

## 22/23 – 071 Governance & Financial Matters

- i. To receive the Bank Reconciliation up to end November 2022. Approve payments for this period. **Resolved**.
- ii. Approve payment of clerk's salary for November 2022 and back pay from 6 September 2022. **Resolved**.
- iii. Approve payment of previous clerk's back pay from 1 April 2022 to 16 September 2022. **Resolved**
- iv. Approve donation of £50 paid to Glanford and Lindsey Lions for providing Santa and sleigh at Christmas Tree lighting event on 25 November 2022. **Resolved**

### Redbourne Parish Council Accounts 2022/23

### NOVEMBER

Date	PAYEE	Description	Invoice/Reference	Trans	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS	VAT	Transfers from Main Account	Transfers from Savings account	BALANCE
08/11/2022	Lawn n Order	grass cut 07/10/22	Invoice 11887	BP	696.90	116.15				33455.64
08/11/2022	JB Rural Services	PROW cut 3rd cut	JB1526	BP	456.00	76.00				32999.64
09/11/2022	J Curtis	Oct salary inc. expenses and WFH	Salary/Expenses	BP	299.00					32700.64
09/11/2022	HMRC - J Curtis	HMRC Oct	Oct Income tax	BP	69.00					32631.64
09/11/2022	J Curtis	purchase of ink cartridges for L Wainwright's printer	Disbursement	BP	28.31	4.72				32603.33
09/11/2022		Bank transfer	TRANS		0.00				2000.00	32603.33
09/11/2022	L Wainwright	purchase plants from Linden Nurseries	Invoice 48	BP	44.38					32558.95
09/11/2022	Neil Elder	repairing bench	Invoice 2210	BP	280.00					32278.95
21/11/2022	Kyanite Consulting	annual maintenance & hosting package 05/01/23 - 04/01/24	Invoice 7695	BP	156.10	26.02				32122.85
24/11/2022	British Gas	Electricity 21 Oct 2022 to 21 Nov 2022	3659553	BP	28.11					32094.74
29/11/2022	P Hawley	reimbursement of expenses for food and drink	Christmas tree lighting	BP	197.69	8.29				31897.05
29/11/2022	J Curtis	Nov salary inc expenses, wfh and back pay to 1 Sep TO PAY	Salary/Expenses	BP	371.00					31526.05
29/11/2022	HMRC - J Curtis	Oct income tax TO PAY		BP	87.00					31439.05
29/11/2022	A Hopkins	back pay to 1 April 2022 TO PAY	pay rise	BP	133.42					31305.63
29/11/2022	HMRC - A Hopkins	income tax TO PAY		BP	33.20					31272.43
28/11/2022	Glanford and Lindsey Lions	Donation for providing Santa and sleigh at Christmas Tree lighti	25/11/2022		50.00					31222.43
22/11/2022	HSBC	bank charges to 31 Oct 2022			5.00					31217.43
					21260.32	20048.71	2234.77	0.00	21000.00	

- v. Invoices presented at the meeting for payment:
  - Approve payment of Invoice 34 for £200 from Scot Roberts for planting daffodil bulbs. **Resolved**
- vi. Reference was made to the £1300 grant awarded by Community grants for the purchase of the speed sign. It had not been received to date because the correct paperwork had not been submitted. The clerk was in the process of rectifying this.

## 22/23 – 072 Planning

To discuss and resolve any action on:

- i. PA/2022/951,1282, 1294
  - **Update on PA/2022/951 PA/2022/1282 PA/2022/1294**  
 Modules stored on airfield without planning permission - far in excess of the 60 units with permission - Enforcement failed as units continue to arrive and depart. Conditions already in place on the approved application are being blatantly disregarded - what action is being taken by NLC to ensure these conditions are met? Questions via e-mail and telephone have been addressed to the planning dept regarding these applications which have not been answered. Current status - is this illegal, if so, what action is being taken by NLC?
- ii. PA/2022/1798 and 1799
  - **Update on PA/2022/1798 PA/2022/1799**  
 Although in principal RPC do not object to these applications, there are a number of questions raised by the PC which have not been addressed or answered - interestingly PA/2019/135 - which is a very similar application, has answered some of the questions raised by RPC, why then are the same questions not answered on 1798 & 1799?  
 Some of the statements made on the Supporting Document (covering letter) are incorrect, namely that there are "no public rights of way (PROW) crossing the fields in the immediate vicinity of the proposed store" this is incorrect and the planning officer has rightly corrected this - but, the PO also makes reference:

- "The applicant has clearly demonstrated in the supporting evidence" - some of "the supporting evidence" has been shown to be incorrect - how can we assume that the rest of the document is correct?

No updates had been received regarding the above planning applications. It was agreed to defer matters until the next meeting. Cllr Wainwright had written to Ward Councillors 3 weeks ago to ask what was happening but had not received a reply.

Cllr Wainwright read 3 extracts from the Parish Minutes Archive – from 1993 regarding the storage of tyres on Hibaldstow Airfield.

Minute Reference 10 March 1993 Item 7

*Mr R Davis asked if an update could be given on the tyre dump. Cllr Wood said that negotiations were in progress for a company to remove 1/3 of the tyres on the site, and leave fire breaks.*

*There was no sign of Mr Medden. The Borough Council would be in touch with the government suggesting fencing off the area at government expense to make it safer. Renewal of planning permission would be coming up again shortly and he hoped it would be refused. The question was what happened next. There could be an enforcement order for removal, but to whom? £450,000 would be needed to remove the tyres and neither HCC nor GBC had money for that. There was no security at present.*

*A crane was on site, and about 2,000 tyres a week were being removed for retreading. The bill could come back on rate or charge payers, and Cllr Wood considered that they should not have to foot the bill. Permission originally had been given for 2,000 tons of tyres for recycling. This had not been adhered to.*

*The landowners were now in 2 holding companies.*

*Cllr Athey said that this problem had been around now for 2 years, and wondered when something was going to be done about it.*

*Cllrs Athey and Innes made the suggestion that the tyres should be buried round the edges of the airfield.*

Minute Reference 5 May 1993 (e)

*Tyre Dump. Cllr Wood said that further planning permission had been refused, and that an enforcement order had been served on the landowners and Mr Medden which lasted for 6 months, during which time the tyres should be removed. It was noted that there was no security in the area. Cllr Wood said that he thought there was no chance of the landowners or Mr Medden paying for the cost of removing the tyres, and he could only suggest that the council should wait to see what happens.*

Extracts from a Special Meeting held 17 September 1993 to agree a response by Redbourne Parish Council to GBC's letter dated 26 August 1993 following the landowners appeal against the enforcement order issued by Glanford Borough Council.

*The Chairman told the meeting that, with Cllr Innes, she had been to the Planning office that day, 17 September, to read the statement by the appellants, and also to read a draft statement by Glanford Borough Council which had not yet been circulated to Parish Councils concerned. The Chairman then read out the statement from Walton Day Ltd. For information of councillors, the statement from Mid Tower Ltd being identical to that of Walton Day Ltd.*

*It was noted that the estimated number of tyres on the airfield at present was 600,000.*

*The general opinion was to support GBC in opposing the appeals by Walton Day Ltd and Mid Tower Ltd and the Chairman asked for a vote to be taken – resulting in 5 in favour and 1 abstention.*

*It was minuted that a letter should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol, copied to GBC and Mr Simpson for information. As follows,*

*“Redbourne Parish Council wholeheartedly supports Glanford Borough Council in opposing the appeals by Mid Tower Ltd and Walton Day Ltd against Enforcement Notice 104, which requires the removal of all the tyres and associated materials and equipment from Hibaldstow airfield.*

*The Parish Council is particularly concerned that the tyres are removed. They are a potential environmental hazard which must be removed.”*

Cllr Wainwright stated that the current situation on the airfield bore a stark resemblance to the situation in 1993 involving the same landowners. The resulting costs for removing the tyres was in excess of £450,000 this was paid by the taxpayer. It is these same landowners that are now storing more than the agreed amount of modules on the airfield and who are persistently ignoring and breaching planning controls and conditions.

After much discussion councillors agreed the clerk would write a letter to Holly Mumby-Croft MP signifying that as a Parish Council we did not feel we were getting enough support and clarification on what was happening with the planning applications relating to the storage of units on the airfield. The Parish Council felt it could not do its job properly due to lack of information. There had been no indication of when the planning applications would be heard at planning. There was also the problem with wide loads travelling through the village and causing damage to verges, trees and highway signage.

Cllr Wainwright referred to an email received from the clerk for Haxey Parish Council who had written to all Town/Parish Councils in North Lincolnshire requesting they debate the following resolution at their January meetings.

“This Town/Parish Council request the Head of Planning attend the next Town & Parish Council Liaison meeting to explain why North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department have been unable to produce a housing needs supply over a number of years. The effect impacts on the North Lincolnshire Local Plan and the effective voice of local residents to determine planning in your town/parish.

After discussion councillors asked the clerk to write a letter of support to Haxey Parish Council’s request, which could be read out at their next meeting.

iii. Other Planning Matters

The following Planning matters were deferred to the next meeting:

- **NLC Land - Hibaldstow Airfield** - update study for the feasibility and installation of green energy to benefit the local communities as discussed at RPC mtg 04 October 22  
The entrance to the NLC land has been blocked by digestate stored in white wrap. This has been reported to enforcement comp-2022/373. The area, which had been cleared, is also now strewn with building rubble and soil which had previously been on the road leading to the NLC land.
- **Update on Redbourne Flood Mitigation Scheme** - A15 Attenuation Pond - the completion of the upstream attenuation pond on the A15 at Island Pond Plantation is vital and the major prevention for further flooding in the village. We understand there are land acquisition issues between the landowner and North Lincolnshire Council? Rob Waltham at the meeting in October indicated that work would start in spring 2023. Have the land acquisition issues now been resolved or a move to compulsory purchase? Until this part of the scheme is completed the village remains at risk of further flooding.  
(note that it is now 3 years since the last flooding event - 19 November 2019)

22/23 – 073

### **Community Safety Matters**

To discuss and resolve any action on matters affecting Community Safety.

- i. Cllr G Hawley reported that he had received the new battery for the speed sign but it wasn't working. He had contacted ElanCity and sent them photos of the battery which appeared to be burnt inside. He would have to send the battery back. This meant the speed sign still wasn't working.

An order had been placed for the second speed sign and was awaiting delivery.

- ii. A resident had spoken to the Chairman about his neighbour, who was riding a motorcross bike on public footpath 261. This resident regularly walks along footpath 261, which was not suitable for motorcross riding. The bike was causing the surface to break up. The clerk would report the incident to Colin Wilkinson at NLC and the NATS team.
- iii. Councillors discussed the lack of lighting in the churchyard. The lamp posts on the drive were not working. They deemed it to be a safety issue. Cllr P Hotham was meeting with Peter Clegg about the church clock and would mention the lack of lighting in the churchyard.

Cllr G Hawley proposed getting a quote to fix the lights properly. Cllr Wainwright would ask C Halmshaw who had done the electrics previously.

22/23 – 074

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

To discuss and resolve any action on:

- i. Play Area – Cllr Stevenson had planted a lot of bulbs under the trees but couldn't see any coming up at the moment. She was going to clear out the nettles around the tennis court and plant wild flowers in the Spring.
- ii. The Queen's tree had been planted. Cllr Wainwright would write the commemoration for the plaque and email it to councillors for approval.
- iii. Updates from the Gardening Group – Cllr Wainwright asked if the leaf clearing had been requested. The clerk confirmed she had put a request on the NLC self-service portal. Cllrs P and G Hawley confirmed School Lane had been cleared the day after the last meeting but it was bad again. Cllr Wainwright said Southfield and the High Street looked as if they had not been done.
- iv. Grass cutting tender for 2023 – The clerk gave an update. She was still waiting for a number of quotes to come in. A decision would be made at the February meeting
- v. Cllr Wainwright read out an email dated November 2022 from Colin Wilkinson.

*"Thank you for your enquiry about the above length of former highway for all traffic, which I believe must be the length I have indicated in red on the attached map.*

*I manage public rights of way in North Lincolnshire, and although to date this stretch of old road has not been added to the definitive map (the statutory record of public rights of way), I seem to recall many years ago having seen a stopping-up order for this road that preserved a right of way for walkers, horse riders and cyclists (i.e. a bridleway); in which case, it should really be on the definitive map already, as per North Lincolnshire Council's duty to keep said map under continuous review.*

*Unfortunately, I have not been able to find a copy of the stopping-up order among the public-right-of-way files for Redbourne. I should expect, however, that my colleagues in our Highways Team would have one. I shall therefore confer with them presently, and if as a result a copy should come to light, I shall use this as the legal event needed to modify the definitive map accordingly – and, having done so, send the parish council a copy of the modification order for your further information and records.*

*If in the meantime you have any additional queries, please do not hesitate to ask."*

Cllr Wainwright also read out an email from Mary Muggleton a past Chairman of Redbourne PC

*"Dear Clerk,*

*On reading the minutes of the April Parish Council meeting I was interested to see the comments regarding the public right of way on the old A15. I was Chairman of the Parish Council at the time and can assure you that this matter took some time to accomplish what would be of benefit to Redbourne, its residents and others enabling people to enjoy a nice long walk along the road at all times of the year. Lt. Col. George Athey who was a Parish Councillor at that time and I had to attend a meeting with officials of Humberside County Council at Beverley to put our case to them for maintaining a right of way. The Parish Council had to be consulted on the closure of the road and they were anxious that when the matter went to court Redbourne Parish Council was in agreement. My recollection is that the part of the road which has the right of way is the left hand side from the opening at the roundabout where it is sign posted.*

*It was important from the Parish Council's point of view that this should be done properly so that in future years there be no misunderstanding of people's rights to be able to walk this Public right of way.*

*Unfortunately I have not been able to enjoy walking as in the past so I am therefore unable to see what state the "Public part" of the road is in however I would hope this has been kept in a reasonable state by the party concerned. I hope you find this helpful."*

Unfortunately, the archive minutes from November 1994 appear to be missing.

The clerk was asked to write to Colin Wilkinson for an update.

- vi. Plant a tree in your garden scheme  
As part of the North Lincs Council plant a tree scheme, NLC was willing to deliver a bulk order of trees to a designated spot in the village, where residents could go and collect their pre-ordered tree to plant in their garden.

- vii. Update on what's happening with the church clock: –
  - Smiths of Derby had quoted £17,000 to repair the clock. Apart from the damaged cog the woodwork was rotten. The clock would need to be taken back to their workshop for repair. It would also cost £300 per year to maintain. Further quotes would be obtained.
  - The church is in the care of the Church Conservation Trust, who unfortunately do not have the resources to repair or maintain the clock. The Chairman mentioned an article in the Winter 2022 Intouch paper about community funding and a grant awarded to Hibaldstow village hall secured from SSE Renewables. The clerk would investigate further and other possible sources of grant funding, eg Merlin Renewables.
  - Cllr Brown reported that the timer for the floodlight needed adjusting. It was coming on during the daylight hours. The timer was located in the church.
- viii. Maintaining the beck on School Lane. NLC had recently poured 3 tankers full of water into the beck to check the flow. Cllr G Hawley said the beck was clean and tidy.  
 However, some properties on Beck Lane been concerned one day when the water level had been high in the morning but it did go down in the afternoon.
- ix. Anglian Water had cleared the culvert near the pumping station.
- x. All the footpaths in the village were in a very poor state as well as the snicket. The item would be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.
- xi. Coronation Event 6 May 2023 to be put on the next agenda
- xii. Councillors' Consultation meeting. Cllr Stevenson proposed holding a "meet your councillors" event in the church, inviting residents to discuss any ideas or issues they might have in the village. Cllr Wainwright suggested April/May when it was warmer. To be placed on the next agenda.
- xiii. Fully funded EV charging points. The clerk explained that the Government had allocated £2m to install EV charging points in rural locations by 2030. There was no cost to the community and it would generate a 10% income, which could be used for local projects. The charging points could be plugged into existing lamp-posts. After discussion the clerk would arrange a site survey.
- xiv. Future Biogas Ltd– lack of landscaping around Biomass. Cllr Wainwright had received an email from Future Biogas.  
 SPA Landscaping were contracted to plant 230 x feathered trees and 1810 x whips with tubex. It had been 10 years since the site was constructed and it still remains clearly visible from Redbourne village. The Parish Council believe, when taking into account the lapsed timeframe, the minimum size of trees to be planted should be at least 8m - this would reflect the 10 years of growth which the community could have expected if stipulations, conditions and promises had been met and accomplished in respect of planning application (PA/2012/1336), the main stipulation being screening. A further application (PA/2018/606) was submitted for an extension to increase the processing tonnage from 35,000 to 48,000 - this was passed with conditions, again for landscaping and screening.

SPA Landscaping have advised that putting in larger stock than that specified originally increases the chances of failure. Instead, they recommend increasing the numbers, with correct stock selection, as suggested below. Current Planned - 230 x feathered trees and 1810 x whips with tubex; Revised option - 345 x trees and 2710 x whips and tubex

They believed that, although this is not what was requested, it appeared to be the best option at this time. A 3-year maintenance contract would also be secured to ensure establishment.

After discussion it was decided that Cllr Wainwright would write back to say that there was not enough growth on the proposed planting.

**22/23 – 075 Clerk & Councillor Updates**

All to update on items requiring attention since the October meeting not already discussed.

- i. Cllr G Hawley had found out where the stop valve was to shut the water off for the church in order to fix the leak in the church.
- ii. Cllr P Hawley suggested writing a letter of thanks to Fred Windley for making the wooden Christmas tree decorations. The clerk would write the letter.
- iii. A resident had reported that his bin had not been collected on Thursday. However, it had been collected the following day.
- iv. There had been a few break-ins in the village recently. A couple cars had also been stolen. It was minuted that there was no Neighbourhood Watch at the moment.
- v. The clerk would be on holiday from 9 May until 16 May. It was decided to hold the Annual Parish meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting on 23 May 2023.

**22/23 – 076 Date and time of the next meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, 7 February at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm.



## Addendum

*This report was sent via email at 5.21pm on 12 December from Councillor Trevor Foster but was not seen until after the meeting*

### Redbourne Parish Council November Ward Report

- Airfield planning will probably be heard in January. Cllr Foster will be speaking on the applications.
- Snicket path delayed until later in 2023 in order to try and facilitate any water run off away from neighbouring properties.
- Attenuation Pond negotiations were still going slow. An offer had been made by NLC but it had not been accepted. Progress was slow because the agent was reluctant to respond to anything in writing and verbal communication was proving difficult.
- As previously stated, any perceived inaccuracies or false statements made on applications would be challenged at the planning meeting. For an applicant's agent to make a claim which was clearly inaccurate simply undermines the credibility of their whole report.
- On a more upbeat note, NLC Children's Services had been rated by OFSTED as outstanding in all categories with no areas for improvement, making North Lincolnshire Council the best in the country! The OFSTED inspectors described the children in care as being loved! An unprecedented statement from OFSTED.
- The Dolly Parton Foundation had recently declared the NLC Imagination Library offering as the best in the world.