



Redbourne Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting of Redbourne Parish Council held on: Tuesday, 23 May 2023 19:00 at St Andrews Church, Redbourne.

Present: Cllr L Wainwright - Chair, Cllr J Brown, Cllr T Eaden, Cllr G Hawley, Cllr P Hawley, Cllr P Stevenson, Cllr P Hotham
Ward Councillors – Cllr T Foster and Cllr D Garritt
Parish Clerk - J Curtis

Public Participation

One member of the public attended to bring to the attention of the parish council and ward councillors several issues relating to the quarry. They had been working on Sunday mornings, which she believed broke the conditions of planning permission. There was a lot of dust and noise from the site. It appeared they were extracting big lumps of rocks and crushing and washing them. Cllr Garritt explained the permitted sounds levels for mineral extraction and processing, which the quarry cannot exceed. Quarry traffic should be using the permitted internal road exiting onto Mill Lane to join the A15 instead there had been an increase in quarry traffic through Redbourne village. Cllr Foster informed members that since the lease at Gainsthorpe had ended, operations at the Hibaldstow site appeared to have increased.

The clerk received all signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office from elected councillors.

23/24 – 001 Election of Chair

Cllr Wainwright was unanimously elected as Chairman, and the signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received by the Clerk.
Proposed: Cllr P Hotham Seconded: Cllr J Brown

23/24 – 002 Apologies

Cllr M Belza

23/24 – 003 Declarations 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.

Item 23/24-007 iv Payments

Cllr J Brown	Invoices for Gardening Group and Coronation event
Cllr P Stevenson	Invoices for the Coronation Event held 8 May
Cllr G Hawley	Invoices for goods to fix lighting in the churchyard

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

- c. To consider and approve Certificate of Exemption 2022-23. Members approved the Certificate of Exemption 2022-23, which was signed by the Chair and Clerk. The clerk would email it to the external auditor.
Resolved

- i. Agree dates for the Notice of provision for the exercise of public rights 2022-23 accounts
The public notice would be placed on noticeboards and the website from 12 June 2023 where it would remain for no less than 30 working days.
Resolved

iv. Payments

- a. To receive invoices and approve payments for this period:

Elan City	Invoice for external battery charger for the solar speed signs.	£120.67
Cllr J Brown	Invoices Gardening Group	£107.74
Cllr J Brown	Invoices Coronation event	£14.97
Cllr P Stevenson	Invoices Coronation Event 8 May	£258.01
Cllr G Hawley	Invoices for goods to fix lighting	£25.00

All approved for payment

23/24 – 008 Report from Ward Councillor

A new £20 million pound Community Diagnostic Centre, one of only 6 in the country, is to be built in Scunthorpe. It will facilitate circa 146,00 X-rays, Ultrasound, MRI and CT scans per annum.

After the election results were declared in the Broughton and Scawby ward, 864 postal votes were discovered. Once the result is declared it cannot be changed. However, in order to achieve full disclosure and transparency, NL council would be applying to the Election Petitions Office to obtain permission to process the missed votes and publish the figures.

North Lincs Council were undertaking a reorganisation after the elections. The new Chief Planning Officer would be made aware of all the planning issues and will be pursuing them.

Discussions regarding Airfield, quarry and traffic took place.

23/24 – 009 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**

No updates to report

Other Planning Matters

- ii. **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.

Cllr Wainwright raised concerns regarding the leachate from the 'Ag Bags' on the airfield and the environmental implications.

Cllr Wainwright also raised concerns regarding the 2 new Digestate storage tanks situated next to the PROW on the old A15 – she made reference to a newspaper article in Rishi Sunack's constituency where vandals had damaged the stored digestate resulting in hundreds of dead fish after pollution of the watercourses. Cllr Wainwright reminded Ward Cllrs that the PC had raised concerns with the Planning Dept at NLC that the 2 storage tanks in Redbourne were situated next to a PROW.

Cllr Foster said he was working with the Environment Department and would investigate further what was happening on the airfield and old A15 PROW.

- iii. **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.

Cllr Wainwright raised concerns about the lack of progress to complete the attenuation pond and asked why North Lincolnshire Council would not consider compulsory purchase in order to get the necessary work finished. It was well over two years since it had been first suggested. Cllr Foster responded that it was a difficult and lengthy process to compulsory purchase land and extremely costly. Lengthy discussion took place about how crucial the attenuation pond was to the flood mitigation scheme with reference made to the Pell Frischmann report. Cllr Foster stated that the landowner was aware of its importance to the flooding scheme. North Lincs Planning had limited resources and could only work within the letter of the law. Cllr Wainwright asked whether the funds were still available. It was suggested bringing the problem to the attention of the media, however Cllr Garritt suggested this would not necessarily bring the desired outcome. Although not ideal, he felt it would be better using the media the next time the village flooded. It did not help matters that landowners no longer cleared the dykes and it was difficult to establish ownership.

Attention was brought to the fact that all the gullies within the village were blocked and had been reported numerous times. There were 3 on the main road totally covered despite numerous reports to NLC. Cllr G Hawley had organised clearing the gullies around the Red Lion car park. The gulley opposite Willow Cottage on Beck Lane was blocked. It was reported that most of the paths in the village were covered in weeds; the footpath adjacent to Southfield House/farm was still covered in fallen autumn leaves and was particularly bad. Cllr Wainwright pointed out that the pavements in

Scawby and Hibaldstow had been weeded and asked Cllr Foster if he knew when Redbourne was due to be done. Cllr Foster asked the clerk to send him a list of reported issues outstanding, including the gullies.

Cllr Foster was asked if it was North Lincolnshire Council's responsibility to clear the path on the B1206 between Redbourne and Hibaldstow. Abnormal load movements travelling to and from the airfield had mounted the footpath and it was becoming almost impassable and dangerous to walkers. It was noticeable that the footpath from the Redbourne boundary towards Hibaldstow was relatively clear. Action: The clerk would report it on the NLC portal.

- iv. **PA/2022/1818** Planning has been granted to erect 6 dwellings at Carr Lane, Redbourne

23/24 – 010 North Lincolnshire Council Matters
No further matters

23/24 – 011 Community Safety Matters
To discuss and resolve any action on matters affecting Community Safety.

A report had been received of children getting sick after swimming in a pool at a private residence in Redbourne. Cllr Foster was asked if they needed a licence to operate a business. Cllr Foster suggested that the clerk write to Environmental Health at NLC to report the matter.

23/24 – 012 Community Facilities and Open Space Management
To discuss and resolve any action on:

- i. Play Area
The annual playground inspection had been carried out by Wicksteed. There were no major works required just minor remedial work. The clerk would send the report to Cllr Stevenson.
Cllr Stevenson gave the monthly play area inspection report to the clerk.
- ii. Updates from the Gardening Group
Planter and boxes had been filled and the communal beds dug and tidied. It would be helpful if a few more volunteers could get involved, especially with watering. It was proving difficult for the few volunteers who would be grateful of the help.
- iii. To review the grass cutting contract
As it was the first cut of the season, Cllr G Hawley had met with the contractor to show him where all the public rights of way were as shown on the maps provided by North Lincs Council. The contractor was determined to cut everything on the maps even though it became apparent that many of the PROWs had not been cut for years because the grass was higher than the tractor. There was one

section from the wicket gate near the church that he did not do, however he would cut it next time. The clerk would check with NLC that we had up-to-date maps.

A couple of residents had complained that the grass verges outside their properties had not been cut. The contractor said he had left them because if he had cut back the stems too soon the bulbs would not flower next year. Cllr Stevenson would explain this to the residents. iv. Update on ownership of the old A15 land.

Cllr Foster would speak to Colin Wilkinson again. Cllr Wainwright reiterated that the problem of determining ownership stems from the fact that it is not shown on the definitive map as a public right of way. Cllr Hotham offered to look on the Ordnance Survey maps that ramblers use to see if it was marked.

- v. Condition of footpaths on Vicarage Lane, School Lane, and High Street, School Lane/Little Redbourne Snicket - re-surfacing.

A resident had reported the footpath which is accessed at the Old School Yard sign near Emmerson House, as being overgrown and quite difficult to get through because of nettles.

Cllr Hawley said he would ask the grass cutter to cut it at his next visit.

- vi. Updates on funding and quotes to repair the church clock.

Three quotes have now been received: Smith of Derby, Time Assured and Cumbria Clocks. Cumbria Clocks had identified a problem with cracked masonry on the tower, which had since been fixed. The Time Assured quote seemed to be the favourite. It was also felt that it would be sensible to install an electric winding mechanism to eliminate the need to wind the clock every 5 days. Cllr Hotham would ask Time Assured to produce a quote for an electric winding mechanism.

The clerk would send all the required documents to Cllr Foster. vii.

Update and review of the Coronation event held 8 May.

The event had been a huge success and Cllr Wainwright thanked all those who had helped to make it a success. It had been held inside the church due to the inclement weather and was well attended.

Cllr Hotham left the meeting at this point.

Note: To ask Cllr Hotham to speak to Fran Bell again about using the church more as a community hub.

- viii. Councillors' Consultation meeting

Members considered it would be a good idea to organise a summer event in August to give residents an opportunity to meet with their councillors. To be discussed further at the July meeting.

ix. Other Community Facilities and Open Space Management matters

A quote of £160 had been obtained from Scott Roberts Gardening Services to supply all materials to paint the wooden bus shelters and paint the church gates and railings. Approved: Cllr Brown would let SR know to go ahead with the work.

Cllr Eaden made a request to place a memorial bench in the play area as a dedication to her late husband. **Approved.**

The 3-way fingerpost sign on Carr Lane for Redbourne Hayes/Riverhead/ was missing. The clerk would report it to NLC.

Dog fouling – the clerk had requested some dog poo signs for the village from NLC to remind dog walkers to pick up after their dogs. Some bright yellow signs had been placed on the fingerposts for the footpaths.

23/24 – 013 Clerk & Councillor Updates

- Clerk to update on outstanding Highways / Footpaths / NLC issues:
 - The clerk would send the list of outstanding issues to Cllr Foster
- All to update on items requiring attention since the April meeting not already discussed
 - Cllr Brown reported that the walls either side of the bridge on Beck Lane had been hit. The clerk would report it to highways.

23/24 – 014 Date and time of the next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next parish council meeting on 4 July at 7.00 pm

23/24 – 015 To approve staff payments

The clerk's salary and expenses were approved for payment.

Meeting closed at 9.09 pm