

## TETFORD & SALMONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7:30pm, Hamilton Hall, Tetford

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Lonie  
Cllr Davison  
Cllr Renshaw  
Cllr Larder  
Cllr Todd  
Cllr Cawthorne  
Cllr Andrews (ELDC)

Clerk – M Hoad  
E Hopwood taking minutes.

The meeting started with the normal 10 minutes for the public, and there were two members of the public in attendance.

The topic of the use of social media by councillors was raised by one resident. It was noted that comments had been made on social media by a councillor which the resident felt were personal, factually incorrect and which could influence the wider community. In the opinion of the resident the comments on social media resulted in a comment being added to the ELDC planning portal which has since been removed due to being inappropriate.

The resident felt that the social media comments and other comments from parish councillors were factually incorrect. The resident addressed the comment that the Footpath 30 diversion was setting precedent for other footpaths in the village and did not feel this was correct as there have already been several historic changes and this is correct. The resident advised the increase in the length of the footpath had also been miscalculated and the increase in length is 18% not 25% however it was resolved later in the meeting by council to be 21%. The resident also felt the planning discussion wasn't opened and the applications of support on ELDC weren't discussed. The Chairman confirmed that although not in the minutes, this was discussed. The resident noted that they were not able to attend previous meeting where their application was in discussion due to a family bereavement.

The use of social media and these comments by the councillor were debated by the council. It was noted by all councillors not to enter debates around parish council matters and the social media policy would be reviewed at the next meeting. It was also noted that any private social media groups were not a responsibility of the council.

The other resident present referenced a planning matter from the previous meeting which had been raised as a complaint by a member of the public regarding a possible planning infringement from the previous meeting. The Clerk had contacted the owner to attend the meeting, but they were not able to, and the Council had decided there was no evidence to support the complaint and this was communicated to the owner.

The resident present asked if there was any more information regarding this matter and the Chairman confirmed what the minutes had documented. The resident noted they had stopped attending meetings however matters concerning them were still being discussed and weren't treated anonymously like the previously mentioned complaint. The resident raised concerns about the council trying to make things difficult and the Chairman assured him this was not the case and offered to speak to the resident privately, which subsequently occurred. The resident present also returned to the above complaint and said it was true and so the Chair again contacted the owner, and it was decided to discuss this at the next meeting, in April. Cllr Andrews confirmed that Planning Enforcement had received the complaint regarding the second resident, investigated the building and there is no further action required.

- 01573 Chairman's Welcome & Remarks** – Cllr Lonie welcomed everyone to the meeting and as there were no further public questions opened the meeting for business.
- 01574 Apologies for absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllr Kilby. **It was resolved** to accept all reasons for absence. Cllr Marfleet (LCC) was not present.
- 01575 Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest made.
- 01576 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023** had been circulated prior to the meeting and **it was resolved** to accept the minutes as correct after a correction be made to 01558 b). The Chairman signed the minutes.
- 01577 Appointment of Clerk** – It was resolved to appoint Emily Hopwood in the post of clerk from March 2023.
- 01578 Meeting Schedule for 2023/2024 Civic Year** – It was confirmed that the first meeting will be on **10<sup>th</sup> May**. Further meetings will follow on the second Wednesday of every month. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **17<sup>th</sup> May**.
- 01579 District Councillors Report** – Cllr Andrews advised that ELDC had a £1m grant available for anyone still struggling with rising energy costs, the form to claim can be accessed online. ELDC are now fully operational from The Hub. The Clerk asked Cllr Andrews if he could get a confirmed date for the removal of the glass bottle bins.
- 01580 Financial Matters**
- a. Accounts to be paid/authorised –The Clerk circulated a payment sheet for authorisation, and it **was resolved** to authorise all payments. (Copy minute ref 01537a below)
  - b. Accounts as at end of February 2023 – Bank Reconciliation as at end of February 2023 had been circulated for review and was accepted as correct, to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
  - c. Councillors Budget Statement – Budget statement as of end of February 2023 was circulated for review and was accepted as correct, to be signed by Chairman.
  - d. Asset Register– The Clerk had circulated the asset register and it was accepted as correct, to be signed by Chairman.
  - e. Appointment of Internal Auditor – It was resolved to appoint Jen Cooper as the internal auditor.
- 01581 Planning Matters:** -The following applications had been received for consultation:
- a) S/I77/00299/23 – Lane End, Little Lindon, Tetford – Extension to existing dwelling. Following debate, **it was resolved** to support this application.
- 01582 Grass Cutting** – Cllr Kilby The Clerk met with Tudor Grounds Maintenance, who have been appointed with the contract, regarding the bank erosion issue. They are not going to do as many cuts or as short to help avoid last year's issues.
- 01583 Neighbourhood Projects and Community Engagement** –

- a) Village Benches – The benches are back and the works have been completed to a good standard for the cost. The cost of repairing the 3<sup>rd</sup> bench on South Road is to be confirmed. The Clerk asked the supplier to inform the council when they were doing the works so the safety of the area can be considered.
- b) Phonebox – The order has been placed and with a 3-month lead time it will be April before there is any update.
- c) Kings Coronation – Cllr Renshaw asked the council if there had been any consideration. It was noted that the tree from the Queens Jubilee had still not been planted due to no response from the Landowners. It was suggested that a location in the churchyard could be used for the tree.

**01584 Highways and Footpaths –**

- a) It was noted by Cllr Cawthorne that the gutter on East Road needs road sweeping. The clerk advised that the road sweeper had been booked and they came but Cllr Cawthorne advised they missed East Road.
- b) Diversion of Footpath 30 - Cllr Cawthorne advised there were still some issues of safety due to the gap in the hedge. The landowner advised that the gap was for Cadent who need access, but they are considering a gate on approval from Cadent. The Chair read the Landowner the Response from the Ramblers association who had no reason to object to the diversion. With the agreement of the council, it was noted there was no change to the Council objecting to the path diversion.
- c) Cllr Renshaw noted two parts of the footpath near Brook Cottage had been fenced making it impossible to use with a dog. It was advised by Cllr Cawthorne that footpaths were for the purpose of human use and they don't have to be accessible for dogs. The fence has been discussed with the landowner before and his priority is securing the field for cattle. The Clerk advised that the electric fence should be able to be unhooked and if this wasn't the case it should be discussed.
- d) Cllr Renshaw noted that the dog bins at Grange Farm had been removed. Any replacement would be at a cost to the council and would need to be on the collection route.

**01585 Patient Participation Group** – Cllr Renshaw advised that the new doctor is going down well. Despite previous information fed out to the community it is, as confirmed by the receptionist, still not possible to book advance appointments and the procedure is still to call from 8 am for a same-day appointment. Cllr Renshaw was asked to get clarification on the services provided by the surgery for the next meeting.

**01586 Local Elections** – After the parish council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May the current council will be dissolved. The Clerk advised that all councillors wishing to stand again will need to complete and submit the nomination papers. All nominations must be delivered to the Horncastle hub by appointment.

**01587 Councillors Report** – Cllr Larder advised the defibrillator was in good working order and had not been used. Cllr Larder also queried if the council had requested for the hedge to be reinstated at the cross keys as the property was now finished. The Clerk advised this had been requested. Cllr Renshaw advised that the mobile post office was still awaiting final confirmation. There is currently no start date confirmed but the time and date will be Wednesday at 2pm.

**01588 County Councillors Report** – Cllr Marfleet had been unable to attend the meeting.

01589 Items for the Next Agenda – Council to review social media policy

01590 Next Planned Parish Meeting - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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<u>Accounts for Payment</u>	<u>Meeting</u>			08.03.23
Payee	Net	VAT	Total	Payment / Chq.No
Clerks Feb Salary & Expenses including agreed back pay	525.53	0.00	525.53	Bacs
HMRC tax	46.00	0.00	46.00	Bacs
Eurooffice box of paper	27.20	5.44	32.64	Bacs
Tetford Bench repair (outside School) Louth Mens Shed	150.00	0.0	150.00	Bacs
Tetford Bench repair East Road – Louth Men’s Shed	75.00	0.0	75.00	Bacs
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£829.17</b>	

There  
no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Meeting closed at 20:55

Chairman .....

Date .....

Clerk .....

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