

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

Present: 5 parish Councillors, 16 members of the public and Cllr Marfleet

The Chairman, Cllr Cawthorne, welcomed everybody to the annual resident meeting.

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – The minutes have been published on the website and **it was resolved** to accept the minutes as correct; the Chairman signed the minutes.

### **Chairman's Report** – Cllr Cawthorne

There have been changes to Parish Council this year, new Chair and Vice Chair and only a full complement of councillors by June. We hope to be practical and have good reasons for the decisions we make. 3 projects achieved in this last year were: 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator now attached to the village hall, the 3 public benches repaired by Louth Men's Shed with thick oak strips and the red phone box purchased now waiting to be installed.

**Finance Report** – E Hopwood (Clerk) – Joined the Council in March 2023 and continued to work on the budgets for that financial year and the new financial year.

This financial report covers the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, the accounts of which have now been audited.

The Council carried over £5,759.60 on the 31st March 2022.

The Precept, which is the main income for the council, was £6,600 which reflects an increase to householders on band D property of 20p from £31.38 to £31.58. It should be noted as per the accounts submitted to the auditors, the council received an overpayment on Precept and returned the overpayment to ELDC.

The additional income for the year included a Lincolnshire County Council grant of **£745.28** towards Amenity Grass Cutting and a contribution of **£444.00** from the community jubilee raffle. Alongside this, the Parish Council received a **£1,000.00** Jubilee grant.

A further **£886.87** was received in donations which were put towards the Red Phonebox project which has now been purchased and awaits installation.

The level of interest on savings slightly improved but remained low during 2022/23 and the Parish Council only earned **£10.66** on reserved funds.

The budget for last year was set **£8,145.00** and up to the end of the financial year the Parish Council spent **£7,090.26** (87% of the annual budget spent) which ensures the council retain an appropriate level of reserves.

The Council carried over **£7,878.40** on the 31st March 2023 from last year with the consensus to continue its work to ensure its reserves stay at an acceptable level.

For the current year (2023/2024) the precept has been set at **£7,130**. This small increase saw an increase in the tax base from **209** to **215**. The Parish Council continues to strive to reach a position where our annual budget will be covered by the precept received.

The annual accounts for 2022/23 have now been audited and are available for examination. All documentation has been placed on the website and has been audited by an independent auditor and an external auditor.

### **Hamilton Hall Report - Mrs Marlene Renshaw**

Although not a very busy time at the moment, table tennis, Bowls, WI, Wednesday club, Pilates, the monthly farmers market and the Parish council are all our regular users. Available for hire for parties, quizzes, dances and meetings, the hall offers the choice of two rooms with the availability of the kitchen or just tea-making facilities. Run by a group of small volunteer committee the hire costs are kept as low as possible to cover housekeeping and repairs, new blood is always welcome so if you would like to join us please feel free.

### **Recreation Ground Report – Mr Pater Stark**

Friday, 14 July they held their annual Terriers racing fundraiser event. The event normally helps fund the running costs for the next year which are approx £3700 for the recreation ground.

Despite the horrible weather they were brilliantly supported by local businesses, the trustees, villagers and friends setting up, attending the event and clearing up. A big thank you to everyone which is a great measure of the fantastic community spirit in the village. There were some good races and great fun, 131 people attended and they made approximately £1247. Normally over 400 people attend raising approx £3500 in profits.

In Spring 2023 they purchased and installed a double toddler swing and a bouncer for toddlers in the play area. This cost £4400 but are great additions to the play area which will last for many years to come.

They have received £500 from the Lottery towards these costs of the toddler equipment and £500 from Cllr Simpson, ELDC towards our running costs. They have made other grant applications and are waiting to hear from some organisations.

At the end of Autumn 2022 with help from Paul Todd and a machine from Brian Todd Homes they dismantled the old changing rooms and disposed of them at a cost of approx £400. The area has been grassed over and is a big improvement.

They currently have Tetford cricket team and two youth football teams using the recreation ground. Families are enjoying the play area which is being well used by primary school children as well.

If you can join the ELDC lottery it helps support the Recreation ground charity, <https://www.selcplottery.co.uk/account/login?returnUrl=%2Faccount%2Flogoff>

If anyone would like to hire the cricket pitch, use the recreation ground for an event please get in touch.

**Edward Richardson Trust Report – Mrs Marlene Renshaw**

The trust set up from a legacy from the will of Edward Richardson serves the purpose of giving grants for educational needs for the young people and residents in Tetford and Salmonby under the age of 26. This may be for expenses in conjunction with formal educational needs, books, educational trips or apprenticeships.

During the last year, the trust has awarded 7 grants.

**Community Speed Watch Report - Mr Lyndon Cook**

The 3 people involved in Speed Watch have been targeting parents taking their children to school. They have been disappointed by the lack of support from the Community Police. They would like feedback from them about those who have been caught several times, they would like to change the locations they use and, ultimately, they would like flashing speed signs to be put up.

**Volunteer Litter Picking – Cllr Cawthorne**

The volunteer litter picking group have continued to pick up litter by our local roads each April and September. There have been good numbers of volunteers in all weathers. The Times of Tetford and Salmonby has done a good job advertising each litter pick.

**Tetford Surgery – Patients Participation Group – Mrs Marlene Renshaw**

The patient participation group meets every 6-8 weeks. The idea is to be a liaison between the patients and the medical staff. The main bone of contention remains the allocation of appointments. The promise has been made those appointments should be available to book up to a fortnight in advance, in practice this is still not happening and the 8 am phone-in does not allow enough flexibility for these advance bookings. On the plus side, the two sites are now fully staffed and there are a wide variety of medical specialities. Please do consider when you call that the receptionists, now known as care navigators, are trained to put you in touch with the medical professional most able to deal with your problem and this need not necessarily be a doctor. Also, if you can travel you may get an earlier appointment if you are willing to attend the Louth practice. All this said, there are plans in the pipeline to extend the range of services at Tetford, with this in mind you may have noticed that the car park has been extended.

**Tetford Travel Club – Mr Dick Fowler**

Sadly, the TETFORD TRAVEL GROUP will close from November 2023, but meanwhile will offer subsidised trips, paying entry fees from reserves. Over 7 years, 60 trips and 500 passengers everyone has made a splendid effort for the community

The closure is due to a combination of lack of support -passengers and volunteers- and changes in venues customer service.

Any remaining assets will be distributed in accordance with the constitution, after consulting members

**Tetford Wednesday Club** – L Harper Smith

This report covers the period from September 2022 to March 2023 when the membership was 17. The club does not have a formal committee. The programme was as follows:

- Sept – A lecture on Henry Winn
- Oct – A slide show on owls
- Nov – Annual charity quiz night
- Dec – Christmas lunch
- Jan – New year meeting
- Feb – Food demonstration by Mansion House
- March – Theatre trip
- April – Beauty demonstration by Heather

The chosen charities for the year were RNLI (£50) and Cancer Research (£50). The Wednesday club does not meet in June, July or August.

**Tetford Defibrillators** – Cllr Larder

A second defibrillator has been installed thanks to Brian Todd Homes. Fortunately, neither one has needed to be used over the last 12 months. If a person dials 999 and asks to use a defibrillator, they should always ask for the entry code for the box.

**County Councillors Report** – Cllr Marfleet

Cllr Marfleet was in attendance and tasked questions. Those in attendance said that the road sloping down to the stream on Salmonby bends was not dealt with at all so water still runs down the road and produces deep potholes. It was also noted that the drain on West Road was damaged when the surgery was built so water does not drain from the road as it should. He agreed to investigate these matters, particularly the 2<sup>nd</sup> one.

The Chairman opened the meeting to residents to give them the opportunity to tell the Council what they wished to see happening or changing.

**Questions & Comments:**

- It was raised that there are deep potholes in the village hall car park, which is public land and is the responsibility of the Parish Council. It is well used, by parents taking their children to school, by people using the Recreation Ground and by horseboxes unloading carts and horses. Cllr Marfleet said that he would look into getting road planings. Villagers said that they would put the planings into the potholes.

There were no more comments. The Chairman thanked closed the meeting. The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed----- Chairman

Signed----- Clerk