

TETFORD & SALMONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 13th January 2021 at 7.30pm by video conference link

Present:	Chairman	Cllr Lonie
		Cllr Renshaw
		Cllr P Todd
		Cllr Davison
		Cllr Larder
		Cllr Kilby
		PCSO Wass

Clerk – M Hoad taking minutes.

Three members of the public dialled into the conference call. A resident asked if the streetlight which had been in East Road at the end of footpath 33 was going to be replaced having come down in bad weather early 2020, prior to lockdown being imposed. The Clerk was asked to chase this situation and report back to Council with her findings. There were no further comments raised and the Chairman opened the meeting for business.

01127 Apologies for absence – Apologies had been received from, Cllr Andrews (ELDC) and **it was resolved** to accept reason for absence.

01128 Co-Option to the Parish Council – Councillors had been advised that following the notification period providing residents with the option to call a local election to fill the casual vacancy on the parish Council that Co-option could now take place to fill the seat. The resigning Councillor now wished to stand for co-option back onto the Parish Council.

Standing orders down

The Chairman moved to put standing orders down to allow the co-option candidate to address the Council.

The applicant advised that following a request to take on additional responsibilities for the Parish Council they had felt no alternative but to resign as they were unable to absorb extra duties due to their existing workload. They did however wish to continue to serve the community and requested to re-stand for office. The applicant was asked how they were now positioned to undertake the Councillor role. They replied they felt confident in undertaking general Parish Councillor duties but could not take on any additional community voluntary work.

Standing orders up

With the agreement of Council, the Chairman reinstated Standing Orders so that the Council could consider moving into closed session to further discuss this regarding this matter.

Due to the sensitivity of issues raised around the previous resignation of this applicant **it was resolved** to discuss this matter in closed session at the end of the meeting.

01129 Declarations of Interest – there were no Declarations of Interest provided by Councillors.

01130 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th November 2020 and the Planning Meeting held on the 9th December 2020 had been circulated & **it was resolved** to accept them as correct. A hard copy of both minutes had been provided to the Chairman for signature.

01131 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts to be paid/authorised – Clerks November & December Salary & Expenses; A Davison expenses for Speed Gun £137.37; Project signs - Community Speed Watch Signage £96.84; Eurooffice Inks £47.33; M Hoad expense for Howdens Community Speed Watch Jackets £126.72– **it was resolved** to authorise all payments.
- b. Accounts as at end of Nov 2020 – Bank Reconciliation as at end of Nov 2020 had been circulated for review and was accepted as correct, to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- c. Projected Budget and Precept for Year 2021/22 – The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting the budget to date figures along with a proposed budget plan for 2021/22. A suggested forecast for the forthcoming year Precept had been advised along with figures indicating the level of cost to a band D property. The information was reviewed and following discussion it was resolved to hold the Precept level for a Band D property the same as the current year. This would require an overall reduction of the Precept by £30 pa due to the tax base falling from 203 to 202. The Chairman signed the precept form to be returned to ELDC.

01132 Planning Matters: - Council had receive the following application for review and comment:

S/177/02206/20 MANOR FARM, EAST ROAD, TETFORD, HORNCastle, LN9 6QQ - Outline erection of 6no. dwellings (with means of access and layout to be considered).

Standing Orders Down

The Chairman moved to put standing orders down to allow the planning applicant to address Councillors. This was agreed by Council.

The planning applicant advised they had reviewed the comments raised from their previous application and removed the document for resubmission to incorporate some of the changes requested by objectors. The proposed dwellings were now smaller in size and provided larger gardens. The pond and trees had been designed within the application to retain environments for wildlife. It should be noted that from the Watermill it would not be possible to see the roofs of the new development. The flooding that had been raised as a concern was down to the drain as the land had been built up to avoid future flooding. The applicant noted that other developments in South Road had been passed and considered the objections to his planning felt rather personal.

The Clerk also read out an emailed objection received to this application from a resident calling on the PC to halt on planning decisions on new developments until they could meet in in person and consult with consult residents.

Standing Orders Up

With the agreement of Council, the Chairman reinstated Standing Orders so that the Council could review and vote on this application.

Councillors expressed their concern that the rate of expansion within the village was increasing at a time when services were decreasing. Although some expansion was inevitable it needed to be controlled especially within the AONB as there were already a high number of properties with planning permission yet to be built and sold within the village. The previous application for development of the site had been objected by the Parish Council and it was not considered the new application made enough alterations to change their view on the development. Following debate,

the Parish Council voted 4 to object to this development, 1 in favour and 1 abstention. It was therefore agreed to submit an objection to this application on the points raised to ELDC – Clerk to action.

- 01133 Recreation Ground Update** – Cllr Davison advised the playground was still open and being used and was regularly being cleaned and monitored. The Recreation Ground Committee had been short listed for one of the local Lincolnshire Co-Operatives charities to receive a grant and voting would open shortly. The grant was being requested to undertake some repair and replacement of fencing at the back of the playground.
- 01134 Grass Cutting** – No cutting was currently taking place; however, Cllr Kilby advised he would be in contact with the contractors regarding confirming the cutting areas for 2021. In his capacity as Snow Warden Cllr Kilby informed the meeting that the Clerk had checked the grit bins and additional supplies of grit had been ordered.
- 01135 Neighbourhood Projects and Community Engagement –**
- a. Community Newsletter. This had been delayed from December 2020 and **it was resolved** the next addition would be published and circulated in January 2021.
 - b. Community Support Requirements – Following debate it was agreed that Community Covid Support and the Volunteer Group should both come under the responsibility of Cllr Lonie and Cllr Larder, supported by the Clerk.
 - c. Telephone Box – The Clerk advised that a complaint had been received regarding the old telephone box as being an eye sore on South Road. It had always been a project to replace this kiosk with a traditional red phone box, but the project had been delayed due to lockdown restrictions. Cllr Lonie agreed to take this project forward and to include information about it in the forthcoming newsletter.
- 01135 Parish Web Site and Facebook Page** – Cllr Davison advised that the Facebook page was still being used to advise of government information around the pandemic. It was envisaged that in future it would become a more varied form of communication for the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that the new web site had gone live and that this would again be advertised in the forthcoming Newsletter.
- 01136 Defibrillator** – Cllr Larder advised that on checking the defibrillator the pads and battery required changing. Replacements had been obtained and the device was emergency ready.
- 01137 Volunteer Group Report** – It was agreed that this group would come under the support of Cllr Lonie, Cllr Larder and the Clerk. The Litter picking group would be contacted to find out what support they required going forward – Clerk to action.
- 01138 Edward Richardson Trust Report** – Cllr Renshaw advised that no further applications had been received over the last months. It was resolved to re advertise this facility in the forthcoming Newsletter.
- 01139 Highways and Footpaths** – It was noted number of road repairs had been carried and that works to the drain on West Road were also scheduled. Cllr Todd advised that the problem of dog fouling had increased in areas of the village. Following discussion, **it was resolved** to ask the Clerk to contact the dog warden regarding additional advice and support with problem areas. The ELDC

link to reporting dog fouling would be circulated on the Facebook page and a name and shame policy would be adopted.

Following on from the last meeting **it was resolved** that agreement from Hamilton Hall Committee would be sought to erecting removable bollards at the car park entrance to the playing fields. Cllr Todd agreed to seek quotes for the provision and installation of the bollards. Cllr Lonie would take forward with the landowner the issue of ensuring the gateway to the field from East Road could be made secure. This item will be added to the next agenda.

- 01140 Community Speed Watch Programme** – Cllr Davison advised that the Community Speed Watch equipment had now been ordered and the programme would kick off as soon as pandemic restrictions were lifted, and it was safe to ask volunteers to start.
- 01141 District Councillors Report** – Cllr Andrews had sent his apologies to the meeting and there was no further update at this time.
- 01142 County Councillors Report** – Cllr Marfleet had not been able to attend the meeting, but his monthly briefing email had been circulated to Councillors. There was no further report at this time.
- 01143 PCSO Report** – The PCSO that overall things were relatively quiet but that there had been a slow increase in the number of reported burglaries from shed and workshops. He advised extra vigilance to be taken in the security of garden shed and workshop premises and any vehicles acting suspiciously in the area to be reported. PCSO Wass also informed the meeting that the police were focussing on section 59 – anti social behaviour and again to report any concerns.
- 01144 Clerks Report** – There was no further report from the Clerk at this time.
- 01145 Correspondence** – The Clerk advised the meeting of a letter received from a resident requesting the Council consider looking into a community buy out of the village pub. Although Councillors would very much like to see the pub reopened when safe to do so, in depth discussions had already been undertaken regarding this and the outcome had been decided that it would not be feasible as a project to take forward. Clerk sked to respond accordingly to the correspondence.
- 01146 Councillors Reports** – Cllr Larder asked if some consideration could be put towards how more tree might be able to be planted in the village. This could perhaps come from PC project funding or requests for donations from nurseries. It was noted that the PC doesn't own any land that would be suitable for planting however perhaps local landowners and residents could be encouraged to plan if donations could be provided by the Parish Council. **It was resolved** to look at this further within the community projects subcommittee and seek local interest via the Parish Newsletter.
- 01147 Next Planned Parish Meeting - Wednesday 10th February 2021, 7.30pm**
- 01148 Closing the Meeting to Public & Press** – In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council considered closing the meeting to public & press in order to discuss confidential and sensitive matters regarding its co-option procedure, **it was resolved** to close the meeting
- 01149 Closed Session Discussion on Co-Option** – Council discussed the co-option process and the candidate seeking to re-stand for office. It was considered that following the notification from ELDC that Co-Option could be undertaken on the 4th January, insufficient time and awareness of vacancy had been given for any other potential candidates to come forward. **It was resolved** to

advertise the vacancy further and postpone any decision on the co-option of the existing candidate until then.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:31

Chairman	Date
Clerk	Date