

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**FALDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014**  
**IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, FALDINGWORTH**

**Present** Cllrs T Howard (Chairman), A Longdon (Vice Chairman), D Waine.  
 Also present: 4 Members of the public.

**Clerk** S Aikman.

**14/07/01 TO RESOLVE TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and reasons accepted for Cllr D Rodgers, Cllr A Price and Cllr M Stanney.

**14/07/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**14/07/03 PUBLIC FORUM**

Following a vote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to allow for public time.

Residents asked if there was any update on the planned solar farm. It was confirmed that WLDC had been contacted and that information had been requested regarding the planning approval. No response had been received. The Clerk was requested to follow this up with WLDC.

**14/07/04 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Following a vote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meetings held on 20 May 2014 be approved and signed as minutes.

**14/07/05 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair had nothing to report.

**14/07/06 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

a. All Saints Church Project

A presentation was given by Cynthia Bunch, church warden. The presentation outlined the history of the church, the repairs needed to the roof and the proposed development of the church for cultural and educational opportunities. It was agreed that the Council would write a letter of support for the project as required by potential funders. C Bunch would provide the necessary information to the clerk and would keep the council updated with progress on the project.

b. Memorial Hall

It was reported that Cllr Howard had attended the Memorial Hall meeting and a copy of their statement of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014 was circulated.

**14/07/07 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported for information only that:-

The website had been updated to show only the councillors names and the Clerk's name and contact details.

Highways had been contacted re overhanging trees on A46 and overgrown hedge and verges on edge of village (Buslington Road).

The benches had been inspected and repaired as necessary.

The Play Annual Inspection had been booked for August.

The road sweeper had been booked and work completed.

#### **14/07/08 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence received was noted:

WLDC	Planning app. 131365
SLCC	News bulletin
LALC	Councillors training day
Community Lincs	News & Updates
WLDC	Tree application 033517
Church warden	All Saints Church Project
Community Lincs	Lincolnshire Funding & Information Event
Public Sector Executive	Unpaid overtime
LALC	Vitalise appeal
LALC	War memorial conservation event
Public Sector Executive	Media contact
Grant Thornton	Receipt of annual return
WLDC	Highways workshop
Public Sector Executive	Public sector pay

#### **14/07/09 TO CONSIDER REQUESTING A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS FOLLOWING PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Following a vote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the consultation process should be started to gauge public opinion on the proposal to request a reduction in the number of councillors from seven to six. The Clerk would publish the proposed resolution and the reasons why the Council felt that there should be a reduction in its membership on the council noticeboards and the council website. The notice would state that observations should be made to the Clerk before the production of the agenda for the September meeting. Observations would be taken into account at the September meeting, an appropriate resolution would be passed and necessary information would be sent to the Returning Officer at WLDC.

#### **14/07/10 TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE UPDATED STANDING ORDERS**

The proposed standing orders had been updated to comply with current legislation and Council procedures. Following a vote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the updated standing orders be adopted by the Council.

#### **14/07/11 TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE UPDATED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The proposed financial regulations had been updated to comply with current legislation, council procedures and the ability to use electronic banking if required. Following a vote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the updated financial regulations be adopted by the Council.

#### **14/07/12 TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE UPDATED MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The proposed model publication had been updated to comply with current legislation and to provide updated contact details. Following a vote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the updated model publication scheme be adopted by the Council.

**14/07/13 TO CONSIDER THE USE OF PLAY AREAS AND OPTIONS FOR ACCESSING FUNDING FOR PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS**

It was reported that a request had been received from Welton Children's Centre to hold two free play events on the playing field during August 2014. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that permission would be given providing suitable public liability insurance was in place and suitable risk assessments had been completed.

The need for obtaining funding for development of the playing field was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would look for potential funding opportunities and that the options for consultation at the proposed play events would be explored.

**14/07/14 TO CONSIDER THE PLANTING OF POPPIES FOR THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

Following a discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that poppy seeds could be planted near the playground at Boundary Walk. Cllr Stanney's offer of providing seeds, planting and maintenance was accepted.

**14/07/15 TO CONSIDER THE ARRANGEMENT OF ANNUAL VILLAGE INSPECTIONS**

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a date in August for the Council to inspect areas of the village. The inspections would support future planning for maintenance and budgetary requirements.

**14/07/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

i. To approve accounts for payment

Following a vote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the following accounts for payment:

S Sawyer	Bench inspections & sign repair	£75.00
Veolia ES UK	grass cutting	£185.35
S Sawyer	Bench repairs	£270.00
S Aikman	June/July salary	£485.94
SCIS	computer repair	£36.00
S Sawyer	Bench inspections & sign repair	£75.00
Veolia ES UK	grass cutting	£185.35
S Sawyer	Bench repairs	£270.00

**14/07/17 PLANNING MATTERS**

APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: 131365

LOCATION: Elsden, Spridlington Road, Faldingworth

PROPOSAL: Planning application for rear extension and addition of front porch

There were no comments on the above application.

TPO REFERENCE NO: 033517

LOCATION: Woodlands Cottage, Spridlington Road, Faldingworth, Market Rasen, LN8 3SQ

PROPOSAL: Remove branch stubs back to main stem. Reduce new growth extending from pruned limb over drive. Crown lift tertiary branches to 2.5m agl over footpath and 5.2m agl over road. T27 of Faldingworth 1969 Order

There were no comments on the above proposal.

**14/07/18 URGENT ITEMS**

None.

**14/07/18 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - STAFF MATTERS**

Following a vote it was unanimously resolved to move into closed session to discuss staff matters.

*The public were asked to leave the meeting at this point.*

Staff Matters – A report had been produced regarding staff hours which was outlined and discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations made which would come into effect from 1 August 2014. A report had been produced regarding staff training which was outlined and discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations made.

*The meeting closed at 9.15 pm*