

MINUTES OF THE BUTTERWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors: A Gosling (Chairman), K Forman, M Knowles, C Smith and A Quickfall
Boston Borough Councillor P Bedford
Lincolnshire County Councillor P Skinner
2 members of the Public
Mrs J Barnes (Clerk)

Before the meeting, Councillor A Gosling paid tribute to Peter Roberts who had died on Christmas Day. He had been a parish councillor for Butterwick from 1983 to 2003 and attended numerous meetings following his retirement. His funeral was being held on Wednesday, 10th January 2018 at Butterwick Church and Councillor Forman stated he would be attending.

- 1 APOLOGIES** were received from Parish Councillor N Donnelley, Boston Borough Councillor F Ransome and the Police.

Apologies were also received from Parish Councillor D Dower who had also tendered his resignation with immediate effect. The clerk would contact Boston Borough Council accordingly.

2 POLICE MATTERS

PSCO Devenish had reported on anti-social behaviour in Church Road; a suspicious circumstance in Sea Lane; transport hazards in Sea Lane, Main Road and Brand End Road and two incidents of violence in Mill Lane and Tyler Crescent.

- 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2017** having been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4 NO MATTERS ARISING

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Gosling and Forman declared an interest in 9.5 being involved with the Park.

Councillor Quickfall declared an interest in 9.5 being involved with the Church.

Councillor Knowles declared an interest 9.5 being involved with the British Legion.

6 PLANNING

- 6.1 B/17/0315 – No final decision had yet been made on the outline application for 7no affordable dwellings with matters relating to layout, scale, appearance, landscaping and access reserved for later consideration at land off Girls School Lane, for Mr R Pearson had been discussed at a Planning Meeting of Boston Borough Council. The committee have resolved to grant approval, subject to the signing of the legal S106 agreement.

- 6.2 B/17/0316 – No final decision had yet been made on the outline application for 7no affordable dwellings and 2no market dwellings with matters relating to layout, scale, appearance, landscaping and access reserved for later consideration at

land off Girls School Lane, for Mr & Mrs P Pearson had been discussed at a Planning Meeting of Boston Borough Council. The committee have resolved to grant approval, subject to the signing of the legal S106 agreement.

- 6.3 B/17/0452 – It was noted that the application for prior notification for the excavation of a reservoir for irrigation purposes at land of Doves Lane, for T H Clements did not require prior approval.
- 6.4 B/17/0056 - No further information on the appeal made regarding the outline application for residential development (up to 2 dwellings) with all matters reserved for later approval at Former Garage and other associated building, Brand End Road for Mr G Walden.

7 PARISH MATTERS

- 7.1 **Highways** – It was noted that Benington Road would be closed for one day, 14th January 2018 for essential maintenance works. The notice had been displayed. Councillor Quickfall stated that she had previously reported the problems with the entrance to Pinchbeck Road, but would report again.
- 7.2 **Standing Orders** - The clerk stated that together with the chairman, they had looked at the Standing Orders which had last been reviewed and adopted on the 13th September 2016. The councillors agreed the small number of changes and these were formally adopted and would be available on the parish website.
- 7.3 **Planning Meeting** - The paperwork from the training session had now been received, and all councillors were handed a summary for them to go through; with the full document available if required. This would be discussed again at a future meeting.
- 7.4 **New Data Protection Regulations** – These would be coming into force by May 2018 and further details would be available later.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Lincolnshire County Council – The Minerals and Waste Plan had now been adopted.
- 8.2 LALC – The latest newsletter had been forwarded to all councillors in December 2017.
- 8.3 Clerks & Councils Direct – The January issue was handed to Councillor Gosling.
- 8.4 Clerks Report – The clerk stated that during the last month she had received a number of calls/emails regarding the mud on the road. It was noted that the police had been informed and that T H Clements had cleared the road the best they could in the weather conditions. An enquiry had been made regarding the Old Mill Site on Mill Lane, for the storage of caravans and she had given them Boston Borough Council's details.

9 FINANCE

- 9.1 The Clerk presented the up-to-date accounts, together with an update of the precept spending to date and evidence of the bank balance.

9.2 The following payments were agreed.

Details	Amount	VAT	Payment
J Barnes (cash for K Stones and J Dickson, for litter picking)	£104		BACS
T A Blackamore (Grass Cutting)	£849.60	£141.60	BACS
T A Blackamore (Park Maintenance)	£1727.00	£287.83	BACS

9.3 External Audit – Information had been received that the external auditor appointed was PKF Littlejohn who would provide some training on the forthcoming changes under the new regime. They were running an interactive webinar which the clerk had responded to the invitation.

9.4 VAT Claims – Information had been received that changes would be made in the near future.

9.5 Precept – A full discussion was held on the proposed expenditure for 2018/2019. Most of the annual expenses would rise with inflation. It was agreed that at present not to insure the footway lighting, noting that the cost for the lighting would be the same as the previous year. It was agreed to increase the donation to the Park for the maintenance by £750 with the proviso that they could make an approach to the Parish Council if they required more. The clerk's salary was discussed and it was agreed that it would be increase to £3500 in view of all the extra work now involved; and the payment made for litter picking was increased. The amount for the cutting of the grassed areas and other donations were reduced.

It was unanimously agreed to have a precept of £15,000 (the same as the current year) with an estimated amount per household of £37.16 per year.

(Councillor Gosling left the room and Councillor Knowles took the chair for the discussion on the Park Maintenance.)

9.6 Councillor Gosling had made enquiries regarding having the road/path edges cleaned. It was proposed by Councillor Forman, seconded by Councillor Smith and agreed to accept the quote from T A Blackamore for £220; and this would be done as soon as possible. It was also agreed that the edges be sprayed at least twice a year at £60 per spray.

10 NEXT MEETING

10.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th February 2018 at Butterwick Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This would begin with a presentation on the Boston Marathon.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 20.31.

Signed Councillor A Gosling

(Chairman)

13th February 2018