

Notes of the meeting of Ashby de la Launde and Bloxholm with Temple Bruer and Temple High Grange Parish Council held on 17 November 21

Present:

Mr I Douglas, Mr R Walker, Mr T Eley, Mrs A Douglas, Mrs J Wilkinson, Mr G White, Mr W Lawrence, Cllr J Clark, Cllr R Kendrick

Also present:

Mrs J Eley (Clerk)

Meeting opened 7.30pm

21/55 Chairman's Remarks

Following on from the last meeting, the Chairman addressed Cllr J Clark on the issues surrounding purple bin collections, the policing of the contents of these bins and the confusion over what residents are and are not allowed to put in them. The Chairman also expressed his concerns that the Council had not managed the collection and direction of purple bin issues well, leading to thousands of bins remaining filled/uncollected and as a result had lost public goodwill and support for the scheme. Cllr Clark countered the argument stating that the following week the issues had been resolved.

Meeting closed at 7.43pm for Councillors reports.

21/56 Cllr Rob Kendrick

Cllr Kendrick spoke about the changes in business practices as a result of the epidemic and that it was good to see everyone in person. He also discussed the 'Fix My Street' app, the Police Precept Survey and speeding in the districts villages which led to a greater discussion and the suggestion of a Community Speed Watch team. This raised some worries about possible aggression/repercussions for those 'policing' the speeding vehicles with the outcome that the parish council is to write to Cllr Kendrick so that he can raise the issue with local police.

21/57 Cllr Jim Clark

Cllr Clark discussed Covid and face to face measures now in place at NKDC in 'getting back to normal' - i.e. meetings held in the sports hall. He extended an invitation to the parish councillors to visit the NKDC buildings and offices in Sleaford. He also spoke about the Peers Review for council members countrywide and the satisfaction discussion/rating on NKDC. Cllr Clark outlined the position with James Dyson and his investment and work on land in Lincolnshire and improvement in the microbiology of the soil which is forecast to be in a better state in 30 yrs time and not, as many predict, worse.

Meeting resumed at 8.10pm

21/58 Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Lisa J Houlder and Cllr Steve Clegg

21/59 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were expressed by the Chairman Mr I Douglas and Mrs A Douglas in view of their own Planning Application. It was agreed for the Vice-Chairman, Mr R Walker, to temporarily chair the meeting and for the Douglas' to leave the room when the application was discussed.

21/60 Requests for dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

21/61 Notes of the last meeting held on 7 September 2021

The notes of the meeting on 7 September 2021 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairperson.

21/62 Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

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The Clerk provided a report and explained its contents - Calendar for Parish Meetings for 2022 provided.

Recent works on renewing pavements and the villagers gratitude to the contractors were discussed. It was agreed that a thank-you letter should be sent to the Highways Agency once all roadworks are completed.

Ongoing issue with Defibs not being serviced – G White enquired if they are still functional and should we request a rebate of servicing costs. We could donate any rebate directly to LIVES?

21/63 Internal Audit

It was agreed to go forward with the plan for LALC to carry out the Internal Audit for the Parish at a cost of £150.00 pa. LALC to be notified.

21/64 New Councillor required

Second reminder received from NKDC. Posters have been pinned up on village Notice Boards at all three areas of the parish to attract interest in the role, unfortunately no success as yet. NKDC to be advised of measures taken.

21/65 Village Gates

T Eley has arranged a site survey to discuss gate placement and street licence requirements. He also intends to speak to Walcott Parish Council who have just installed their own village entrance gates.

21/66 Speeding

Discussed in some detail during Cllr Kendricks address (see notes above)

R Walker approached RAF Camp at Digby to ask if the Commander could speak to RAF personnel with a view to them checking their speed through the villages. He was advised that they held no responsibility for drivers from the camp. Police help to be sought.

G White provided some figures on the 30mph speed criteria – 20 dwellings within 600m should result in a 30mph limit being imposed. This is to be explored further in relation to Bloxholm.

21/67 Anti Social Behaviour

R Walker provided some feedback on reported incidents indicating that available data is corrupt as no information at all is available for the village (Ashby de la Launde). J Eley has approached the local Police Community Officer with an invitation for her to attend one of the parish meetings to offer guidance on the issue of ASB within the parish. Awaiting reply.

21/68 New Notice Board – Bloxholm

G White requested funding for a replacement notice board for the village. Nothing finalised - further research/costing to be carried out in readiness for next meeting.

21/69 Training Courses

Councillors made aware of ability to attend any desired courses as outlined by LALC as annual payment has been made which is inclusive of all courses for all councillors.

21/70 Financial Matters

21/70/1 Income and Expenditure Sheet – approved and signed

21/70/2 Payment of cheques and approval of those paid between meetings
(detailed on Agenda)

21/70/3 Presentation of Annual Budget – agreement given

21/70/4 Grant Aid Applications 2022/23 signed and agreed

21/71 Planning Matters

Planning Applications - presented and approved as per Agenda.

(Cllrs I & A Douglas left the meeting room for the first application which was for their own property as per Declaration of Interest outlined above)

Planning Approvals – presented and noted as per Agenda.

21/72 Standing Orders

Amendments agreed by all present.

21/73 Queens Jubilee

To be forwarded to the Village Hall Committee to consider.

21/74 Correspondence

Correspondence noted

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21/75 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 January 2022

Meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Signed

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