**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor P Bayes

Councillors -T Bowskill - A Gee – T Brownbridge - Cllr A White – Cllr R Hopkins - Cllr David Rose

**Also in attendance:**

A McCardle Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were none.

***The Chair suspended standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak.***

The member of the public in attendance raised a number of issues, some of which have been addressed with them previously. It was discussed that the resident felt the PC were rude to him at the previous meeting, it was explained that this was not the intention, but that the 15 minute rule for public participation must be upheld in order for business, as per the agenda, to be discussed by the Councillors.

The member of the public had sent a letter to the Chair and acknowledgment of this had been made by Cllr. Bayes. The member of the public had also raised a complaint with North Lincs Council, but they did not wish to take this any further.

A number of questions were asked.

How much were the Solicitors costs in total? The Clerk explained that as the costs were over two accounting years, she did not wish to give a figure ‘off the top of her head’ in case there were inaccuracies. However, ALL costs to Jones & Co are available to anyone, clearly itemised within the minutes from the last two years, all of which are published on the website.

The member of the public felt the PC were badly advised and that the Solicitor was negligent. It has been acknowledged on a number of occasions that this may be the case, however, the PC do not wish to embark on what would inevitably be a very costly exercise to investigate this and would very likely not succeed. Therefore, it would be irresponsible for the PC to pursue this route.

The member of the public asked further questions which had already been asked at a previous meeting, the debate became heated, as it seemed the member of the public was simply revisiting matters that had been previously discussed and explained to them fully.

Cllr David Rose attempted to explain the works of the PC to the resident and that funds were required for general matters, insurances, salaries, costs towards hire of the village hall for meetings etc. etc.

The Chair reminded the resident that they had already had in excess of 15 minutes and was asked to allow the meeting to move forward.

***The Chair reinstated standing orders, and the meeting continued.***

**ITEM 1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr S Matchett

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY 4th March 2025**

The minutes from February were proposed as a true record by Cllr Gee, seconded by Cllr Bowskill and all agreed.

**ITEM 3**

**MATTERS ARISING (not on the agenda)**

Cllr Brownbridge informed that the kids bike track had been vandalised again. This was a shame as they have worked so hard. It is understood the culprits are from outside the village.

Cllr White asked if there was any update on the lorry park on Wroot Road. The Clerk stated she had written to both CoDC and Finningley Parish Council but had not yet received a reply, she would chase this up.

Cllr Bayes raised that the War Memorial required cleaning again. It was discussed that the PC could look at doing this work themselves.

**ITEM 4**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance of HSBC Accounts:

* Community Account 16,885.96
* Money Manager Account 677.29

Accounts for Payment:

66 Petrol Strimmer for Woodland Garden 346.82

67 CPRE Membership 36.00

68 Alison McCardle Clerk Salary March 552.80

69 Banck Charges HSBC 10.00

70 Stationery/Envelopes 14.93

71 Hall Hire £360 (less 50% internet costs) 130.00

72 Neal Smith Grounds Maintenance 1,074.00

There was a discrepancy with the invoice presented and the cheque amount for invoice number 72. The Clerk thought it was probably an error with printing the wrong invoice and although confident the cheque amount was correct, she decided not to put this payment through until it had been checked.

With the exception of the above, all payments for April were approved by Cllr Hopkins, seconded by Cllr White and all agreed.

**ITEM 5**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

PA/2025/214

21A Woodside Lane. With roadside parking already an issue in this location the PC objects due to this. The 2 vehicle per household rule is already greatly exceeded in this location. The Clerk would log objections on NLC Planning Portal.

**ITEM 6**

**HIGHWAY/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

* Woodside Lane resurfacing, still no definite date for work to be undertaken.
* Potholes – Some have recently been repaired.
* Lorry Park, as mentioned in matters arising, the Clerk has written to the relevant people, yet no response has been received.
* Pavements/Dog Fouling – No further reports regarding the loose dog.
* South Thorne Byway – NLC have contacted the landowner. The clerk would follow up.
* *Speeding Cars –* The Clerk will look into installation costs and funding.
* Litter Pick – Is arranged for 12th April. Cllr Rose will drop off sacks and grabbers with Cllr Bayes.
* Reported issues at Tunnel Pits have been inspected and no problems were found.

**ITEM 7**

**ALLOTMENTS**

No further information.

Rent of £20 received from Mr Alan Brown for the coming year.

**ITEM 8**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

New Playground – All 5 quotes are now received, these range from £0k to £70k. Clerk will forward full quotes to Cllr Bowskill then a separate meeting will be held to discuss.

**ITEM 9**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Gee reported the next NATS meeting is to be held at Low Burnham on 28th April 2025.

Cllr White asked Cllr Rose if the new pylon route will affect Wroot. The reply was that it would not.

**ITEM 10**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to note.

**ITEM 10**

**AGM/APM**

The AGM/APM will be held on Tuesday 6th May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall prior to the usual meeting.

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Nothing further.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th May and will incorporate the AGM and the APM.

Signed……………………………………………………Chair

Dated……………………………………………………