

# East and West Barkwith Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 8.00 pm. on 18th July, 2019, in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr. A. Platt, Mr. J. Stamp, Mr. D. Ward, Mr. N. Battell, Mrs. T. Brady,  
Ms. K. Breckons, Mr. C. Fincham and Mr. S. Goodacre.

Both the District and County Councillors were present and there were ten members of the public in attendance.

PCSO Nigel Wass had come to discuss the results of the recent Speed Survey along with any other matters which might be raised at the meeting. He was given the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the evening as he had to be elsewhere by 9pm.

He reported that, although the overall figures for speeding were no worse than those for other similar villages, the numbers on Louth Road are causing concern for residents. Police patrols have been monitoring the road and a number of drivers have been reported. These patrols will continue as often as possible.

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership will be looking for a suitable site for a mobile speed camera to photograph those vehicles exceeding the limits, although this will be for a limited time only, and they are willing to work with a Community Speed Watch Group, if this can be established.

The Community Speed Watch Scheme requires registration and offers training for local volunteers to operate hand-held speed cameras. The results are reported and offenders are sent warning letter. An offender receiving a third letter is then reported to the police for further action. The scheme also offers advice on other equipment which may be considered for purchase by the community.

As there have been no major accidents in the village, the police can only monitor the situation when possible and cannot be there all the time. It is up to the community to take whatever further action lies within its capabilities.

A straw poll of the residents present showed a majority in favour of the installation of flashing speed signs which record the speeds of vehicles over the limit.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Wass for his contribution to the proceedings and PCSO Wass left.

The chairman asked if any of the residents present had any other matters which they wished to raise.

The state of the public footpaths was a cause for concern, particularly that in Panton Road. It was explained that until the various agencies had agreed who should deal with the water leak, it was not possible to clean and, possibly, resurface the Panton Road footpath. The other oaths are also subject to the County Council inspection and maintenance schedules.

A complaint was made regarding the trees along Willingham Road. These are on the highway verge and some are overhanging so low over the footpaths as to make passage by pedestrians almost impossible.

The County Councillor offered to investigate both issues and this was accepted.

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The chairman then opened the meeting for the main business at 8.25 pm.

1001. **Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies at this meeting.

1002. **Minutes.**

Minutes of the meeting of 16th May, 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairman.

1003. **Matters arising.**

There were no items on this occasion.

1004. **Correspondence.**

General information and dates - as listed for circulation

Other items:-

East Lindsey had sent an up-date to the Electoral Register showing 7 deletions and 2 additions.

They have also asked whether the council wishes to continue receiving consultations on Planning Applications and in what form, pressing for electronic communication and the viewing of documents by downloading from the web-site. The clerk had sent a preliminary response to the form of communication, based on previous comments on the difficulty of presenting large documents for viewing and discussion at the meetings.

It was agreed that the council DID wish to continue receiving the consultation documents and that the clerk's initial response should be endorsed as reflecting the views of the council.

Lincolnshire County Council has sent copies of Fire Safety Posters. Further copies will need to be made and placed in the Bus Shelters as well as on the main board.

A resident had reported a broken handrail on the footpath bridge from Torrington Lane. This was relayed to the County Council and has now been repaired.

Another resident reported an incident of fly-tipping, also on Torrington lane. This was relayed to East Lindsey and the rubbish was removed within the following few days.

Lincolnshire Drainage Solutions sent information on new regulations regarding Septic Tanks. The company can offer assistance in assessing situations and planning any action needed. The information will be retained for possible reference when considering planning applications.

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LALC has sent a number of messages:-

There are two voucher schemes now available to assist with improving Broadband. This information had been referred to the chairman for contact with residents of West Barkwith. He confirmed that the situation there had already been resolved by local developments.

There are new funding programmes available for saving a local pub from closure by establishing it as a 'Community Pub'. At present the Crossroads is in the capable hands of Simon Young, so the information will be filed for reference should the need arise at some time in the future.

The subscription for the hard copy of the quarterly LALC News will be due shortly, with an increase to £6.00 for the year. It was agreed that this was helpful and should be renewed.

There is a quarterly publication, the Local Council Review, available from NALC at a cost of £17.50 per annum. It was agreed that, as the sample copy showed little of relevance to small communities, the council would not subscribe.

The clerk was continuing to forward the weekly E-Newsletter from LALC. Members confirmed that it was coming through effectively. There were no other comments.

The Merchant Navy Fund has sent the collection tins as requested, together with the necessary paperwork. It was confirmed that the tins would be placed in the shop, the Crossroads and at Star Garage. As the Merchant Navy Day itself is on Tuesday, 3rd September, it was agreed that the collection period would run from Friday, 30th August for two weeks. Afterwards the tins will be returned to the clerk to be opened and counted in the presence of a councillor. The Merchant Navy Fund will provide bank details for transfer or a payment form to accompany a cheque payment.

## 1005. **Planning**

a) Applications - There was one application on view at this meeting.

S/044/01157/19 - White House, Willingham Road, East Barkwith - Extension and alterations to existing dwelling and construction of vehicular access. It was agreed to support this application.

b) Decisions - There were three decisions to report.

S/044/02202/18 - Warren Farm, Benniworth Road, Panton. - Listed Building Consent, Planning Permission for extension and alterations to existing barns to provide a residential dwelling and 3 holiday cottages on site of an existing building to be removed. This has been granted.

S/044/00717/19 - Runswick, Louth Road, East Barkwith - Extension and alterations to existing dwelling to provide enlarged kitchen, a hallway, a wc. and an attached garage with en-suite on first floor above. This has been granted.

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S/044/00867/19 - St. Mary's Church, East Barkwith - Extension and alterations to existing church, which is a listed building, to provide a wc. This has been granted.

c) Other

Wragby Parish Council has experienced a planning issue which has prompted them to consider preparing a new Parish Plan. It may be possible to incorporate in this the needs and wishes of the neighbouring villages. The District Councillor, Mrs. J. Platt, is in contact with them and a meeting is being arranged with a Planning Policy Officer in late August or early September. It was agreed that the chairman and Cllr. Goodacre should attend Wragby's next council meeting, on Monday, 2nd September, and, if possible, their meeting with the Planning Officer.

## 1006. Reports

a) Village Hall. Cllr. Brady wished to thank everyone who had been involved in, or had supported the Summer Fete last Sunday. The actual figure is not yet available but it appears to have raised between £700 and £800 for the hall funds. Siting it at the hall, instead of in the field, had enabled a tighter layout which had brought the stalls and activities closer together which had improved the atmosphere.

It had also made it easier to set up and to clear away afterwards. The new barbecue had proved its worth during the afternoon.

b) Neighbourhood Watch. Residents are again warned to check their outbuildings regularly as there have been more attempted break-ins. A damaged caravan has been parked on the verge on Panton Road. It is believed this is temporary but action will be taken if it is not removed soon.

c) Play Area. There was no report on this occasion.

d) Countryside Committee. There was no report on this occasion.

e) Dog Watch Co-ordinator. There were no issues to report on this occasion.

f) History Group. Activities continue and further Field Days are being planned. It is proposed to hold an exhibition in the Church on Sunday, 25th August.

g) Churchyard. There will be no need for further council action on the extension to the graveyard in the immediate future, save for the regular mowing as carried out as part of the grass-cutting work. Any future reports will be included with those of the Countryside Committee.

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## 1007. Amenities.

a) War Memorial. The summer marigolds are looking well. However, it will soon be time to order the small winter plants for growing on over the next three months or so. The cost is expected to be between £70 and £80 and is likely to require use of the Debit Card. This was approved in principle, subject to an e-mail notification to all councillors when the exact price is known.

b) Web-site. The web-site continues to grow. The Events Calendar is now operating and the recent up-dates to the Council details have been up-loaded. Further History items are in the pipeline.

## 1008. Highways.

The earlier discussion on the results of the Speed Survey had raised questions as to the type and costs of equipment which might be purchased. It was agreed that it would be wise to join the Community Speed Watch Scheme immediately and ask for their advice on possible signage.

It may be possible to co-operate with Wragby on the use of some equipment. It was agreed that The chairman and Cllr. Goodacre would attend Wragby's Parish Council meeting on Monday, 2nd September. The clerk would e-mail other members nearer the time, should anyone else wish to go.

As East Barkwith is a village divided by an A road with speeding issues, it may be possible to request a reactive sign. The County Councillor will make further enquiries.

The District Councillor offered £500 from her 'Community Fund' towards the costs of any speed control equipment the council wishes to purchase. It was agreed that this would be most welcome.

The County Council contractor for the work on the Bus Shelters, has experienced further delays. He is now expected to begin in late July or early August. Notification will be sent when the actual date is known.

## 1009. Finance.

a) Receipts - The VAT repayment has been received £500.00  
Received from Gardeners for Printing services £5.00

The resident who had previously printed items for the local community groups is currently unwell and unable to continue doing so. It was agreed that the clerk could offer this service, subject to a payment to cover the costs of paper and ink used.

b) Bills - The following items had been approved for payment on receipt of invoice -

Payee - For	Cheque no.	Net	VAT	Total
Wyevale Garden Centre for Barbecue	CARD	£236.71	£47.34	£284.04
Viking - for ink and stationery supplies	000824	£154.57	£30.91	£185.48

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Mrs. B. Theairs - Clerk's salary	000825	£578.00	-	£578.00
HMRC - Clerk's Tax	000826	£137.00	-	£137.00
Mark Woodcock - for Grass-cutting	000827	£99.00	-	£99.00
Mr. C. Wilson - Mower fuel	000828	£9.59	£2.40	£11.99
Star Garage - Mower Parts	000829	£185.66	£37.13	£222.79

Bills approved at this meeting -

Play Days - for play area bark (Cheque no. 000831 was misdrawn and destroyed)	000830	£237.00	£47.40	£284.40
Viking - for ink and stationery supplies	000832	£114.52	£22.90	£137.42

The need for the Viking order so soon after the last one was due largely to the sudden failure of the clerk's main printer, with the back-up machine taking a different cartridge.

Also approved, in principle, for payment on receipt of invoice -

- Sand for the Play Area - to be arranged by Cllr. Wilson - approx ????
- Play Area Inspection Fee - Approx £70 plus VAT
- Winter Plants for the War Memorial - subject to price check and approval for CARD
- Election Costs from East Lindsey - expected at £48.50 per Parish Ward
- LALC annual Newsletter subscription - £6.00
- Community Speed Watch subscription - £40.00

The clerk raised the question of the signatories to the Bank Account, there being now only four valid names, with consequent difficulties at times in getting a second signature for a cheque. It was agreed that former Cllr. Robinson's name should be removed from the Bank's records and that Cllr. Brady's should be added. The clerk will have the necessary forms for approval and signature at the next meeting.

c) Audit - The External Auditors have confirmed acceptance of the Exemption form. Unless they receive any queries from residents as a result of the inspection period, there will be no further communications until next year's process begins.

The inspection period closes at the end of this month and there have, as yet, been no requests to view the accounting documents.

## 1010. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Ward wished to remind the council of the Charity Fund-raising events at the Crossroads on Saturday. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed by the Chairman .....