

West Ashby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting for West Ashby Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 in West Ashby Village Hall.

Those councillors present were Cllrs C Graves, J Bunster, A Radcliffe, R Atkin House, N Moore, S Summerlin Benton and G Edwards. Also present C Cllr P Bradwell, D Cllr D Simpson and clerk Mrs K Elliott.

PUBLIC FORUM: One item was discussed in the public forum – the ongoing overflowing drain at the junction of Docking Lane.

The meeting commenced at 7.31 pm.

- 2024/076 **Chairman’s remarks** - Mr Bunster welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2024/077 **Apologies** – there were none.
- 2024/078 **There were no declarations of interest.**
- 2024/079 **The notes of the meeting** held on 17th January 2024 were proposed, seconded, voted and RESOLVED as a true and accurate record. An update on the cemetery flooding was provided and LCC will cut more grips, Cllr P Bradwell will chase this matter. A request is to be made to Witham 3rd IDB to clear dykes. Also, a request to clear the rest of the footpaths from Ings Lane towards Horncastle.
- 2024/080 **Reports from District & County Councillors and Police:** D Cllr Simpson, it is noted that the ELDC website is not very user friendly for making planning application comments. No Police were present.
- 2024/081 **Clerk’s report on matters outstanding and correspondence**
a) **Telephone Box** – JB confirmed will get a replacement Perspex door panel.
b) **CSW report** – JB circulated the latest data. The new 30mph limit has slowed traffic and the regular Police visits are having a good effect. Figures are still high, 99,000 vehicles from January to March one way. 1 in 5 are over the speed limit. Two more volunteers have become available to assist with CSW.
c) **Litter picking** – A date of 6th April was agreed and Hemingby Lane needs our attention. [C Cllr Bradwell left at 7.56pm]
- 2024/082 **Defib quarterly report** – The clerk shared the quarterly report from LIVES had shown that the defib pads and battery needed changing. The cost for this is £175 plus VAT and this cost was approved.
- 2024/083 **Flooding Issues** – This matter has been discussed earlier in this meeting.
- 2024/084 **Christmas Tree** – a meeting is required on site to discuss this proposal with the VCC. A faculty may be required. A further proposal was put forward to purchase the tree and plant in a large pot/container in an agreed position in the closed churchyard. The clerk will talk with the VCC members. JB will also find out the root ball size. The tree is currently 12 ft. tall.

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- 2024/085 **Programme of Events:** A plant sale was proposed for some time in June (1st/2nd to be held in the village hall car park, other ideas are welcome. The clerk advised that she has ideas to put forward when the village hall kitchen has been renewed.
- 2024/086 **Cadwell Park Sponsorship ideas:** The clerk has completed and submitted the forms to LCC for permission to erect the benches, planters in the layby.
- 2024/087 **Parish Plan** – This document was created in 2006 by SSB and JB has reviewed it, a lot has been achieved in the past 18 years. The clerk will scan the document and circulate to all for information. A copy will also be attached to the website.
- 2024/088 **Highways** – RAH is having a meeting with R Fenwick in April.
- 2024/089 **Planning Matters:**
a) S/201/02181/23 – Stable and garage block, L Nelstrop. There are no objections to this application.
b) Also a matter has been reported to enforcement at ELDC for Horncastle Golf Club for change of use.
- 2024/090 **Finance Matters,** to approve payments and to note income since last meeting. All payments were approved and cheques signed.
a) Clerks Expenses £139.96
b) LIVES for defib parts £210.00
c) D Cllrs grant funds received £80
d) J Bunster Expenses for Mole traps at the cemetery £30.24

The clerk suggested an idea for extra pyramid shape Christmas lights where the 4 barrel planters are, and this will be investigated for the next meeting.

2024/091 **Next Meeting**

- a) The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024.
- b) Items for the next newsletter – litter picking, plant sale, 14th April Quiz.
- c) Items for the next agenda will include the election of a chairman for the following year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Chairman:

Date: