

WOOLSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Woolsthorpe by Belvoir Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 30th August 2016

Venue: Woolsthorpe Social Club at 7 p.m.

Councillors present G. Ward (Chairman)
P. Hammond (Vice Chairman)
A. Ablewhite
J. Barber
M. Bradshaw

Mrs Emma Wilson (Clerk)

Open Session – Public Forum

Six members of the public were present to register their concern and objections to planning application S16/1565 - Change of use of domestic garage to workshop to run furniture business from home (retrospective application).

Cllr A. Ablewhite left the meeting for the duration of discussion in the public forum (disclosure of interest)

The following issues were raised by the parishioners that attended the meeting.

- a. Noise – during busy periods particularly the noise from the machines at the workshop resonates and can be heard extremely loudly in an adjacent garden. Not what you would expect to have to endure in a rural residential location.
- b. It was also relayed to the council that the noise carries to the Rectory and other adjacent properties.
- c. Further noise and disruption to a peaceful village by lorries and HGV arriving early in the morning and other times of the day increasing industrial traffic through a rural conservation area. This is also disturbing sleep of local residents.
- d. One parishioner stated that they had spoken to SKDC regarding this application and their response was that they do support cottage industry as long as it does not adversely affect local residents.

Further questions were asked by parishioners regarding the application process and the parish council were asked to enquire about the following:-

- e. Local adjacent residents have not been notified in writing about the planning application from the planning department. The question was also raised why a yellow notification was not displayed locally to inform local people of the application.
- f. There is concern that if planning is granted this would pass on to future business at this property should it be sold on and there will be little control over the type of business this could be.
- g. Residents have questioned why this planning application is retrospective.
- h. One resident reported that they contacted SKDC in January 2016 to come and investigate the noise as it was disrupting their lives. Apparently SKDC were refused entry to the workshop and the resident heard nothing back from SKDC regarding their complaint.

Four parishioners then left the meeting and the remaining two expressed an interest to stay on and observe the remaining meeting. All councillors agreed this was acceptable.

Cllr A. Ablewhite returned to the meeting.

Action: Clerk to submit representations regarding the above application to SKDC Planning department by 15th September 2016 in support of the objections put forward and request response to questions raised.

59. Apologies – Cllr T. Packer, County Cllr B. Adams, District Cllr P. Bosworth & District Cllr H. Westropp

60. Disclosure of interest in agenda items – Open session and public forum. Agenda Item 70 Planning (S16/1565) Cllr A. Ablewhite left the meeting for the duration of discussion on this item.

61. The minutes of meeting dated 25th July 2016 having been circulated prior to the meeting were confirmed and signed as a true record with one minor correction highlighted by Cllr Barber. [AOB 58c - Speed signs were only erected on 25/05/16 so data collection must only have started from that date not 07/04/16 as stated in the minutes]

62. Matters arising:

- a. (52) – Clerk confirmed that she would follow up her letter of thanks to Jonathan Halford and Peter Carr with an email
- b. (54) – Clerk confirmed she had booked a place on the Clerks Training Day for 03/11/16.
- c. (58b) – Clerk confirmed she had had a response from Keith Rowe, Business Manager, Street care Services regarding road surface debris. SC Services will be sending out a mechanical sweeper to rectify the problem and will contact the clerk when the job is complete.
- d. (58d) – Clerk confirmed she will chase up a response from Natasha Weir, Divisional Assistant – Grantham Team, LCC, Network South Highways regarding poor visibility of road sign at Dry Bridge.

63. Feedback on highways issues – The clerk read out the following feedback from Mark Heaton, Area Highways Manager following his village inspection and in response to the councils request to address the following issues.

1. The speed reaction sign at the bottom of Cliffe Hill (sign number 14353) is now on our programme to be repaired.
2. The overgrown hedges at the junction of the A52 at Sedgebrook are a matter for Highways England, not this Authority.
3. We will arrange for the verge overrun along Sedgebrook Road to be infilled. We will also review the edge damage near the stables (near the crossroads in the village).
4. The grit bin at the corner of Belvoir Lane will be renewed/replaced if required once it has been re-assessed in accordance with our current policy.
5. We will arrange for a general order to be placed to infill verge edges in this area.
6. We will arrange for the verge overrun/damage to be infilled outside no 1 Main Street (opposite the school playing field).
7. We will investigate Cliffe Road in respect of the existing centre lines and, if installing any lines in this area, would comply with our current policy/national requirements.
8. The vehicle access crossings on Sedgebrook Road will be inspected in detail and the necessary action taken.

64. Defibrillator – Electricity connection, checks update

- a. Update - Cllr Hammond reported that as of 24/08/16 the defibrillator had been connected to the electricity supply and was up and running. He is currently investigating the running costs and billing with the “Unmetered Dept.” at Western Power.
- b. EMAS have been contacted and we have confirmation that our defibrillator is now registered under their scheme.
- c. Cllr Hammond informed the meeting that if the pads are used that they must be replaced and the parish clerks address is recorded for this purpose.
- d. Training – Cllr Hammond confirmed he would furnish the clerk with the contact details of the defibrillator trainer to enable her to facilitate dates for a local course in the village.

Action: Clerk to contact defib trainer (Rachel Barrington) to facilitate dates and options.

65. Parish Councillor Vacancy

- a. The Chairman highlighted the requirement to appoint a Vice Chair as the post was left vacant by Cllr Henfreys resignation. Cllr Ablewhite nominated Cllr Paul Hammond for the position of Vice Chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Jane Barber. Cllr Hammond accepted the position.
- b. The clerk reported that had been no names registered to be put forward with SKDC for the parish councillor vacancy and subsequently we are able to co-opt in to the post. Cllr Barber confirmed she would contact Mr Joseph Salmon and invite him to attend the next meeting for this purpose.

Action: Cllr Barber to invite Mr Joseph Salmon to attend the next meeting.

66. Children’s Play Area

- a. Cllr Ward confirmed he would enquire about the replacement of the bark in the playground and also to confirm when the lease runs out on the play area itself.
- b. Cllr Hammond suggested we get quotes for replacement/repair of the retaining fence.
- c. It was agreed by all that we would await the details on the lease date before any further work was instigated.

Action: Cllr Ward to feedback regarding the bark and the lease.

67. Litter Picker

- a. Cllr Ward informed the meeting that Mr Doughty had resigned as litter picker for the village. The Chair wished Mr Doughty well in his further education and thanked him for all his effort and hard work.
- b. The Chair asked if any of the councillors would like to volunteer for the job of Litter Picker or if they knew of any one who may be interested. Parishioner Mr Patrick Randall who was in attendance as an observer at the meeting volunteered for the position and the Parish Council gratefully accepted his offer.
- c. The clerk was asked to contact ex Cllr Toni Henfrey to supply details she held of the Litter Picker Contract and plan of the route to follow etc.

Action: Clerk to contact ex Cllr Henfrey and email details on to Mr Randall

68. Radar Speed Signs

- a. Cllr P Hammond gave an update, confirming that the Road Safety Partnership had been out to look at the signs.
- b. Data collection is averaging 5 to 6,000 vehicles a week through the village with in excess of 7,000 on the week of the fireworks.
- c. It was raised that a good site for checking speed would be entering the village on Sedgebrook Road if an additional pole were to be erected for this purpose.

69. Planning

- a. S16/1565 (late agenda item) was brought forward to allow comments and issues to be raised by the attending members of the public in the open session.
- b. S16/1820 – No objections were raised.
- c. S16/1458 – the clerk reported that this application had been approved by SKDC.

70. Accounts for payment:

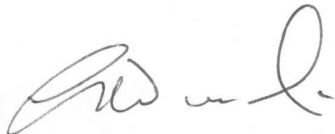
a. A. Doughty (Litter Picker) 100817	£ 66-50
b. B. Hughes (cutting churchyard) 100818	£ 400-00
c. S. Woodward (Grass/Hedge/Play Area) 100819	£ 158-00
d. Room Hire 100820	£ 5-50
e. Wicksteed Leisure (H&S Inspection) 100821	£ 54-00

71. Any Other Business

- a. HSBC bank has asked for confirmation of the new clerks' appointment and is documented in the minutes of 25/04/16. It was recorded that Emma Wilson was offered and accepted the post of Parish Clerk to start from 1st May 2016 and this appointment is recorded and agreed.
- b. The meeting date of 26th September 2016 for the next parish council meeting was re-scheduled to Monday 3rd October 2016 by agreement of all at the meeting.
- c. It was discussed that there were issues of poor road surface at Stenwith Corner where there is almost a foot drop at the junction.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed



Date 3/10/16.