

POINTON & SEMPRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerks Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2018

7.30pm. Pointon Village Hall

Condolences to the Family and friends of Margaret Scott who sadly died last month

1 The Chairman will invite questions from the public prior to opening the meeting

A Parishioner raised the subject of the trees to the field side of the playing field. The Parishioner felt that the issue was not with the trees per say, but with the Ivy which is need of cutting back.

Meeting started 7.32pm

In attendance: Cllrs Greenwood, Lambert, Sharples, Scarfe, A. Ramm, C. Ramm, S. Freeman
Cllr Peter Moseley – South Kesteven District Council
Eight members of the public.

It was noted that the Parish Council was being filmed for the first time. Cllr Freeman said that he hoped that this made the meetings more inclusive.

2 Receive apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr M Hill – Lincolnshire County Council. Apologies given.

3 Receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, and NALC Code of Conduct 2012, DPI forms

Cllrs Freeman, A. Ramm – Village Hall – item 5f

Cllr Greenwood - item 13g

4 Minutes of meetings

Received Clerk's Notes of Meeting held 23rd November 2017 (*circulated*) and **approved** as the Minutes

Approved Cllrs Freeman, Scarfe

5 Receive reports from Outside Bodies, the Clerk and Councillors including any matters relating to:

Police - none recieved

County - none recieved

District - Cllr Moseley – Cllr Moseley offered his congratulations on using technology – Cllr Moseley felt this action was brave and hoped it works for us.

South Kesteven District Council are currently carrying out a consultation regarding Council Tax increase. The consulattaion can be found on the AKDC website.

Grantham Cinema project on St Catherine's Road – the new development is progressing and it is hoped will support the growth and development of small rural development.

Cllr Moseley requested that if anyone had any issues that are District Council related, he was pleased for people to make contact with him.

Cllr Scarfe asked if there was a completion date for cinema, Cllr Moseley suggested this was the end of 2018.

Cllr Lambert requested clarification on the above consultation relating to council tax in that a £5 increase will generate £47,000 for services provided by SKDC

Parish – Parish Clerk reported that information had been received Public notice re determination of E Agency changes to main river map in the Sth Forty Foot Drain. Cllr Freeman went to consultation approx. three months ago. Cllr Greenwood requested that someone would respond on behalf of PC – Cllr Sharples will respond.

Cllr C Ramm – Wall on west Road – Cllr Moseley has raised the issue with Crown Estates but nothing heard back. Cllr A Ramm has spoken to Carter Jonas – some dispute over ownership and responsibility.

Cllr Freeman stated that the CEO of Black Sluice had told him that the dyke is the responsibility of the landowner. Ideally we should request this in writing from Carter Jonas. Cllr C Ramm asked what do we do next – Cllr Moseley suggests that we get information in writing before any further cation. Cllr Freeman will action and feedback

Cllr Lambert - Big Clean – the clearing of the footpath between Pointon and Sempringham is not sufficient. If path is not wide enough then that is the problem. Cllr Moseley felt that the work that has been done is good and requested that we add pins in the map again –Big Clean will continue subject to funding.

Cllr Moseley will meet with Cllr Freeman to see exactly what the problem is.

Sports and Social Club – Cllr Greenwood reported that the field is standing up pretty well despite the weather

Village Hall – Cllr A Ramm – request for funding from the Parish Council – application has been completed and will be on the Agenda for the next meeting. Bookings have increased and there have a number of parties and weddings booked. The Village Hall Committee will be applying for funding for various projects.

6 Finance:

The following bills were approved for payment:

Wendy Moore	£320.00	Salary Dec 17/Jan 18
Wendy Moore	£10.00	Travel and expenses Dec 17/Jan18
PCPF	£200.00	Pitch maintenance Dec 17/Jan18
HMRC	£80.00	PAYE Dec 17/Jan18
Emilie Hart	£20.00	Parish Matters editing Dec 17/Jan18
R. Greenwood	£273.00	Tractor Fuel (cheque from last PC meeting)
Viking Direct	£39.91	Printer Ink

The following receipts were noted:

Bank Interest	£0.30	December 2017
Bank Interest	£0.27	January 2018
Pointon FC	£120.00	December 2017
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Financial Statement 21st January 2018 (*circulated*)

The RFO's financial report and financial projection for 2017/18 was received

The budget was **reviewed** and no amendments were proposed.

7 Transparency Funding

Cllr Greenwood reported that the application has been successful. The amount received was £850.00 This amount is broken down to £130.00 for software update and £720 for clerk's additional hours/duties to comply with the Transparency Code since April 2015. The agreement was carried unanimously.

8 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018

Parish Clerk updated Councillors on new legislation and DPO requirements being introduced in May 2018

Cllr Freeman requested that the meeting be suspended whilst cheques are signed

9 Working Group – The Old Ship Inn

Cllr Freeman delivered his closing report relating to the future of the Old Ship Inn. No further action required. Cllr Greenwood thanked Cllr Freeman for his work

10 Village Refuse Cart

Update from Cllr A Ramm - refuse cart one hour Saturday morning would cost £250 each time. Four stops – ten mins each. SKDC waste collection
Cllr Ramm will action further investigation and discuss with Cllr Freeman. **Agenda item at next meeting**

11 Councillor Training – LALC training programme 2018

We are members of LALC but not the training scheme – Cllr Greenwood suggested that we become members to enable us to access training – Cllr Freeman proposed, seconded by Cllr Scarfe £70.00

Clerk agreed to send training programme around for people to book

12 Planning

S17/2195 – 1a High Street, Pointon. – Erection of side garage – Approved 17th January 2018
Cllrs had the opportunity to view the application, and comments submitted to SKDC

13 Update on issues reported from around the Parish and from Parishioners

- a) School parking damage – Cllrs Greenwood and Freeman to update - Cllr Freeman – getting worse. Buses are encroaching on footpath – is a solution to have grass removed and concreted? Cllr C Ramm suggested we move telephone box to that position. Cllr Greenwood suggested that we see the bus company. Bus Company will say the problem is cars. We are going round in circles. **Clerk to discuss with Highways LCC**
- b) Millthorpe enquiry and subsequent emails – Cllr Freeman has met with Mr Clare – as a councillor. Cllr Freeman stated that he has suggested that we meet with residents of Millthorpe. Cllr Scarfe said that we cannot go out to discuss issues with every parishioner. Cllr Freeman will try to rebuild the relationship with residents of Millthorpe. Cllr Freeman insisted that he is going to do this.

Member of the public stated that he does understand but is Mr Clare speaking on behalf of the people of Millthorpe. **Agenda item at next meeting**

- c) St. Gilbert road sign - replaced
- d) Stone Wall on West Road – already discussed
- e) Streetlight on Field car park - repaired
- f) 40mph sign at Sempringham B1177 - reported
- g) Blocked drains on West Road and Pinfold Close (o/s23) – reported – no action
- h) Seating bench on West Road – parishioner has reported, needs cleaning for use. Cllr Lambert agreed to action.
- i) Grass Verges o/s 25/27 West Road – reported, no action

14 Play equipment/Field issues

- a) Regular review of condition of Play equipment – Cllr Greenwood reported that there was some damage to swing, now repaired. Equipment will need cleaning in spring. Cllr Scarfe will get prices for equip for young children. Agenda item at next meeting.
- b) Overhanging trees on boundary - Cllr A Ramm to update regarding quote three sides of playing field. Cllr Ramm requested quotes for thinning and halving height of trees. Quotes have been received. Mulched branches to be placed around base and taken off site. Cllr A Ramm had taken the action. Decision at last meeting to cut back and height reduction – member of public stated that should not be an issue. Issue is the Ivy. It would be awful to destroy the Pines. Cllr Greenwood suggested that half height would be extreme. Discussion took place regarding what and how much should be trimmed. Vote on reducing trees by half. Cllr Freeman proposed. Vote in favour unanimous. Red Kites nesting.

Cllr Moseley left the meeting.

- c) Gate to High Street pathway – Cllr Greenwood to update – gate has been purchased. £75.00 plus hinges etc. £93.45
- d) Driveway – Cllr Greenwood to update – football club to carry out works to value of £600. Defer payment to next meeting cheques can be signed in between meetings. **Agenda item March**
- e) Firework display 2018 – Cllr Scarfe – 2017 display was good. Covered cost of fireworks. Cllr Scarfe felt there was potential for more on the night and for the PC to be involved. The PC did not contribute to the display. Cllr Scarfe thinks the PC could part fund the event. VH could do food. Cllr Freeman suggested that there could be a party at the VH after. Cllr Ramm suggested a committee to research. Cllr Scarfe to co-ordinate. **Agenda Item next time.**
- f) Footpath Number 10 - Cllr Greenwood to update on additional comments from LCC - a further complaint had been advised by highways. Footpath number 10. Cllr Greenwood has discussed with Highways. Cllr Freeman suggested we could form a 3ft gap. Could take fence post out and enable access. Have investigated posts – Cllr Greenwood feels these are not sturdy enough. An option could be to move the footpath. We do need a permanent solution. Cllr Freeman suggested a walk around. **Cllr Greenwood to investigate for next meeting**
- g) Decking – Cllr C Ramm raised the subject of unsafe decking outside the Social Club. Cllr Greenwood will attend to. **Cllr Greenwood advised that this work will be done by the next meeting in March**

15 Bourne and District Neighbourhood Watch

Update from Cllr Freeman – no meetings no update

16 Pointon Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr A Ramm to update – some of the data received has been analysed. Some still to be included. There will be a referendum which will reflect outcomes. **Agenda for next meeting**

17 Telephone box

Cllr Freeman to update – no action. Still awaiting for BT to disconnect

18 Parish Matters

The deadline for items for inclusion in Parish Matters this month is Thursday 31st January to allow for printing time. It is hoped that the magazine will be out for delivery sometime after 3rd February 2018

Parish Clerk requested that the following be placed in PM

That the FB page 'Pointon Forum' and the Next Door app are not related to the Parish Council - agreed

19 Agree dates of Meetings to be discussed - Cllr C Ramm

Next Meeting: Cllr C. Ramm – requested that consideration be given to moving the PC meetings from a Thursday because of the bowls Club. Cllr Freeman requested that consideration be given to the frequency of Parish Council meetings and they should be more frequent?

Next meeting Thursday 22nd March 2018

Subsequent Meetings schedule: to be determined.

Prepared and finalised by Wendy Moore – Clerk to the Council, 21st January 2018