

POINTON AND SEMPRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Sports and Social Club, 23 August 2018

Councillors present: Cllr R Greenwood – Chair, Cllr C Lambert – Vice Chair, Cllr J Sharples, Cllr A Scarfe, Cllr C Green, Cllr J Keeley, and Adrian Illingworth – Clerk.

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1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present and reminded them of the format of the Public Forum.

Public Forum (18/29) Commenced 7.30pm

22 Members of the public present.

A previous Councillor read out a letter sent to the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed all members had received the letter. No response was required

A resident pointed out the Council must be transparent and open. A group of residents are to set up an independent group to look into the events which have recently occurred (Refer to previous minutes)

The actions and inactions of the Council had frustrated a resident. This was aired by others. The topics of the missing declarations and the letter sent by the Chair and Clerk to previous Councillors, who had not been co-opted, were raised. It was stated the co-option process should have taken place in an open meeting and not privately.

A resident pointed out intimidating statements which had been placed on Facebook, which had caused distress. At this point a member of the public stated the resident had had his time and should stand down. The resident did not do so.

The resident stated it was not acceptable to place such comments and the remarks were against the Councils Code of Conduct. The Chair's resignation was called for.

It was felt the Council had not done enough for the village and should do more.

The possibility of having a village shop was raised. This is to be placed on the next agenda.

An explanation regarding electoral costs was given so as not to mislead residents.

Forum closed at 7.48pm

2.0 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Moore. Reason for absence agreed and accepted by members.

No apologies had been received from Dr Cllr Mosely or Cllr M Hill

3.0 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Dispensations (18/30)

None

4.0 Signing of the minutes

The Clerk's notes of the meeting held on Thursday, 23 August 2018 were resolved to be a true reflection by members. Cllr Lambert abstained as he was not present at the last meeting

5.0 Future plans for the Village Hall, Sports and Social Club and Ship Inn (18/31)

A resident put forward the motion for the SSC and Village Hall to merge, with the Parish Council acting as a go between. The Chair is to speak with the committee of the SSC. The Chair of the Village Hall told the meeting this idea would be taken back and discussed with the Village Hall committee. Parishioners should be invited to make comments, with the Old Ship Inn also having input. The manager of the Old Ship informed the meeting a planning decision was overdue. He reported there had been an increase in the number of patrons and announced a restaurant is soon to be established.

6.0 Matters arising from the Minutes (18/32)

- 6.1 Documentation for the phone box has still not been passed to the Clerk
- 6.2 The development plan for the year to March 2019 to be placed on the Parish Council web site.

7.0 County & District Council Matters

No representatives present

8.0 Finance (18/33)

All members resolved to make the following payments:

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| 8.1 Clerk's Salary – August | 214.90 |
| 8.2 Play Area Inspection Fee – ROSPA | 88.20 |
| 8.3 Village Hall donation under s133 – LED lights | 1400.00 |
| 8.4 Parish Insurance – Communitylincs | 284.70 |

Cheques drawn and signed by Cllrs Lambert and Sharples.

8.5 Council resolved to accept the accounts to date.

9.0 Policies and Procedures (18/34)

The Council resolved to adopt the following:

Equal Opportunities; Freedom of Information – update; Risk Management; Media Policy; Communication Policy; Financial Regulations – update; Transparency Code for smaller authorities – update; Lone worker policy and procedure; Procurement; GDPR update.

10.0 Fire Risk Assessments (18/35)

Copies of fire risk assessments to be sent to Clerk

11.0 Play Area (18/36)

11.1 Findings of the inspection had been distributed to Council members. No high risk issues identified.

A resident reported children had been asked to move from the playing field. The Chair explained the Council encourages children to play on the field with the exception of playing within the area which had been fenced off.

11.2 Cllr Scarfe has approached two companies with a view of installing new equipment. Most of the cost incurred would be for groundwork. Costs have been requested. A member of the public asked if this work could be carried out by local companies. This was not possible under ROSPA guidelines. Council to liaise with villagers asking for ideas.

11.3 Cllr Moore had sent in a request for walking markers to be placed around the playing field to indicate how far individuals had walked. The work would be called Scott's walk in memory of two residents. A suggestion of a bench was also raised. Item to be placed on next agenda.

12.0 Planning

None applications received or approved

13.0 Highways (18/37)

13.1 Potholes are still a concern. Residents encouraged to report to LCC Highways. A letter to be sent to Cllr M Hill (Cllr Mosely to be copied).

Timbers are being used for vehicles to mount the kerb between the school and council houses. Clerk to check with Highways.

A road sweeper had gone through the village without sweepers down. To be reported to SKDC. Straw outside a resident's house has been blocking drains. These are having to be un-blocked on a regular basis. Letter to be sent to Bristow's.

13.2 Residents in Millthorpe concerned about speeding in the village. Cllr Keeley explained the Lincs Road Safety Partnership incentive. Residents, not councillors, can contact the partnership and sign up for training. Statistics of incidents in Millthorpe are to be obtained. These will then be evaluated to ascertain action required

Council agreed to send a letter to Highways asking for the speed signs in Millthorpe to be moved.

14.0 Correspondence (18/38)

Letter received from Mrs Clare (a copy which had been sent to the Council members) to be noted in the minutes. No response required.

15.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 27 September 7.30pm in the Village Hall