**LOCKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday July 23rd 2018**

**Apologies:** Cllr G.Chapman. Clerk absent due to illness.

**Those present were** the Chair Cllr Amanda Clarke, Mary Munro-Hill; John Rowson; Andrew How, Andrew Proctor, Janet Myers, Adrian Crookes, Kevin. Marshall

In the Clerk’s absence, Minutes taken by A How

**Declarations of Interest:**  None

**ERYC Business:** – no County Councillor present.

**Minutes:**  The Minutes of the meeting held on June 18th 2018 were agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

1. **Field at Station Road** – K.Marshall reported that the Dalton Estate had been in contact. The trustees had met at the end of June and had agreed in principle that an exchange of land be studied. They would like both the land on Station rd and the woodland of the “old pit” to be included and authorised Mr Fairbanks to talk with the PC . Issues raised in discussion that followed included: Station Rd land was estimated as being aprox 1.5 acres. The “old pit” was perhaps 2 to 3 acres which, as woodland, was perhaps only worth half that of arable land. This meant subject to verification that the PC might be looking for 2 to 2.5 acres of suitable “arable” land in exchange;the possible legacy of contamination of the “old pit” and the need to sell free of any future obligations; possible land identified as being of interest to the village for use as amenity land included the “middle field” between Thorpe Road and Church Lane and the land adjacent to the school; the PC has to consider the maintenance costs of taking the land on if it looked as if any deal could be forthcoming; any agreement should ensure each pay their own legal costs; the Estate to fence the area. KM and JR were requested to continue exploratory discussions with Mr Fairbanks.
2. **Barriers protecting culvert along Lund Road –**. Pleased to note that the Council has satisfactorily fenced off the area with a pipe barrier.
3. ***Salt Bins.*** After discussion it was agreed that in the opinion of the meeting the number was excessive. The two green bins, one by 1810 and the other byThorpe Lease corner should not be refilled, will be removed by the PC and ERYC notified so that no charge is made in future. ERYC will also be asked to upgrade and reposition the two yellow bins. The two remaining green bins will be retained and refilled at PC cost.
4. **Flooding in Thorpe:** It appears that ERYC is investigating further . No response to date. To be monitored.
5. **Damage to the corner of South Glebe by refuse trucks:** Letter has been sent and the acknowledgement showed that it has been forwarded on to the appropriate departments..

**Correspondence:**

1. The sick note from the Clerk has been received for the period 30.4.18 to 31.10.18. The meeting wishes her a speedy recovery.
2. Bus Service changes. Not applicable to Lockington.
3. Notice of Town and Country Liaison Meeting circulated
4. Correspondence from Orsted Wind Power. This was circulated and concerned the notification on passing a new cable from the proposed Hornsea Project for Offshore Windpower across the village land on Station Rd. As this could potentially affect the value of the land in discussions with the Estate, the situation would be closely watched.
5. Correspondence from the “Engagement Officer” of the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner regarding “Area Meetings” so that she could meet representatives of the 155 Parish councils covered by her brief, in manageable groups.

**Planning Applications:**

18/00848/PLF Land North West of Ravensthorpe Lodge. No further comment.

**Accounts:**

1. Stipend for Clerk–2 months £404.28.
2. Annual Accounts placed on line by AC. The meeting thanked him for this. In addition it was agreed that the meeting would like to record their thanks to Geoff Dunham for the great many years that he has done the accounts. A piece to be included in the gazette to this effect and also asking for a volunteer to take over.
3. The Chair reported that she had e mailed Julia Bugg about taking on the role of Clerk but no reply had been received to date. To be followed up.

 **AOB**.

1. Hedges. A number of hedges have not been cut or trees trimmed which is forcing pedestrians and bicyclists in particular onto the road and obscuring the vision of car drivers. As this is a safety issue, the PC will put a notice in the Gazette reminding householders of their responsibility to trim hedges and trees to the limit of the road edge. AH to draft notice for approval of members.
2. Cutting down of trees. AH reported an incident on Church Lane where a mature Rubinia had nearly been cut down by the Council. It had only been stopped by the prompt action of a nearby householder. In subsequent discussion with Mr Lemon of the “Street Scene” department .It appears that this occurred as the tree was reported as “dead” in March by someone unfamiliar with the late leafing habits of this species. Normally a Core drilling would take place first but this had not taken place and the tree was earmarked for felling as a “dead” tree and the contractor notified who duly arrived with his machinery. Subsequent drilling had shown the tree to be healthy and Mr Lemon had assured AH that no further action other than routine pruning of dead limbs would occur. The meeting was most concerned as to how this “near miss” has happened in a Conservation Area where it was believed that every tree had a “Tree Preservation order” on it requiring householders to get approval for both pruning and felling. How can the council nearly fell a healthy mature tree without consulting anybody. What procedures should have been followed? It was agreed that AH as acting Clerk would write to Councillor P. Pollard asking for clarification.

**Date of next Parish Council. Meeting** – Sept 24th 2018

**Meeting closed at 2001 hours.**

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