**LOCKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday September 24th 2018**

**Apologies:** 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, Graham Chapman

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 July 23rd 2018 were agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

1. **Field at Station Road** – K.Marshall reported that there had been a further meeting with Mr Fairbanks of the Dalton Estate in which the estate’s wish to the exchange both the pit and the land for a plot in the village had been confirmed. Mr Fairbanks had suggested the various bits of land that could be considered but no firm proposal had been forthcoming. He would discuss further with the Trustees with a view to putting a proposal on the table by the end of October. The meeting agreed that Messrs Marshall and Rowson would endeavour to get a proposal by the time of the next meeting. In discussion, there was broad approval for the principle that it was the “quality” of the piece of land as defined by position and access that was more important to the village than the size of it. Proper valuations would be done.
2. ***Salt Bins*** It was agreed that the Chairman would write to ERYC requesting that the two Green Bins sited at the entrance to Bealeys Lane and near no.42 Thorpe be filled at PC expense once per year in the autumn. Further ERYC to be informed that the other two green bins by 1810 cottage and Thorpe Lees corner should not be refilled and that at the end of the winter the PC would remove and dispose of them. The two yellow Council owned bins to be filled and maintained as before.
3. **Flooding in Thorpe.** G. Chapman reported that the Council had been working on the problem over four days and that a blockage to the pipe taking water from the road drains to the ditch behind no.19/21 Front Street had been cleared. Those working there have said that the ditch behind the houses that connect to the beck at the point where the latter turns south from Front Street does however need clearing. The responsibility for the maintenance of the ditch is being investigated
4. **Damage to the corner of South Glebe by refuse trucks**. The meeting was please to note that a full repair had been completed with two large wooden posts marking the new drain cover and curbs to deter trucks from making any further damage.
5. **Housing Needs Survey**.The survey had been completed but no further information received on its conclusions.
6. **Near felling of tree Church Lane**. In response to the Clerks letter to Councillor Pollard, she wrote “I apologise on behalf of the council for any misunderstanding about the potential loss of this tree and I have forwarded your email to Mr Lemmon and asked him to respond to the specific points about the incident and clarify the Council’s responsibility for the trees in your village”. No further correspondence received. The Acting Clerk will pursue before the next meeting if no reply received by then.
7. **Treasurer and Temporary Clerk**. AC proposed that the position of Clerk and Treasurer be combined in the future and then he or another qualified accountant could then approve the completed accounts as a “Responsible Financial Officer”. This was agreed. GC would make informal approach to those who might be interested on a temporary basis whilst the Clerk was on sick leave.

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**Planning Applications:**

Since the last meeting three applications had been approved.

**18/02604/TCA** 38 Thorpe Lockington

 **18/02699/PLF** Curb works 25 Rectory View

 **18/02375/PLF** Aike River Bank Farm New Dwelling

One application had been refused:

**18/01411/PLF** Aike: Change of use of an Agricultural store to Holiday accommodation

**Accounts:**

1. Stipend for Clerk.
2. Invoice from Alma Printers £55

 **AOB**.

1. Hedges. A number of hedges remained to be trimmed. AP pointed out that some belonging to estate tenants could be covered by the “Stewardship Grant Scheme” which meant that hedge cutting could only start in September.
2. Travellers: Now gone. Some rubbish still to be cleared by Highways Dept.
3. Hornsea Four Offshore Windfarm Consultation. Questionnaire had been completed by KM for Station Road land. Further correspondence received with leaflets requesting that these be made available to the public. One will be put on the notice board directing the public to further copies available in the village hall. A further meeting will be held at the Leconfield village Hall on Oct 26th.
4. Roger Hateley has requested previous minutes of meetings not filed on the website. KM will endeavour to locate in the files stored in the village Hall.
5. AP reported that the coping stone had been dislodged from the newly repaired bridge on Lund road. To be reported to ERYC.
6. AP, on behalf of the Village Hall committee, thanked the PC for their contribution to funds which has contributed to the cost of a license for film showing, new stage and other improvements.
7. JR reported that the “Speed Gun” to was to be used together with a Police Officer in an effort to increase its deterrent effect.
8. AP reported that the bench on Kilnwick Hill had a broken slat. JR/KM undertook to assess and repair.
9. The next door neighbour to No2 Thorpe Leys had asked the PC for assistance. The property has been vacant for over a year since the death of the owner and was becoming increasingly derelict. After discussion it was agreed that the PC had no powers to intervene but in an effort to assist the householder he would be advised to contact Environmental health, if there was any sign of rodent infestation or other health risk, and to establish the position with Probate with a view to establishing who has legal ownership of the property and therefore responsibility.

**Date of next Parish Council. Meeting** – October 22nd 2018

**Meeting closed at 2010 hours.**

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