

## LITTLE DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Little Dunham Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 in the Village Hut.

**Present:** Cllr Simon Fowler (Chair)  
Cllr Jane Harding (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Ian Harding  
Cllr Paul Stebbings  
Cllr Malcolm Parker  
Cllr Henry Kilvert

County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris  
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from District Cllr Elizabeth Gould and Cllr Steve Treavett.

### **2. To receive any declarations of interest.**

There were none declared.

### **3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

Cllr Ian Harding proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by Council. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **4. To discuss any matters from the September 2018 minutes (not on the agenda).**

There were no matters raised.

### **5. County/District Councillor reports.**

C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris gave the following report:

The Boreas offshore wind farm consultation period will commence on 7th November 2018, there was nothing new in the submission.

The consultation regarding Children Centres is ongoing, it is proposed to close 46 of the existing centres but open more in local community centres etc, making it more accessible to more children.

A decision continues to be awaited from the Police and Crime Commissioner as to whether he is going ahead with an application to the Secretary of State to take control of the Norfolk Fire Service.

Budget discussions are ongoing, the council tax increase for next year is likely to 2%.

C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris confirmed he will be making contact with the Highways Department regarding the urgent drainage works required in Barrows Hole Lane. He will also report the faded 30mph signs.

The Chairman thanked the C/Cllr for his input and C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris left the meeting.

**6. Open Forum for Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present.

**7. To discuss any Highways matters.**

**a) Mirror at entrance to Barrows Hole Lane.**

It was agreed that a mirror currently advertised for sale for £20 should be purchased and the Clerk is to enquire if it can be mounted on the BT pole.

**b) Any other highway issues.**

There were no other highway issues raised.

**8. To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch Scheme.**

Cllr Stebbings reported that checks continued, the results were variable but some alarming high speeds had been recorded. However, he was pleased to report that there were now eight members of the Speedwatch Team.

The police enforcement officer has also been attending separately, unfortunately, he does not attend at the times when speeding is most likely to occur.

**9. To discuss planning issues:**

**a) Applications for consideration.**

- 3PL/2018/1276/HOU – Erection of Triple Garage, Goods Shed, Station Road – there were no comments.
- 3PL/2018/1209/HOU – Swimming Pool, The Old Rectory – there were no comments.

**b) Decisions to note.**

There were no decisions to note.

**c) Any other planning issues.**

The enforcement issue was raised as no action had been taken and it was agreed to again contact Flagship Housing.

In respect of the Roger Warnes application, which had a condition to provide passing places on the Necton Road attached to it, the Chairman and Cllr Ian Harding had met with the planning department and highways and it is likely that two additional places will now be agreed. The Council are continuing to make representations to ensure they are in the most relevant places.

**10. To receive an update in respect of the proposed Vattenfall Offshore Wind Farm.**

The Chairman confirmed that he would be making representations on behalf of the Council in respect of the AC/DC issue and the industrial clutter in the countryside.

**11. To discuss the Playing Field.**

Cllr Parker confirmed that the woodwork and metal work and now been repainted or treated. However, some of the woodwork will require further attention in the near future. The hedges had been cut but there were now more to do.

In respect of funding, it was suggested that a committee could be formed from residents with an interest in the playing field, who could then raise funds for replacement equipment. Cllr Ian Harding will circulate a request to local residents.

Cllr Parker continues to research other funding options.

The Council thanked Cllr Parker for his much appreciated, hard work.

**12. To discuss the Amenities area.**

There were no problems reported.

**13. To discuss the Footpaths.**

It was agreed to contact Highways early next year regarding the cutting schedule.

**14. To discuss the Village Hut.**

**a) Water provision for the hut.**

Cllr Parker confirmed that a survey had been carried out by Anglian Water and water provision to the site would cost £1497.10, a donation from the Women's Group had been gratefully received and it was agreed to continue to raise additional funds for the project.

**b) Any other Village Hut issues.**

There were no other issues raised.

**15. To receive an update re the installation of a defibrillator in the BT Box.**

In the absence of Cllr Treavett there was no update. It was noted that window in the BT Box was broken and this would be repaired.

**16. To discuss any correspondence for circulation.**

*(any correspondence received after the agenda has been published will be circulated at the meeting)*

- Norfolk Constabulary Newsletter – October Edition – noted.
- Breckland Decision – Long Term Empty Property Premiums – noted.

**17. To receive a financial report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

The financial report was noted.

**18. To consider the approval of the Clerk's attendance at an Election Training Course (£4.00).**

Council approved the attendance of the Clerk at the training course.

**19. To authorise financial payments as detailed below.**

Cllr Ian Harding proposed approval of payments as set out below, this was seconded by Cllr Kilvert and agreed by Council.

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| • Clerk Pay & Expenses (Oct/Nov)        | £202.00 |
| • HMRC                                  | £44.80  |
| • Sheryl Irving (CiLCA Reference Books) | £19.42  |
| • Brisley PC                            | £82.05  |
| - CiLCA - £63.88                        |         |
| - SLCC Membership - £18.17              |         |
| • Malcolm Parker (Play Area Repairs)    | £60.42  |

**20. To consider the proposed budget for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.**

Cllr Ian Harding proposed acceptance of the proposed budget. This was seconded by Cllr Stebbings and agreed by Council.

Cllr Jane Harding proposed that the precept remain at £3,000 for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, this was seconded by Cllr Stebbings and agreed by Council.

**21. To receive items for the next agenda.**

- To receive an input from a Vattenfall representative.
- To investigate any remaining Dudgeon Funds.

Cllr Jane Harding proposed that Mr Richard James continue as the parish council representative on the Little Dunham Charity Committee, this was seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed by Council.

**22. To note the date of the next meeting which will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm.**

The date was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_