**ADDLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Addlethorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at St Peter’s Main Hall, High Street, Ingoldmells**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Neville Towers (Chair) (NT), Lorna Hand (LH), Anthony Stubbins (AS), Tom Smith (TS)

**Parish Clerk present:** Pauline Murray (PM)

**Chairman’s Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 19.30 hours

**Public Forum**

There were no members of public in attendance at the meeting.

**Ongoing Business**

**90. To receive any apologies for absence:** Cllrs Dawson & Holyer

**91. To receive any declarations of interest** **in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensation**: None

**92. To accept the minutes:** the minutes of the meeting 12th November 2024 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

**93. Co-optee Applications**

There was one application but the lady concerned was unable to attend this meeting so this will considered at the January meeting.

**94. St Nicholas Community Space**

Unfortunately Tony Barker was unable to attend but he rang the Clerk with an update. Basically its been suggested that those involved go to inspect the Churches that have converted their interiors with toilets and kitchens for ideas.

**95. St Nicholas outside Church lighting**

The lighting has been ordered but its not currently in stock so its not certain that we’ll have the lighting by Christmas.

**96. Clerk’s report**

**a) Update on the website –** after a few initial hiccups the Clerk reported that this is going well. All the minutes, agendas and financial information is up to date. The letter for the Neighbourhood Plan is on as is several rather nice pictures of the church.

**b) Update from the Diocese** – the Clerk hasagain emailed the Diocese office regarding a bell ringing award but hasn’t had a further response. Clerk to email Cllr Davie on this.

**c) New laptop –** the Clerk has managed to solve the issues with the current laptop

**d) LCC Highways – grit bins and verges** – the Clerk contacted Highways and apparently the Addlethorpe grit bins weren’t appearing on their overlay maps so that was then amended and the grit bins should now be filled. Regarding the verges LCC say they cut them 3 times a year. Cllr Towers confirmed this but its only the main roads rather than in the village. Hand Bros kindly cut the verges in the village – LCC say we can opt for them not to cut the main roads and cut them ourselves whereby we would get an annual refund (would have to enquire as to the amount of this). However the meeting thought it best to leave the situation as it is.

**e)** **Claim for East Lindsey Cllr grant -** Cllr Davie is eager that we put our grant claim in to him soon – the Clerk has asked ELDC for a grant form.

**97. To receive reports from outside bodies and from other meetings:-**

**a)** Reports from LCC and ELDC councillors – Cllr Davie had a conversation with the Chair regarding the large amounts of sand that are forming on the promenade due to the recent storms. It was also mentioned that the pensioners in North Lincolnshire are getting help this winter in the form of air fryers or slow cookers to help cut the electricity bills but nothing from East Lindsey District Council.

 **b) Reports from Parish councillors, external meetings or correspondence**

None

**98. Financial matters:-**

 **a. accounts paid since last month:-**

 Welton Garden Services £270, Remembrance Sunday wreath £25, Bank service

 charge £6 & Web Publicity – village sign £48

 **b.** **cheques outstanding**:

None

 **c. expenditures anticipated**

 £2,000 for speed reduction sign (plus £89 delivery & VAT)

 **d. bank balances**

 Current acc/t - £994.24 Instant Access acc/t - £10,123.94 – total £11,118.18

**99. Planning**

 **a) Application by GT R4 Ltd (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind)** – basically they will do what they need to do without any real consultation

 **b) Neighbourhood Planning Group** – Cllr Dawson is attempting to get this group going and a letter to residents has been put on the website

**100. Traffic Calming Measures**

 **a) Update from Clerk re purchase of interactive speed reduction sign –** following on from last months approval of a spend of £2k regarding this the Clerk investigated the market. She got 3 prices for this sign (which is part solar with a battery back up) and with the cheapest being £2,250 from Elan City which she managed to obtain a discount of £250. Therefore this sign has been ordered. A meeting between Graeme Butler (from the Speed Awareness Team at LCC) and the Councillor Towers to be arranged in the new year.

 **b) Update on installation of the bright yellow ’30’ signs –** It was decided to wait until the meeting above with Graeme Butler to discuss where best to place these.

 **c) LCC Traffic Assessment –** Cllr Dawson passed the reference number of this online request on to the Clerk to chase up. The Highways person said they had no record of Cllr Dawson’s online request so the Clerk requested it again.

.**101. Review of Policies**

The Clerk brought a copy of the new Financial Regulations that needed aligning to Addlethorpe’s requirements. However with two Councillors missing it was thought best to defer this item until the January meeting.

**102.** **Landscaping and Maintenance Programme**

 The approved contractor – Ben Foxwell – came for a day and chopped a lot of the branches down but needed the Chair’s teleporter which is currently out of action awaiting new parts. He will be coming back when the teleporter has been repaired – some willow branches need sweeping up. Railing will be required and he has been asked for a further costing on this. Also it would be better that the path has grit as opposed to bark chipping as they can cause people to slip.

**103. Venue for meetings**

Cllr Stubbins mentioned that the room the meeting was held in was very cold and not suitable for holding winter meetings. There was a discussion and it was agreed that although it wasn’t possible to vote to change the venue (as it was less than 6 months ago that a vote was taken) the meeting could move to an inner room at the same venue which has a bigger heater and should be better. It was voted unanimously to do this for January’s meeting.

**104. Free Trees**

The Committee were concerned about the wild life (especially the deers) eating the young trees before they could become established. The Chair suggested that they be ‘grown on’ elsewhere so that they could be better guarded and monitored before being transferred to Churchyard. This will be further discussed at the January meeting.

**105. Councillor’s responsibilities**

This item was deferred to January’s meeting as Cllr Dawson wasn’t in attendance.

**Meeting closed at 9.13pm**

**Next Meeting – Additional agenda items:-**

* Positioning of the free trees-possibility of ‘growing on’ - NT
* Positioning of the 30 mph yellow signs - NT

Councillor’s responsibilities – RD

Footpath - LH

Flag

Moving of Flower Boxes - TS

 Co-option

**Date and time:** 7pm, Tuesday 21st January 2024

**Location:** St Peter’s Main Hall, High Street, Ingoldmells

Minutes APPROVED:

Neville Towers, Chair