**ADDLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Addlethorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at St Peter’s Main Hall, High Street, Ingoldmells**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Neville Towers (Chair) (NT), Lorna Hand (LH), Mick Holyer (MH), Anthony Stubbins (AS), Tom Smith (TS), Dee Middlebrook (co-opted part-way through)

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

**Chairman’s Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 19.10 hours

**Public Forum**

There was one members of public in attendance at the meeting.

**Ongoing Business**

**106. To receive any apologies for absence:** Cllr Dawson was not able to attend

 due to ELDC councillors' briefing on devolution & local government reorganisation.

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

**108. To accept the minutes:** the minutes of the meeting 10th December 2024 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

**109. Co-optee Applications**

There was one application from Sally Middlebrook this was voted on and it was resolved to co-opt Sally on to the Parish Council – she then joined the meeting.

**110. St Nicholas Community Space**

Unfortunately Tony Barker was unable to attend but he emailed the Clerk to say he was awaiting for a meeting to be arranged to inspect the Churches that have converted their interiors with toilets and kitchens for ideas.

**111. St Nicholas outside Church lighting**

The new floodlights remain elusive as out of stock but they have offered to send an alternative for approval, subject to that having the correct colour temperature of light/photometrics and beam angle, and hopefully should be here soon.

**112. New Financial Regulations**

Clerk to put this document on to the website and review next month.

**113. Clerk’s report**

**a) Update on the website –** the website is up to date Clerk to put the new Financial Regulation 2024 on (draft)

**b) Update from the Diocese** – Cllr Davie helping regarding recognition of volunteer

**c) Claim for East Lindsey Cllr Grant –** the Clerk had sent this off to ELDC for £150 – Cllr Davie has increased this to £350 and signed for Clerk to return

**d) Training –** Clerk is hoping to do the CILCA qualification with LALC – she suggested that if each parish council (4 she works for) contributed a quarter of the cost this would be just over £150 each – this was voted on and resolved.

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

**a)** Reports from LCC and ELDC councillors – Cllr Davie stated that devolution was definitely going ahead – there will be an election on 1st May 2025. Within two years

the County Councils and District Councils will be replaced by new authorities -North and South Lincs. The boundary will be close to Addlethorpe between North and South and he suspects that Addlethorpe will just be in the North and Skegness will be in the South. The Environment Agency had to deal with a few flooded houses recently and Steve Reed (Secretary of State for Environment) is coming to Lincolnshire shortly. The Environment Agency has a short fall in its funding – will have go make a case to Government for more money. The National Grid is looking at a 2nd pylons scheme which will reach East to West (Alford to Sleaford). There have been lots more solar farm applications too. Lincolnshire County Council takes carbon reduction very seriously and has reduced its carbon footprint by 76% over a 12 year period. There are more solar panels on farms and farm buildings now. The economy is in a bad way nationally and locally. LCC is keeping their annual increase on the council tax at 3% as they are able to make the rest up from income from waste management – he suspects ELDC’s will increase by 5% though.

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

Cllr Towers meet up with Mr Graeme Butler from LCC Highways and has suggested

3 different sites that would be suitable for the speed reduction equipment to go.

 Now need to organise the posts to go in.

**115. Financial matters:-**

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

 Welton Garden Services £120, 2 CloudNext annual invoices totalling £119.99 & bank charge £6

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

None

 **c. expenditures anticipated**

 £2,000 for speed reduction sign (plus £89 delivery & VAT) & £45 room hire

 **d. bank balances**

 Total £10,940

**116. Planning**

None apart from the decision notice to approve regarding the erection of a building providing accommodation for agricultural workers and construction of a vehicular access - White House Poultry Farm, Marsh Road.

**117. Footpaths**

 Cllr Hand spoke to the Footpaths Officer at LCC who said this was in hand.

**118. Traffic Calming Measures**

 **a)** as 114.b) Cllr Towers met with LCC

 **b)** as a)

 **c) LCC traffic assessment** – Clerk to chase up

**119.** **Landscaping and Maintenance Programme**

 The equipment that Cllr Towers has to enable the top branches to be cut has now been repaired. Clerk to contact Ben Foxwell to see when he’s able to return and to agree the length of the railings.

**120. ‘Growing on’ free trees**

Clerk had received an email that day from the Woodland trust stating that the 30 saplings would be delivered between 24th February and 7th March 25. It is thought these saplings will be ‘grown on’ on Cllr Tower’s land.

**121. Moving of flower boxes**

Cllr Smith has moved these flower boxes near to the entrance to the cemetery – he will shear around them when the grass needs cutting.

**122. Flag**

 The VE Day 80th celebrations are on 8th May 2025 and it was resolved that the Clerk should order a new flag (£9) for this occasion.

**123. Councillor’s responsibilities**

Cllr Holyer has resigned from the Cemetery Committee after many years service – Cllrs Stubbins & Towers are still on the Committee but 3 Cllrs are required so Cllr Smith was proposed to replace Cllr Holyer and this was resolved.

**Meeting closed at 8.22pm**

**Next Meeting Agenda items:-**

* Agree new Financial Regulations 2024
* Footpath
* Traffic Assessment

**Date and time:** 7pm, Tuesday 11th February 2025

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

Minutes APPROVED:

Neville Towers, Chair