

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, August 26th, 2020 at the Sandhill Golf Club.

Present:

Mr Vince Keating
Mrs Diana Young
Mr Gary Oldfield
Mrs Lisa Oldfield
Mr Kevin Osborne

In Attendance:

Mr Colin Ward Local resident
Ms Caroline Donovan Clerk to the Council

1. Questions from Parishioners

A resident asked when did the parish precept go up, and the Councillors replied it was two years ago for the financial year 2017 - 2018. They also stated that this was the first rise in five years and had been agreed due to the Parish becoming responsible for the maintenance and inspection responsibilities for the play area.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Valerie Wistow.

3.. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on July 6th, 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 6th, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising that were not included on the agenda.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

6. Finance

6.1 Resolved

That Little Houghton Parish Council approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2019 – 2020 for Little Houghton Parish Council, on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019- 2020.

6.2 Resolved

That Little Houghton Parish Council approve Section 2 Accounting Statements 2019 - 2020 for Little Houghton Parish Council, on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019- 2020.

6.3 Resolved

That, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, SI 2020/404, the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, the Parish Council will publish the required documents on a public website.

6.4 Resolved

That Councillor Lisa Oldfield will prepare a budget plan for 2021- 2022, for the Parish Councillors consideration, to help inform the 2021 -2022 Parish Council precept.

6.5 Resolved

To pay BCVS £225 for the internal audit service for the year ending 31/3/2020.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 The Pit Wheel Renovation

Councillor Osborne said he was looking to help facilitate this project in the spring, with the Probation Service helping to carry out the work. The Clerk agree to find out the contact details for the supervisor at the Probation Service and forward them on to Councillor Osborne.

7.2 Fly tipping in the village

The Clerk fed back that the Community Safety Officer, Fiona Tennyson, had replied to the Parish Councillors concerns regarding speeding traffic through the village, and concerns about the types of waste being transferred through the village. She had replied that she will request a speed operation, and a waste carriers' operation in the village.

Fiona also fed back that the Planning Department and the Environment Agency are already investigating concerns re the disposal of waste in the local area.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that Councillor Osborne's contact details should be passed on to the Sergeant for the Neighbourhood Police Team so he could highlight exactly where the problem with speeding traffic was happening in the Parish.

It was noted that a litter pick had been carried out recently by Councillor Osborne and some community volunteers.

Concerns were raised about dog fouling in the Parish and Mr Colin Ward was asked if he could spray some more `no dog fouling` stencils on the pavements around the Play Area and the entrance to the Golf Club to act as a deterrent

The Parish Councillors said they were happy that the road into Little Houghton had been resurfaced, but that this now highlights the poor state of repair of the footpaths which were a disgrace. It was requested that the Highways Department was contacted to enquire when the footpaths in the Parish would be re surfaced.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, September 21st at 7 pm at the Sandhill Golf Club. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

To:

Mr V Keating
Mrs D Young
Mr G Oldfield
Mrs L Oldfield
Mrs V Wistow
Mr K Osborne

c.c.

Councillor Trevor Smith, Pauline Markham, Caroline Saunders
Peter Clark, Barnsley MBC, Governor Services