

Timberland and Thorpe Tilney Parish Council

MINUTES from the: Meeting of the Parish Council

September 14th 2009

Timberland Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr J Speirs
Cllr L Lerpiniere
Cllr H Clarke
Cllr J Speirs
Cllr J Slesser

In attendance

There was one member of the public present - Mr Skarrats who wished to raise the issue of the new name to be given to Norwood yard. The Chairman informed Mr Skarrats that he would speak to Cllr Ambridge re this issue.

1. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Clerk would be absent for this meeting due to illness. The Chairman reminded those present that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of taking minutes and that the recording would be destroyed after the meetings had been compiled.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Holmes and The Clerk Mrs. A Greenwood

3. Declarations

No declarations were received

4. Signing and approving of the previous meeting minutes

The minutes from the meeting August 4th were then taken and approved by the Council.
Proposed by: Cllr J Slesser
Seconded by: Cllr L Lerpiniere

5. Planning Matters

The Chairman informed the Council that a planning application has been made for :

Clifton House, 17 Church Lane, Timberland

Planning number: 09/0573 & LB/2340

Erection of single story rear extension and kitchen window changed to French doors.

Siting of residential caravan: The Chairman informed the meeting that the Clerk had received verbal confirmation from the planning department at NKDC that planning permission is only required if the person living in the caravan is not the person carrying out the development.

6. Parish Plan Update

The Chairmann informed the Council that the Clerk had managed to contact the correct department - Community Links and had communicated with Fiona Lowe about the Parish Plan questionnaire that was sent to NKDC in March 2009. No such questionnaire was ever received by anyone at NKDC and the Clerk has arranged for the questionnaire to be sent again directly to Fiona Lowe at Community Links. The Parish Plan was sent on 11th September. The Council awaits further direction from this contact. Ongoing

7. Timberland Footpaths No.5 and No.1 and Village Verges

The Clerk informed the Council that a letter had been received confirmed that the clearing of footpath no. 5 had been completed on July 26th 2009.

Closed

The Clerk informed the Council that the un-cleared footpath reported by Cllr Slesser at the meeting on August 4th had been reported but as yet no completion date had been received.

Ongoing

It has brought to the attention of the Council by a resident, that tractors may have caused damage to verges in the village. The Council have looked into this matter with NKDC and it has been agreed that no action shall be taken at this time.

Closed

8. Trees for Lincolnshire

Following a discussion about the possibility of receiving trees for the Parish, it was decided that this would be a possible avenue to explore if the Parish Council were successful in obtaining a piece of land for the Parish; the Council therefore wish to keep the information on file for future interests.

Closed

9. Cluster news - walks in the area

Following a discussion about walks being published on the NKDC website, it was decided that it would not be necessary for a Councillor to check the Parish walks in the area,

Closed

10. SLCC Bookshop

Cllr Clarke agreed to to research the possibility of borrowing the books the Councillors had shown an interest in, from the library. Cllr Clarke will inform the Council at the next meeting of the information received.

Ongoing

11. Flood warden

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that advert for the position of flood warden be placed on the Parish Notice board to included required duties.

Action: Clerk to obtain a job description for this post and advertise on the notice board.

Ongoing

12. Feedback from Cllr Holmes

The Chairman read the following email from Cllr Holmes to the Clerk:'

...Regarding discussion with Tom Gilbert land owner reference availability he has none at the moment but will discuss with Keith his father and inform if any in future but unlikely.'

Closed

13. Purchase of piece of land

The Council discussed at length other options for land purchase for the Parish. The Council remain committed to pursue this avenue until a piece of land becomes available.

Ongoing

The Chairman informed the Council that information had been received on how to obtain the details of land ownership in the Parish should there be a need for the Council to proceed with this interest. The Council agreed to keep this information on file.

Closed

14. Notice board & letter of thanks

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Clerk had placed a notice on the Parish Council notice board at the request of the Council and the Chairman read out the following notice:

For your information

As you may already be aware, the Parish Council have been unsuccessful in their bid to buy the plot of land on Hallam's Lane.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have their given their support and encouragement to the Council, during their efforts to buy the land.

The Parish Council would like you to know they will endeavour to continue with their plight to find a 'open space' for the Parish and hope they can count on your continued support.

Thank you.

Closed

15. Village - letter from Richard Enderby

The Chairman informed the meeting that no letter had yet been received.

16. Internal auditor

The Chairman informed the Council that the Clerk had sent the internal auditor a letter of thanks and flowers at a cost of £10.00 on behalf of the Council thanking her for the support she has given the Council over the years with the audit.

Closed

Cllr Clarke wished to clarify whether the use of public money for the purchase of thanking gifts was deemed as acceptable by Council rule.

The Chairman has asked the Clerk to clarify this detail

Action: Clerk to Clarify and inform the Council of outcome of query.

Ongoing

17. Letter from Mr Tolley

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Clerk should write to Mr Tolley on behalf of the Parish Council and clarify the following points.

- i: The Parish council is not responsible for the condition of roads and pathways, these are maintained by the highways department;
- ii: As was recently explained to Mrs Tolley the points had already been brought to the attention of the highways department;
- iii: The Parish feel that the footpath by Church Approach will probably be resurfaced after the new building work has been completed;

The issue of puddles at the bottom of Bayfields has been brought to the attention of the Highways department.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr Tolley at the request of the Council with the above points.

Ongoing

18. Financial matters

Cheques to be signed: Clerks wages £256.26 to include wages and expenses.

19. AOB

There was no other business

20. Date of next meeting

Tuesday October 27th 2009

The meeting closed at 20.30h.

Signed

Position Chairman

Date