

MINUTES OF TIMBERLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TIMBERLAND

Present:

Cllr	J Speirs	Chairman
Cllr	A Tolley	Vice-Chairman
Cllr	K Elvidge	
Cllr	L Lerpiniere	
Cllr	J Speirs	
Mrs	S Bedford	Clerk

In attendance:

Cllr	F Ambridge	District Councillor
Cllr	P Bradwell	County Councillor

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. 3 members of the public were present. The question of the provision of a play area for children similar to that already in Scopwick was raised. There followed a full discussion with both the Chairman and Cllr Ambridge providing information about the new Sports Field that will be between Timberland and Martin Villages and the history of establishing the new facility. It is hoped that this facility will also include a play area. Mrs Brookes, Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Barnes also stated that some mothers within the village would be willing to support fund raising for equipment for a play area. The Chairman concluded the discussion stating that he would contact the Chairman of Martin Parish Council and get an update on progress of the provision of the Sports Field.

1. REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman welcomed all Parish Councillors and asked that all Councillors remember that once a decision has been taken at a meeting they should support that resolution. At this stage Cllr Tolley asked for clarification as he felt that the Chairman's comments were specific to him and his objection to a recent planning application. The Chairman stated that this was not so and requested Cllr Tolley to resist from this line of questions. The Meeting was unable to remain within the Agenda therefore it culminated in an adjournment of the Parish Council Meeting at 7.55pm

2. The date of the resumption of the meeting will be notified by the Clerk once a date and time set.

Signed

Position

Date

MINUTES OF RECONVENED TIMBERLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TIMBERLAND

Present:

Cllr	J Speirs	Chairman
Cllr	H Clarke	
Cllr	L Lerpiniere	
Cllr	J Speirs	
Mrs	S Bedford	Clerk

In attendance:

Cllr	F Ambridge	District Councillor
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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Mr Brian Parkinson read out a statement relating to the Planning Application for the dwellings at Church Lane as he felt that the Parish Council had not been supportive of residents opposed to the application. Both the Chairman and all Cllrs present were surprised at this as the Parish Council had been unanimous at the January Meeting in supporting the residents and had sent a strong letter opposing the application. Cllr Clarke further stated that the Councillors were working in support of the entire Parish and was upset at Mr Parkinson's statement. The Chairman was also concerned that Mr Parkinson perceived a 'north south divide' in the village and stated that if Mr Parkinson had stayed for the full PC Meeting in January he would have seen that the Parish Council were working in support of all residents opposed to this application regardless of where in the village they resided. Mr Parkinson was happy to retract his statement about the Parish Council not supporting residents opposed to the planning application. Cllr Ambridge explained the history of the planning application and 3rd Tier Village rules.

The Parish Council Meeting was then resumed at the point in the agenda when the Meeting on 16 February was adjourned due to a disruption.

2. APOLOGIES

2. Apologies received from Cllr Holmes (Away on holiday) and Cllr Clarke (illness) for the meeting held on 16 February 2009. Apologies for this Meeting: Cllr Tolley, Cllr Holmes and Cllr Elvidge

3. DECLARATIONS

3. No declarations were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 05 January 2009, were then taken as read, approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr L Lerpiniere
Seconded: Cllr H Clarke

5. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 16 February 2009, were then taken as read, approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Jerry Speirs
Seconded: Cllr L Lerpiniere

5. MATTERS ARISING

6. Cluster Meeting. The Chairman informed the Meeting of the various speakers at the Cluster meeting and also confirmed that he would be asking NKDC to clarify the situation in respect of any monies left over from the Speed Indicator Device funding that should be forthcoming to Timberland PC in support of cost incurred for the Notice board. A letter would be sent to NKDC.

a. Decision: The Clerk to write to NKDC asking for clarification. **Item Ongoing**

7. Insurance Scheme Quote. The Clerk received a quote which is significantly higher than the premium being paid presently but as the next year's payment is due shortly a comparison will take place before renewal of the current policy held. **Item Ongoing**

8. Energy Conservation and Fuel Poverty. The Clerk has received an email from Sean Johnson at NKDC stating that they were unable to provide presentation teams and that this issue would be raised at future Cluster Meetings. The email mentioned Warmfront grants and Chris Gallimore being able to refer people to this scheme and also offer advice about other schemes.

a. Decision: The Clerk is to obtain any publicity available about these schemes and obtain information from Billingham about free fuel that was provided to residents. **Item Ongoing**

9. Parish Plan. Responses to draft questionnaire received by Clerk and next stage is to draft and complete a covering letter and obtain NKDC approval

a. Clerk to draft letter and circulate to Cllrs before seeking NKDC approval. **Item Ongoing**

10. Nuisance dogs. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been informed by PC Daniels that he had visited the owners of the dogs. She was also visited by the dog owner on 15 Jan and the Chairman confirmed that he had spoken with the owner who is soon to leave the area. **Item Closed.**

11. Standards Committee Investigation. The Clerk informed the Meeting that there was no further information. **Item Ongoing**

12. Local Crime and Community Sentence Presentation. The Clerk informed the Meeting that a presentation can take place in June which will be open to the entire village.

a. Decision: Clerk to confirm date with Rachel Martel, Communications Manager, National Probation Service, Lincolnshire, book the Village Hall and arrange advertising of the event. **Item Ongoing.**

13. Rural Services Network. Clerk sent off app and receives a weekly email. Item closed until request for renewal of membership will cost. **Item Closed**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

14. The precept paperwork had been sent to NKDC requesting £2,000.00 to meet the deadline of 16 Jan and the following cheques required signing:

a.	Clerk's wages 02 Feb – 28 Mar 09	£251.20
b.	Litter Picker Wages 02 Feb – 28 Mar 09	£45.84
c.	Postage payment to Mrs Bedford (amount added to wages cheque	£0.78
e.	NKDC Cost of Emptying Dog Waste Bins 2008/2009	£165.00

15. As the Clerk has a contract it was agreed that the Litter Picker should have Terms of Reference stating a specific route that should be walked in the village.

a. The Clerk to draft Litter Picker Terms of Reference. **Item Ongoing**

7. PLANNING

Applications received:

15. Following applications received since last Meeting:

a. Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension to house. New windows to north and east elevation and new front door to east elevation and internal alterations to ground and 2nd floor layout. Alterations and extensions to outbuildings – Top Farm, Thorpe Tilney LN4 3SL. Received by Clerk 03 Dec and no comments submitted by email 18 Dec 08 – Letter received stating that planning application had been withdrawn on 15 January 2009. New planning app received 03 Feb and circulated with no comments or objections – emailed to Planning Department 18 Feb 09 – outcome awaited.

c. Erection of 7 dwellings and garages on Land Church Lane Timberland – Objection letter sent 06 Jan 09 and minor amendment received 31 Jan 09 and passed to Chairman 01 Feb 09 – The Planning Committee has decided in favour of the Planning Application contrary to objections raised at the Committee Meeting by both the Chairman of the PC and a local resident.

Applications Rejected.

16. Nil.

8. AOB (including correspondence received)

17. The Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy letter informing PC of draft document on web and asking for comment received and was circulated to all for comment. No comments received. **Item closed.**

18. Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association letter requesting a donation. It was agreed that the PC were unable to support this worthy cause at this time.

a. The Clerk to write to the LPFA. **Item Closed**

19. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Consultation circulated to all and comment required by 20 Feb 09. No comments received. **Item Closed**

20. Mencap letter requesting donation. It was agreed that the PC were unable to support this worthy cause at this time.

a. The Clerk to write to the Mencap. **Item Closed**

21. NKDC Community Service and Youth Awards 2008/09. The Clerk informed the Meeting that this had been advised and the Chairman confirmed that there had been no nominations from within the Parish. **Item Closed**

22. Police Authority on-line Budget Survey to aid Authority when it meets to discuss the increase in Council tax – circulated to Cllrs 3 Feb 09 but no comments received. **Item Closed.**

23. Poster advertising date of Mobile Police Station Visit 24 Feb 09 – displayed 03 Feb 09. **Item Closed**

24. Public Rights of Way – Access Maps letter from NKDC – No requirement for paper copies at this time. **Item Closed**

24. New Dog Waste Bin. Cllr Jill Speirs informed the Meeting that she had received requests from residents about the siting of a further dog waste bin in the village. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Speirs and seconded by Cllr Lerpiniere that the Clerk would contact NKDC about the cost of another dog waste bin including the annual fee for emptying the bin.

a. Decision: Clerk to contact NKDC regarding a further dog waste bin. **Item Ongoing**

26. New Clerk to Parish Council. The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Clerk had given her resignation with effect from 30 Mar 09. Thanks were given for her work during the past year.

a. Decision: The Clerk is to compile an advert for the post. **Item Ongoing**

27. Village Green Area. The Chairman raised the question of finding a suitable plot of land within the village that could remain as a 'green' area and could include a small play area. Cllr Jill Speirs suggested that it could include a form of 'sensory perception' area. Discussion took place and the land in Hallam's Lane opposite the village Hall was considered a good place even though an historical bid by the Village Hall Committee to buy the land had not been supported by the Parish Council.

a. Decision: The Clerk to contact Godsons Solicitors acting as Executor for the land. **Item Ongoing**

There next followed a closed session and Cllr Ambridge and Mr Clarke (Cllr Clarke's carer) left the Meeting leaving just the Parish Councillors and Clerk. This part of the meeting was not recorded.

26. The Chairman informed the Meeting that the adjournment on 16 February was a result of Cllr Tolley's actions and he had hoped that Cllr Tolley would have been at the Meeting to apologize for his outburst regarding Chairman's Remarks about all Councillors supporting PC decisions once made regardless of whether they agree with that decision or not.

27. Cllr Tolley's outburst on 16 February saying that he was the only Councillor supporting residents opposed to the planning application on Church Lane was against procedures. Although the PC had voted unanimously to oppose the application after discussion during the January Meeting, Cllr Tolley had been unable to accept an explanation from the Chairman and allow the 16 February Meeting to continue by refusing to resist from his line of questions or leave the meeting, therefore the Meeting had been adjourned.

28. The Chairman further stated that after taking advice he had already written to Cllr Tolley following the January Meeting about Cllr Tolley's behaviour being unacceptable and causing unnecessary conflict within the Parish Council.

29. The Chairman also quoted the Dyke clearance situation that had been ongoing over numerous years as another area of conflict even though the Parish Council had endeavoured to support all residents including Cllr Tolley in obtaining a satisfactory conclusion including dealing with not only NKDC but the Environment Agency. Discussion followed about what action the Parish Council could take to bring harmony back and it was proposed by the Chairman that the Clerk should write to Cllr Tolley reminding him of procedures and behaviour at Meetings but as Cllr Clarke had to leave no decision could be made as a quorum was not present. There being insufficient Councillors present the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Sec Note:

Cllr Tolley has given his resignation with effect from 05 March 2009. NKDC has been advised and the vacancy will be an item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25. The date of the next meeting will be 30 March 2009 and will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed

Position

Date