

Timberland and Thorpe Tilney Parish Council

MINUTES from the: Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council

June 17th 2009

Held in Timberland Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr J Speirs
Cllr L Lerpiniere
Cllr K Elvidge
Cllr D Holmes
Cllr H Clarke
Cllr J Speirs
Cllr J Slessor

In attendance

Five members of the public were present

1. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and invited members of the public to speak during the 15 minutes public question time.

There were 5 members of the public in attendance at the meeting. The members of the public raised the following questions:

What progress has the Parish Council made in moving forward with an interest to purchase the piece of land on Hallam's Lane?

How did the Parish Council intend to use the land?

Would the Parish Council be involving the residents in their planning?

How did the Parish Council intend to pay for the land?

What measures would be in place to prevent graffiti etc?

One member of the public expressed great enthusiasm for the purchase of the land and said it would be an 'unmissable opportunity'.

A member of the public informed the council that the public footpath at the bottom of Hallam's Lane required some attention to the over grown shrubbery, making it difficult to walk down.

A member of the public asked the Council about the road works in the village and enquired as to how long this would continue and where the work would be carried out next.

Action: The Chairman is to enquire about the work in the village. **Ongoing**

Action: The Clerk is to enquire as to having the path made clear for walkers. **Ongoing**

The Chairman thanked all the members of the public for their comments and after giving brief answers explained that more details about the land on Hallam's Lane would be discussed in agenda item No. 7.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Ambridge.

3. Declarations

Cllr's Jerry and Jill Speirs declared that their daughter Ruth would be soon be undertaking training to become a LIVES Responder.

Cllr Jo Slesser declared that her husband Ian is a LIVES Responder.

4. Signing and approving of the previous meeting minutes

The minutes from the meeting May 11th were taken and approved by the Council.

Proposed by: Cllr Lerpiniere

Seconded by: Cllr Jill Speirs

5. Financial matters

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Council were required to formally adopt the accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2009. The accounts for this year were then formally adopted in this meeting.

The Chairman explained that the difference in the Clerk's wages between the year 07-08 and 08-09 was due to the Clerk at that time not accepting a full salary.

The Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2009 was approved and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer. The Clerk is to forward the Annual Return to the external auditor Clement Keys by 10th August. **Ongoing**

The Clerk informed the Council of the cheques that required signing.

Clerks wages	£252.89
Litter picker wages	£51.57
SLCC membership fee	£66.00
LIVES donation	£300.00
Mrs Sue Bedford for Clerks manual	45.00

The Chairman suggested to all Councillors that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks and send flowers to the auditor to show the Parish Council's appreciation for the time she has spent with the new Clerk explaining the financial issues.

This was proposed by Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Clarke.

Action: Clerk to compose letter and arrange for flowers to be sent. **Ongoing**

6. Society of Local Council Clerk's membership

The Clerk explained to the Council the benefits of joining the SLCC.

The Council voted unanimously that the Council would fund the subscription for the first year and that the membership should be reviewed by the Council at the end of this year before going ahead with another subscription next year.

Action: The Clerk is to apply for membership **Closed**

7. Hallam's Lane

After discussion about the possible purchase of the 0.6 acre piece of land on Hallam's Lane the following was agreed by the council:

All Councillors voted in favour of trying to purchase the land on Hallam's Lane.

All Councillors agreed that, after consultation with the Parish residents, the Council would consider submitting an offer of £25,000.00 for the land.

All Councillors agreed to consult the views and opinions of the Parish by sending out a letter to inform them of the Council's initial plans. The Council agreed that the letter would need to be circulated by Friday 19th June and for all comments to be returned by Friday 26th June to enable the Council enough time to evaluate the feedback in order to meet the 'Sale for Tendor' deadline of July 17th 2009.

It was proposed by Cllr Holmes and Seconded by Cllr Elvidge that a sub-committee be made up of the Chairman, Cllr Clarke and Cllr Slesser, to write the letter to the public.

Cllr Holmes left the meeting with apologies at 20.40h.

Action: A sub-committee formed by The Chairman, Cllr Clarke and Cllr Slesser would meet on the morning of Friday 19th to write the letter and the Chairman would then circulate these throughout the Parish. **Ongoing**

Cllr Lerpiniere left the meeting with apologies at 20.45h.

Action: The Chariman to contact LALC before the sub committee meeting for confirmation that the Council are proceeding correctly with regards to the purchase of the land in terms of involving those who live in the Parish. **Ongoing**

Cllr Slesser to contact NKDC before the sub committee meeting to enquire about estimates for the yearly cost of maintenance on pieces of land such as Hallam's lane.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The Council agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday July 7th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Signed

Position Chairman

Date July 7th 2009