



Present:

Cllrs D. Sankey (Chairman), Mrs. C. Rice, P. Moseley, M. Exton, B. Flatters,
Members of Public: Messrs D. Diess, T. Bladon & L. Parncutt.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. **Street Lights:**

Mr. Diess reported light Station Street/Sands Court is still obscured by trees.
Light Station/Millers Close is not working. Cllr Flatters will report.

2. **Litter:** The Chairman thanked Mr. Diess, who with his wife, was observed litter picking recently. A village Litter Pick should be organised for early spring.

3. **War Memorial:**

3.1 Mr. Bladon reported that the War Memorial is in need of repair. Extensive professional repairs were carried out 2004 - 2006. Clerk to investigate, liaise with M. Morgan (PCC) and report back.

3.2 Mr. Bladon further suggested that it may be appropriate to record the death of a Rippingale resident who had lost his life during the Iraq War. Clerk will enquire as to protocol.

4. **Village Design Committee:**

Mr. Bladon noted that the Village Design Statement is being updated and suggested that the Parish Council be represented at the VDC. Clerk to contact Mr. P. Rippingale.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Public Forum and opened the Parish Council Meeting at 7.45p.m.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

The Chairman welcomed all to the first meeting of 2011; the meeting scheduled for January having been cancelled.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** - None to record.

3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST:**

3.1 Holder of Allotment, Cllrs B. Flatters.

4 **NOTES OF MEETING 11th NOVEMBER, 2010 .**

Cllr Moseley proposed and Cllr Flatters seconded the proposal that the above Notes be approved as Minutes.

5. **CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING.**

5.1 **Replacement Parish Notice Board.**

The PCC request that being East-facing, a hardwood board will require maintenance and preservatives by the Parish Council. Cllr Flatters estimates cost of making a board will be £450.00 and was requested to proceed with the work; Clerk to continue to liaise with Mrs. Morgan, P.C.C.

5.2 Newsletter Editorial Policy

The Chairman proposed and Cllr C. Rice seconded the proposal that the document be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

5.3 Council Elections 5th May, 2011.

The Clerk hopes that all existing members will offer themselves for (re)-election and that all 7 Vacancies can be filled. Clerk to attend meeting of SLCC, who together with NALC anticipate difficulties in filling local council vacancies. Cooption of Councillors will be possible, but elected members are desirable.

5.4 Review of Hospital Car Service.

A meeting to be arranged by Clerk with Mr. Diess , HCS Coordinator and Chairman prior to reporting to Parish Council.

5.5 Risk Assessment & Management 2010 - 2011

The Clerk distributed Report for consideration by Councillors prior to next Parish Council meeting. Yearly review of the Risk Assessment is an integral part of the Council's Financial Regulations, Internal Control.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Bills for Payment, Budget, Bank Accounts.

Cheques signed in interim:

C. Boyfield	£1166.44
B. Hutchison (Internal Audit)	£ 50.00
M. Morgan (Newsletter)	£ 65.00
Fovia	£ 26.88
Anglian Water	£ 25.58
E. Charlton (stone Pinfold)	£ 58.75
S. Scholes	£ 640.16
RGAG (allotment tarmac)	£ 65.00
Pilgrim Mowers	£ 432.90
C. Boyfield	£ 357.50
HCS:D. Diess	£ 23.20
G. Eames	£ 40.50
M. Hallas	£ 18.90
D. Harris	£ 31.20
P. Moseley	£ 7.20
B. Osborne	£ 43.20
S. Picton	£ 26.40
J. Wiseman	£ 15.30
F. Wyer	£ 64.20

Presented to meeting:

Fovia	£ 38.87
S. Scholes	£ 328.18
Record RSS (Safety inspection)	£ 117.50

Budget as at 23rd January, 2011 previously circulated: total funds £16,724.

6.2 Budget and Annual Precept 2011 - 2012.

The Clerk has requested ~~£15,750~~ Precept. The Chairman proposed and Cllr Rice seconded the proposal that the above sum be approved. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Comment: Corrected typo error.

6.3 Clerk's Terms & Conditions of Employment.

6.3.1 The Chairman advised that this matter had been under consideration since October 2009 and apologised for length of time taken. The Clerk is contracted to work 5 hours per week; in reality she spends 8 - 10 hours on Council business. Advice from NALC has been sought and it is believed that the Clerk should be paid fairly and in line with NALC rates of pay and benefits. The minimum hourly NALC rate for part-time Clerks is currently £8.49 per hour and an Incremental Pay Scale is in place.

6.3.2 The Chairman proposed that:

- a) he continue to research, or request an NALC recommended specialist to prepare a revised Contract, Terms & Conditions, Salary Review and benefits package.
- b) that in the interim the Clerk be paid for 8 hours work weekly, at her contracted hourly rate, backdated to 1st April 2010.

Cllr B. Flatters seconded the proposal, which was agreed unanimously.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Renewal Temporary Planning Permission, Portakabin - submitted to SKDC

7.2 Temporary Planning Permission proposed storage container, Playing Field.

Application has been submitted to SKDC. Fee for both Playing Field applications £170.00

7.3 Land to rear of Doctor's Surgery. SKDC Legal Services are dealing with this matter.

7.4 (2702) Erection 1st Floor Balcony, 21 High Street - Approved 10th January, 2011.

7.5 (2379) Alteration to Listed Building, 110, Station Street. Application received on 25th November, 2010 and circulated to Councillors. No objections were raised, SKDC was advised accordingly. Listed Building Consent approved 8th February, 2011.

7.6 Fence, 7 Middle Street. SKDC have requested resident to make Planning Application for the fence already in situ.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. November 2010 - February 2011.

8.1 (Lincs Sports Partnership) Review of Village Hall use - pass to VHMC.

8.2 (VHMC) Confirmation of BT broadband line status - Clerk has replied.

8.3 (SKDC Communications Office 12/10) "Everybody needs Good Neighbours" - request for cooperation during severe weather. Published in Newsletter.

8.4 (Mr. M. Yardley) Request for Grit Bin, Millers Close - acknowledged.

8.5 (SKDC Planning, Policy & Partnerships) 5th Parish & Town Council Conference Presentations 2010 on disc.

8.6 (SKDC Legal & Democratic) Standards Committee 7th January cancelled.

8.7 (Eon) Confirmation Electricity renewal terms

8.8 Clerks & Councils Direct & Suppliers Guide.

8.9 (Dept Culture, Media & Sport) Diamond Jubilee 2012 - new City Status project.

8.10 (LCC Accessibility & Policy, 3.12) National Concessionary Travel Scheme, revised arrangements - published in Newsletter.

8.11 (SKDC Legal & Democratic) Local Forums cancelled pending review.

8.12 Thank you letters to Parish Council & Mr. C. Boyfield from: Mr. Mrs. P. Cotton, Mr. D. Diess & Wendover Close residents.

8.13 (Came & Co) Parish Matters magazine

8.14 (LCC) RUS Training February - March 2011.

8.15 (Rospa) Training Inspections 2011

8.16 (LCC Highways) Details future works on-line.

8.17 (Grantham College) Renewable Energy Training Centre - offer to talk to Parish Council.

8.17 (Eon) Emergency kit sent to Clerk.

9. Receive Reports from Council REPRESENTATIVES:

9.1 **Grass Cutting, Village Maintenance Matters** - Cllr M. Exton.

9.1.1 Next project is Pinfold Close leylandii hedge which will be trimmed pending decision as to removal/replacement.

9.1.2 Mr. Boyfield requested to treat tennis court surface with weedkiller on regular basis.

9.1.3 Equipment has been serviced and Cllr Exton is to monitor fuel usage with view to possibly changing to future bulk diesel purchase.

9.2 **Playing Field, Tennis Court, Football Club** - Cllr P. Moseley

9.2.1 Club reported leak in Portakabin, which resulted in keys being supplied to Council. Cllr Moseley will contact plumber.

9.2.2 The draft Agreement for use of Playing Field had been previously circulated by Cllr Moseley who confirmed that it is based on the discussions held with Club Officers 2009 - 2010 and agreements reached. The main points are:

* Parish Council will Gift Portakabin to Club, with conditions - Club will pay running costs.

* General Terms & Conditions document applies to ALL users of Playing Field, an additional set of terms relates to use by the Football Club. This will generate income to the Parish Council.

* Clerk will administer.

9.2.3 After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Moseley would prepare an amended Agreement to Councillors for approval/comment within 7 days. Thereafter Clerk will send Agreement and invoices to Football Club, with time set for completion of documentation.

9.2.4 Electricity: Club will be paying for usage in Portakabin, a separate meter for storage container should be fitted.

9.2.5 Club's use of the tennis court surface should be clarified.

9.3 **Allotments:**

9.3.1 Cllr Flatters reported further break-ins, police have been informed. Security lighting, battery operated, is being considered.

9.3.2 Additional allotment land is now in use, currently six spare plots.

9.4 I.T. Nothing to report.

9.5 **Outstanding & Reported Matters**

9.5.1 **Lagoon, Millers Close**/Station Street. Clerk and Chairman are monitoring SKDC who are organising signage.

9.5.2 Standing Water, Station Street & Doctor's Lane: LCC Highways advise (01.12.10) that new gully, Station Street will be piped in open ditch, work to be

done during footway reconstruction works. Doctor's Lane problem to be inspected. Clerk to pursue with LCC.

9.5.3 Illegal signing – LCC have removed signs.

9.5 Play Equipment: Safety Inspection Report carried out January 2011 passed to Cllrs Exton and Moseley for comment at next meeting.

Matters of note: report may impact on new equipment plans; use of tennis court as bike track; signage & locking of gates; unresolved issue of Trusteeship.

10. **DEDICATED "NO COLD CALLING" ZONE.**

10.1 Cllr Moseley has received positive response to Newsletter article and he proposed that the Parish Council proceed with the plan. The proposal was seconded by Cllr D. Sankey and agreed unanimously. Cllr Moseley will manage the project.

11. Receive Reports from representatives of Outside Bodies – none present.

12 Matters of an Urgent Nature/Any Other Business.

Rippingale Doctor's Surgery:

The Chairman has spoken with Dr. Parry who confirms that there is no change in the situation: the Station Street building has been offered to New Springwells Partners for sale, NSP do not wish to purchase this property, at the price suggested. The PCT's proposed meeting was cancelled. Dr. Parry states that he will be very happy to attend a Parish Council meeting when there is something to report.

Comment: Edit per Chairman.

13.FREQUENCY & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that additional Council Meetings would be held in April and June 2011, dates to be confirmed.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday, 10th March, 2011. 7.30p.m. The Village Hall.

7.30p.m. Open Forum

8.45p.m. approx Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

Sheila Scholes,

Clerk to the Council,

13th February, 2011.

Future meeting date:

? April

19th May AGM, Annual Meeting

? June

14th July

15th September

10th November.