**LONDESBOROUGH WITH EASTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**29th September 2023**

Londesborough with Easthorpe Parish Council – Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the **28th September 2023 at 7.00pm** in the Reading Room, Low Street, Londesborough.

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| Present |  |  |
| Cllr. Graeme Stephenson | GS | Chairman |
| Cllr. Julie Dunning | JD | Vice Chairman |
| Cllr. Robert Ducker | RLD | Councillor |
| Cllr. Millie Lloyd-Huitson | MLH | Councillor |
| Cllr. Lynne Shepherd | LS | Councillor |
| Cllr. Kath Watson | KW | Councillor |
| Cllr. Heather Wood | HW | Councillor (left the meeting at 19:50) |
| Attended by |  |  |
| **Officers** |  |  |
| Catherine Simpson | CS | Clerk and RFO |
| **Others** |  |  |
| Leo Hammond | LH | Ward Councillor |
| Derek Cary | DC | Ward Councillor |
| Paul West | PW | Ward Councillor |
|  |  | **Action** |
| **23/24-47** | **CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME** |  |
|  | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Recording Declaration. |  |
| **23/24-48** | **APOLOGIES** |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Nick Milson and the reason accepted. |  |
| **23/24-49** | **OPEN FORUM** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** that the meeting be temporarily suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow for a period of Public Participation during which members of the public may address the Council on any matter affecting the parish. (Open Forum) (KW/RLD).No issues were raised. |  |
| **23/24-50** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** |  |
|  | None. |  |

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| **23/24-51** | **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** that the following minutes be adopted as a true record:Ordinary Meeting of Council 27th July 2023 (JD/ML) |  |
| **23/24-52** | **REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** |  |
|  | The Clerk provided an update on the following issues:Additional salt bin. The cost for this would be £409.00 plus VAT. The Council can either opt for ERYC to refill the salt at £49.00 per visit or do this itself. The Clerk advised that she would add this to the next agenda, however, in view of the change in seasons it was agreed that the order be placed and approved at the next meeting. The same principle was applied to the push along salt spreader (RlD/JD).The question was asked as to who would spread the salt and the Clerk suggested that a rota be drawn up. Members should ensure that they wear high viz clothing and always go in twos.  |  |
| **23/24-53** | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** |  |
|  | All three Wolds Weighton councillors were present and addressed Council on the following issues:ERYC Design Code – the public consultation closes on the 22nd of October and people are advised to respond.Devolution – this mayoral authority is the preferred option of ERYC and things are progressing.Humber Vision Zero Campaign – introduction of 20 mph zones in certain areas, such as Londesborough has requested along Top Street. The Police and Crime Commissioner has made an additional £150,000 available towards the Community Speed Awareness initiative.Humberside Police are to have an office in Market Weighton Town Hall and will constitute a mini-Police station.The new Police off road bikes have been spotted out and about.Ashcourts have agreed to pay for resurfacing work along Intake Hill.Cllr. Lloyd-Huitson asked about the Help for Households scheme, in particular the fund pertaining to heating. This covers oil and gas centrally heated homes but not those which use coal. Cllr. Hammond advised that there is some money left in the fund and he asked Cllr. Lloyd-Huitson to write to him direct with regards to this. |  |
| **23/24-54** | **FINANCE** |  |
|  | 1. The following payments were approved (JD/RLD):

Londesborough Jubilee Committee £285.561. The accounts to the end of August were approved and the bank reconciliation signed by the Chairman (JD/RLD).
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|  | 1. The draft budget was discussed and the Clerk advised that this be increased next year as there is a shortfall of around £2,000. There was concern over any potential increase in council tax and the Clerk will attempt to calculate a rough estimate using last year’s It was agreed that Council will set the budget and precept at the November meeting to give members sufficient thinking time.
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| **23/24-55** | **ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY MATTERS** |  |
|  | 1. Maintenance:
2. Street lighting – ERYC has confirmed that the SLA currently in place does not cover cleaning, however, on this occasion it has agreed to do this as a gesture of goodwill.
3. Bench outside the Church – the Clerk has spoken with the local Men in Sheds group and it has offered to look at the bench to assess what needs to be done. The group operates on a donation basis.
4. Highways: – none of the pot-holes have been repaired. ERYC visited and marked these but then nothing happened. The markings have now been washed away. Cllr. Hammond will take this up with ERYC.
5. Christmas tree – Cllr. Stephenson confirmed that he would source the tree and Cllr. Ducker agreed to lend the lights again. It was agreed that the tree will be in situ by the 1st December.
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| **23/24-56** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | All relevant emails have been circulated.A form has been received from Barclays requesting updated contact details if applicable. This has been completed and just needed a signature from the Chairman which was subsequently provided.The Chairman and Clerk have received Katie Cobb’s resignation as councillor. ERYC has been notified and the vacancy notice prepared. |  |
| **23/24-57** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | Setting of budget and precept.Approval of purchase of salt bin and spreader. |  |
| **23/24-58** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The next meeting will be held on the 30th November 2023. |  |
| **23/24-59** | **CONFIDENTIAL** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting (Section 1(s), Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960):**RESOLVED:** to agree the 2022 pay increase backdated to April and correct the amount of the working from home allowance (JD/GS). |  |

The meeting closed at 20:10

Signature of Chairman:

Date:

Clerk to the Council: Catherine Simpson, email: londesboroughpc@gmail.com, Tel: 01430 872239