

LOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00 PM AT LINGDALE VILLAGE HALL

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs A.Slater (Chairman), C.Kingham, A.Clayton, A.Groves, J.Halliday, P.Say, S.Tyrka and D.Williams.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Jackie Henderson and Rosemary Jackson

OTHERS: Cllr Steve Kay (Redcar and Cleveland)

CLERK: Ms M.Kingham

41. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

42. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None

43. REPRESENTATION FROM RESIDENTS

None

44. CO OPTION OF COUNCILLOR FOR BOOSBECK WARD

RESOLVED TO CO OPT MR PETER SAY TO THE VACANT SEAT IN BOOSBECK WARD. PETER JOINED THE MEETING IMMEDIATELY.

45. CO OPTION OF COUNCILLOR FOR LINGDALE AND STANGHOW WARD

RESOLVED TO CO-OPT MR STEFAN TYRKA TO THE VACANT SEAT IN LINGDALE AND STANGHOW WARD. STEFAN JOINED THE MEETING IMMEDIATELY.

46. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20th JUNE 2019

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr D Williams, seconded by Cllr C Kingham and accepted by the full council.

47. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th JUNE 2019 – PROGRESS REPORTS ONLY

Item 34 Correspondence

- No further forward with sources of funding for School defibrillator. Issue to be raised at the next meeting.
- The refresher training for the defibrillator was not well attended, 10 expressed an interest but only 4 attended. Trainer offered to run another free session if required.
- Lingdale Lift Off eventually submitted their accounts for last years inbloom funding.
- The allotment tenants meeting was well attended and very positive. The tenants asked for more meetings to be held.

Item 35 SWOT ANALYSIS

- The number of dog glove bags being issued has been halved and only Cllr Clayton has encountered complaints about this. It was pointed out that residents are breaking the law leaving home without a dog glove bag. The Clerk was requested to place this item

on the agenda in a future meeting as councillors would like to know how much money, time and staff resources are being put into providing dog glove bags.

- The work begun last meeting with the SWOT analysis can be continued as part of the Local Plan, see item 50 later. The “Planning for Real” approach will allow engagement with the community and may identify a way forward for the council.

Item 36 Finance

- The audit is now complete and the results published on our website.

Item 38 Parish Matters

- Cllr Groves offered to put the trailer on sale as agreed in previous meetings.

48. CORRESPONDENCE

- LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM CLLRS J.HENDERSON AND A.MURRAY WHO HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE COUNCIL.
- CLLR GROVES (CHAIR OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE) REQUESTED THAT MOORCOCK ROW 03&04 AND THE TENANTS BREACH OF S.1, S.2, S.12 AND S.13 OF HIS TENANCY AGREEMENT BE DISCUSSED BY THE FULL COUNCIL. THE TENANT HAS NOT RESPONDED TO LETTERS ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE BUT RECENTLY HAD TELEPHONED CLLR GROVES TO EXPLAIN HIS CIRCUMSTANCES AND MAKE ASSURANCES THAT THE BREACH OF S.1 AND S.2 WOULD BE DEALT WITH. **RESOLVED** TO ENSURE THAT CLEAR TIMESCALES ARE PROVIDED BY THE TENANT. THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE WILL MONITOR THIS AND FURTHER DISCUSS BREACH OF S.12 AND S.13.
- A VOLUNTEER IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE NORTHERN AREA PARISH FORUM - NO ONE WAS APPOINTED. CLLR CLAYTON SUGGESTED THAT A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND, THIS WAS REJECTED AS THE CEO OF THE ORGANISATION ASSERTED THAT ATTENDEES MUST BE PARISH COUNCILLORS.
- A LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM BARKING UP THE RIGHT TREE OFFERING TO PERFORM A PANTOMIME AT THE VILLAGE HALL. THIS WAS DECLINED AS CLLR HALLIDAY PLANS TO SPEAK TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL ABOUT PERFORMING THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOW IN THE HALL.
- MOORSHOLM SHOW REQUESTED S.137 MONEY TO PAY FOR THEIR SHOW BROCHURE. **RESOLVED** TO AWARD £50.
- LINGDALE PRODUCE SHOW REQUESTED S.137 MONEY TOWARD COSTS OF RUNNING THE SHOW. **RESOLVED** TO AWARD £50.
- THE PARISH WEBSITE NEEDS RENEWING, THE CURRENT PROVIDER GBIZ WILL SPLIT INITIAL DESIGN COST OF £495 BY THE NUMBER OF EAST CLEVELAND COUNCILS TAKING PART IN THE NEW DESIGN. IT WILL THEN COST £39 PER/MONTH AFTERWARDS. THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO LOOK AT OTHER WEBSITE ALTERNATIVES AND BRING TEM BACK TO THE MEETING NEXT MONTH FOR A DECISION.
- THE CLERK INFORMED COUNCILLORS THAT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR HAS RESIGNED AND THAT WE NEED TO APPOINT A NEW ONE. ALTERNATIVES TO BE BROUGHT TO THE MEETING NEXT MONTH.

49. CITIZENS AWARD

Following discussion about the good work carried out by residents of Lockwood it was **RESOLVED** to create an annual citizen award to be presented at the Parish Assembly from 2020. An inaugural award is to be given to a named citizen at a specific event yet to be organised during 2019.

50. LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Kingham informed Council that there is funding available to create a local plan. It was **RESOLVED** that she should pursue this. Cllrs Kingham, Slater, Clayton and Halliday offered to form a working party to progress this.

51. RENEWAL OF LEASE WITH SKELTON & GILLING ESTATE

A 15 year lease has been requested by the estate which will cost £900 (shared) legal fees to draft. It was queried whether there was a need for three allotment sites at Lingdale and what was the percentage occupancy for the allotment gardens. Since 67% of the precept is taken up by staff payroll, council need to reduce staff hours. Having less allotment sites would help with reducing hours. It was **RESOLVED** to speak to the estate regarding the length of the lease and the tenants regarding alternative provision..

52. FINANCE

a) To approve all payments required in undertaking the Council's business since the last meeting.

The Clerk provided members with Finance Reports for July, August and September 2019. These gave full details of all financial transactions undertaken since the last meeting of the council which included the Bill payments, direct debits, transfers, income and cheque payments the council was required to pay. Cllr Clayton queried cost of £13.50 for a blind for the office window. Members **RESOLVED to agree** all payments and transactions undertaken.

b) The current state of finance for the Allotments was presented. The Clerk was instructed to inform tenants that there would be no skip provision in future when the rent demand was sent out

c) The current state of finance for the Village Hall was presented.

53. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

SIRIUS FOUNDATION

Cllr Kingham attended a trust meeting where the current financial difficulties were discussed. Trust members were told that despite financial difficulty, this would not affect the trust as the money had been ring fenced.

BIGLOCAL

Cllr Clayton pointed out that she did not attend Biglocal as a member of Lockwood Parish Council. There were ongoing discussions at Biglocal regarding the future of the klondike. If it continues in the same format it will take the majority of the remaining funds.'

TEES VALLEY WILDLIFE TRUST

Former Councillor Jackie Henderson announced that as she had represented the Parish Council on the Trust and she had resigned as Parish Councillor that someone would need to contact the Trust and a replacement would need to be found. Cllr Slater offered to speak to Jeremy Garside at the Trust.

54. PARISH MATTERS

a) Clerk's Report

The Clerk is on annual leave from the 13th October, the parish warden has agreed to man the office whilst she is away. He will carry out maintenance work at the village hall.

b) Chairman's Report

The Chair spoke about negative criticism that the Council are currently experiencing due to a small number of individuals with a personal agenda. He stressed that it was important to focus on the good work that councillors and volunteers were engaged with.

The Chair thanked Cllr Tyrka, Cllr Clayton, Geoff Bishop-Bailey and Audrey Bishop-Bailey for all their hard work in resurrecting the Lingdale Produce Show. This was well attended and had created a buzz around the community.

The Chair thanked Cllrs Groves and Halliday for organising the Best Allotment Competition, again an event that was enjoyed by the whole community.

The Chair spoke about the good things happening at the Lingdale Village Hall, the Childrens Disco that Cllr Halliday and his partner organise and run. The Craft Club for families and the craft club for

adults that Tracy Bonnard organises and the Saturday Bingo kept going by Cllrs Clayton, Halliday and Groves, but run by volunteer Jayne Suggitt and her friends. Well done to all of them.

c) **Ward Councillors Reports**

Cllr Slater spoke about a recent incident at one of the allotment sites where a complaint had been responded to regarding allotment tenants disturbing neighbouring properties early in the morning when accessing their allotment.

55. THE COUNCIL WILL NOW BE IN PRIVATE SESSION

56. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 31st October 2019

Meeting closed at 9.00PM

Signed:A.Slater, Chairman,

Date 31/10/2019

Signed:Clerk to the Council, Ms M.Kingham

Date 31/10/2019