

LOCKWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER 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: David Ogle

OTHERS: Cllr Steve Kay (Redcar and Cleveland), Heather King (Sirius)

CLERK: Ms M.Kingham

Heather King gave a short update from Sirius she confirmed that they were two years away from reaching the polyhalite, that the Government had refused to underwrite the operation due to risk involved. There is a petition about this and local people are concerned about the effect on the area. Some scaling down has occurred and the work is now progressing with 2 out 3 tunneling machines. Sirius and its employees are still positive that they will overcome the current hurdle. It is a new and limited market and orders are still arriving for the product.

57. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

58. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None

59. REPRESENTATION FROM RESIDENTS

None

60. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2019

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

61. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2019 – PROGRESS REPORTS ONLY

Item 35

- **Cost of dog glove bags still to be considered**

Item 48

- **Clear timescales have not yet been provided by Moorcock 03&04 tenant. To be added to Allotment agenda.**
- **Approval in principle (subject to cost) for new internal auditor who carries out all Redcar and Cleveland Parish Council audits.**

Item 49

- **Inaugural Citizen Award was discussed and no suitable date could be found. Clerk to look at diary and bring back to committee with suggestions.**

Item 51

- Neil Colver has confirmed that the Estate would be happy to retain tenants as two allotment societies if LPC did not renew the lease.

Item 52

- Allotment rent demand has gone out to tenants.

62. CORRESPONDENCE

- GNAAS REQUEST FOR DONATION. **RESOLVED** TO ALLOCATE £50 FROM S.137 MONEY.
- S.137 REQUEST FOR MOORSHOLM MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTMAS TREE. **RESOLVED** TO ALLOCATE £50 FROM S.137 MONEY.
- S.137 REQUEST FOR STANGHOW COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS TREE. **RESOLVED** TO ALLOCATE £50 FROM S.137 MONEY.
- LETTER FROM STANGHOW RESIDENTS REGARDING IN BLOOM 2020. **RESOLVED** TO ALLOCATE £45 FROM LOCKWOOD IN BLOOM BUDGET.
- S.137 REQUEST FOR STANGHOW RESIDENTS GROUP XMAS PARTY. **RESOLVED** TO ALLOCATE £50 FROM S.137 MONEY.
- LETTER FROM CLEVELAND IRONSTONE MUSEUM FOR DONATION TOWARD SANTA'S GROTTO. **RESOLVED** TO ALLOCATE £50 FROM S.137 MONEY.
- REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATHS. **RESOLVED** TO DONATE £150 TO BRITISH LEGION.
- LETTER FROM Moorcock 03&04 tenant RECEIVED WHICH CANNOT CURRENTLY BE VIEWED DUE TO LEGAL ISSUES.
- TWO COMPLAINT LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM EX COUNCILLOR FOR MARGROVE. THESE CANNOT CURRENTLY BE VIEWED DUE TO LEGAL ISSUES. THE RESPONSES TO THE LETTERS WERE CIRCULATED. IT WAS **RESOLVED** THAT LEGAL ADVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT REGARDING HARASSMENT FROM EX COUNCILLORS. COUNCILLOR CLAYTON WANTED IT TO BE MINUTED THAT SHE DID NOT AGREE WITH THIS.
- MOT DUE 24/11/2019 ON PARISH WARDEN VAN - RESOLVED TO USE LOCAL LINGDALE COMPANY FOR SERVICE AND MOT.
- BOULBY POTASH REQUESTED TO VISIT THE COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

63. FINANCE

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

The Clerk provided members with Finance Report for October 2019. This 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. Members **RESOLVED** to accept the half yearly accounts.

b) The current state of finance for the Allotments was presented. It was noted that the budget for water charges was likely to go over budget before the year end. It was suggested that we submit our own readings for these bills as these are frequently over estimated.

c) The current state of finance for the Village Hall was presented. It was noted that the finances were healthy and that there is over £6000 in the bank account.

d) The half yearly accounts were presented and compared with the year end accounts from the previous year. It was noted that several cost savings have been made by this Council. Members **RESOLVED** to agree all payments and transactions undertaken.

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

Councillor Clayton announced that the BigLocal had employed Consultants to plan their spending for the final year. A Planning for Real exercise will be carried out to consult with residents to determine how the last of the funding should be allocated.

65. PARISH MATTERS

a) Clerk's Report

b) Chairman's Reports

- **Chair of Allotments**

- Minutes from the last meeting were presented. Clerk was asked to check that we have copies of Parish Wardens training certificates and it was ascertained that he has the correct PPE for the work that he carries out. The Chair announced that he had used the £200 Chairs allowance for new gardening equipment to be used across the parish.

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- **Chair of Village Hall**

- Minutes from the last meeting were presented. The Chair announced that a bouncy castle had been purchased.

- **Chair of Finance & Personnel**

- Minutes from the last meeting were presented. The Chair announced she had access to two grant funding websites and that she was actively looking for grant funding to improve health across the parish.

- **Chair of Lockwood Parish Council**

- The Chair reiterated his thoughts from the last meeting that there was much to be positive about and lots of good work going on in the parish. Gloria Robinson was thanked for her help at Village Hall events and litter picking efforts across Lingdale.
- However it is difficult to be faced constantly with the negative criticism from ex Councillors. Particularly the criticism related to budget and spending as they are aware that the Council are still working to the budget that they set, and have not yet had the opportunity to set their own budget. Criticisms about one family being in control are particularly difficult given that decisions need to be from a majority view which could not be reached by just two Councillors out of eight.

c) Ward Councillors Reports

- **Lingdale & Stanghow.** Councillor Williams asked if there were any information available as to whether the company who had recently suffered a fire would be continuing their work. Ward Councillor Kay suggested that the Clerk should write to him and he would ask planning.
- **Boosbeck.** No issues.
- **Moorsholm.** No issues.
- **Charltons & Margrove.** No representatives.

66. THE COUNCIL WILL NOW BE IN PRIVATE SESSION

67. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21st November 2019

Meeting closed at 8.45PM

Signed:A.Slater, Chairman,

Date 21/11/2019

Signed:Clerk to the Council, Ms M.Kingham

Date 21/11/2019