

WALESBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs M. Combes (Chairman); D. Thurman; M. Boyers; P. Townsend; D. Milles; J. Sweney; J.Ashton.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk; 5 Members of the Public.

1. APOLOGIES: None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017:
Signed as a true record.

4. CHAIR & COUNCILS COMMENTS: The chairman attended the WLDC meeting re budget consultation and gave a report, as well as the meeting with Searby and Snitterby representatives, WLDC officers and councillors, Steve Brookes and Edward Leigh to discuss broadband. Post code data has been given to BT by Steve Brookes. BT is to look at modelling for upgrades. Phase 1 up to 90% of homes would receive fast BB; Phase 2 up to 95%. However, OnLincolnshire will look at changing the contract to see what is "value for money" which will take months rather than weeks. Two councillors and the clerk are to attend the Code of Conduct seminar; the chairman already has. To be discussed at next meeting **agenda**

5. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE: The clerk confirmed the Land Registry has granted a possessory freehold title on the village hall only as there is no first hand evidence proving that the title deeds were lost. Council may convert the title to absolute after 12 years. The documents are to be lodged with a solicitor. To be confirmed at next meeting. **Agenda**

6. FINANCE: TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Wages & expenses	£137.22
HMRC	£20.40
Walesby Village Hall	£120.00
Lincs Footpath Association	£5.00

The Clerk confirmed an unqualified opinion has been received by the external auditor.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: No new applications. Cllr Townsend reported that he had reported three planning matters of which council was not aware to the Enforcement Officer at WLDC: asphalt road between Highfield Farm, Otby Lane and Walesby Hill Road; Walesby Hall (planning contravention notice served re solar panels and internal works also reviewed with conservation officer; Plovers, no permission is needed to change from B&B to holiday lets.

8. TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY MATTERS: Cllr Milles will chase up site meeting to discuss flooding on Rasen Road as previously discussed.

9. TO FURTHER DISCUSS PROVISION OF BROADBAND IN THE PARISH: Update given above. Clerk asked to write to all stakeholders with copies to Edward Leigh.

10. TO DISCUSS PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH: Council was pleased that FP119 has been cut but would like to see it added to annual cutting programme. Clerk to discuss with Chris Marsh.

11. TO DISCUSS REFURBISHMENT OF OLD VILLAGE ROADSIGN: Following contact from the chairman, the clerk has made investigations into whether this is one owned by LWCS. It would appear not and, unless council wishes for it to be replaced by a modern road sign which it does not, it would appear council will need to restore it. Clerk to continue correspondence with LCC/LWCS and council will discuss further at January meeting **agenda**

12. TO CLARIFY PARISH COUNCIL'S POSITION REGARDING TREES IN THE AONB: Cllr Townsend informed council of Carol Slingsby's clarification of tree protection ie TPOs, conservation area or planning consent where consideration should be given to protection of trees. There is no legal protection in an AONB. He and a number of other councillors have had conversations and a meeting with Helen Gamble at LWCS. The clerk is to speak with her with regard to ancient orchards that are supposed to exist in the parish to better understand the position. Discussion took place regarding rewording of the information booklet for residents with regard to the last paragraph re Walesby AONB. Cllr Thurman suggested wording and it was resolved to accept. Council to look at whether revision/ reprinting of the booklet is needed **agenda**

13. TO DISCUSS & RESOLVE ON THE BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2018/19: A 10% increase to be ratified in January. Proposed, Cllr Combes. Seconded, Cllr Thurman. Resolved. **Agenda**

14. TO RECEIVE GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS & MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION ON NEXT AGENDA: As detailed above.

Meeting closed at 8.59pm

Dates of meetings: 8th January 2018; 12th March; 14th May; 9th July; 10th September; 12th November.