

Egmanton Parish Meeting

Village Hall – 8.25 pm 26th April 2018

Minutes – unadopted

In attendance

Officials:- Andrew Banks, Chairman, Steve Bunnell, Vice Chairman, John Smith, Clerk & Honorary Treasurer, Steve Hewitt, Internal Auditor & DC Sylvia Michael

Members of the public

Mrs J Smith, Mr & Mrs M Cheyney, Mr J Bower, Mrs E Banks, Mr C Banks, Mrs S Taylor, Mr & Mrs J Tate, Mr & Mrs Crothers, Mr & Mrs P Mee, Mr L Boarer

Apologies

Mrs J Wright, Mr K Taylor

Approval of minutes of meeting held on 1st March 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

The clerk read an email from Mike Keeling of Viaem describing the work done to erect “It’s 30” signs.

Correspondence

The first instalment of the 18/19 precept has been received - £900

NSDC had no objection to the removal of a pear tree at Rotherwood, Laxton Road Residents who choose to “register” with the village website can now receive automatic *alerts* of latest information entered on the website

Planning: Erection of two dwellings (Amendment to Previously Approved Scheme). Land to rear of Yew Tree Farm, Main Street.

The chair read details from the planning application. The plans were displayed at the rear of the hall. The applicant Mr T Crothers explained that this application was merely an amendment to previously approved plans involving a separation of the two dwellings. There were no questions and voting was 15 in favour, 1 objection and 1 abstention.

Planning: Proposed kitchen extension to form dining/family room, Brook House, Kirton Road

The chair read details from the planning application. The plans were displayed at the rear of the hall. There was no discussion. Voting was 15 in favour and 1 objection.

Latest position – BT landline

The clerk informed the meeting that since he passed copy papers on correspondence with BT to our MP, Robert Jenrick (see previous minutes), action had commenced and statements from the engineers on site appeared to contradict those received from staff at “High Level Complaints” BT Openreach London HQ. Specifically, this relates to detected cable faults and wiring problems in the feeder box located at Tuxford. He read an email from Lucy Kirwan (Director Service Office) to Sue Gray our MP’s agent dated 24th April 2018. Whilst this email is an update on work for East Markham, the faults found are said to have a direct impact on residents in Egmanton. A further report is promised for 30th April.

Latest position – flood alleviation

Via contact with Mr Ivor Walker, a board member of the TVIDB, the clerk reported that he was in direct contact with Will Staunton the Board’s chairman. He had sent photographs of the latest two flood incidents to Mr Staunton and spoken on the ‘phone. The latest email from him expresses cautious optimism on progress in making an offer for the land needed to undertake Phase 11 of the alleviation scheme.

Latest position – defibrillator

The vice chairman confirmed the completion of both the defibrillator installation and the CPR training programme. The chair expressed, on behalf of the meeting, appreciation for seeing the project conclude successfully.

AOB

The clerk explained that due to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) coming into force on 25th May 2018, there would be an agenda item for the next meeting seeking adoption of a Data Map and several data protection policies. He hoped to draft these documents for that meeting. Also to approve payment of the data protection fee of £40.

The clerk mentioned that of the current year’s council tax invoice, 75.6% related to NCC.

Mrs J Tate addressed the meeting to explain the main features of the “Best Kept Village” competition which a previous meeting had approved entry. She asked for volunteers for her sub-committee. Several attendees agreed to participate. It was emphasised that the key aim of the judges was not to find a “pretty, pretty village” but rather one having a good community spirit in its endeavour. DC Sylvia Michael confirmed that Caunton had been successful primarily due to this factor.

DC Sylvia Michael gave a report on key NSDC work over the past year. Kelham Hall has been sold and all staff were now located in the new Council Office in Newark town centre. As part of a five-year programme, 335 affordable housing units would be provided and a government grant of £42k per unit had been obtained. There would be a 60 bed care facility created at Gladstone House and extra care facilities in Ollerton to support 40 units. A cross-party housing development company had been formed to facilitate a residential build programme. She reminded the meeting that from the 2020/21 year, NSDC would be able to keep it’s business rates and that key to this was the presence of Staythorpe Power Station as a leading business.

John Bower updated the meeting on the Safer Neighbourhood Group’s business including burglaries from houses and garages, hare coursing, damage to farm crops due to walkers and bikers, noise and speeding by motorbikes, door-to-door salesmen, and an expressed failure by the police to address a complaint relating to a foreign plated HGV in Cromwell.

Mr Steve Hewitt referred to nuisance caused by a low-flying drone in the vicinity of North Farm.

The next meeting will be held on 7th June 2018 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

Signed Chair

Date