

# **GARTHORPE AND FOCKERBY PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Garthorpe and Fockerby Parish Council held at**

### **Garthorpe Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.**

**1. Present:** Councillor Julie Reed, Councillors J. Martinson, B. Reed, D. Armstrong, J. Preston J. Reed, S. Simms, J. Smith.

**Apologies:** None

**Absences:** S.A. Johnston.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Julie Reed from North Lincolnshire Council to the meeting.

**2. Declaration of interest:** None.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor J. Smith and seconded by Councillor J. Reed.

#### **4. Matters Arising:**

i, It has been noted that the new dog waste bin is being used to good effect and the Parish Council are hoping to purchase another for The Mount area in the new tax year. There is still a problem with some dog owners still not cleaning up after their dogs. Councillor Julie Reed advised that North Lincolnshire Council have some information leaflets which explain the consequence to health and the financial implications of a failure to comply.

Councillor Julie Reed is going to provide the leaflets so the Parish Councillors can arrange to have them delivered to every household in Garthorpe and Fockerby.

ii, The War Memorial ( first phase ) is now complete. The granite plinth and capping were purchased with the nett amount coming from the war memorial fund. The paving and edging has been completed and the Plaque has been fitted. A donation of £ 500-00 has been received from The Lions.

A new chain for the Cemetery has been purchased and temporarily fitted so as to enhance the appearance ready for the dedication ceremony on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The posts for the chain fence will be replaced and the chains permanently fitted at a later date.

The SSE Wind Farm Community Fund application was successful with the war memorial fund receiving a conditional grant offer of £3,000. This will be used for additional seating, planting and an unveiling ceremony in the future, possibly springtime.

The Parish Councillors voted unanimously in favour of a Flagpole but decided it is better to wait until the spring before any works are undertaken. Councillor Julie Reed offered advice on Flagpoles and will send the Clerk contact details of a trusted supplier.

It was agreed by all the Parish Councillors that money from the memorial fund should be allocated to provide refreshments for the dedication ceremony.

£ 50-00 will be given to purchase a cake, £ 50-00 will be given for the provision of a buffet with a further £ 50-00 available as a contingency plan.

The cost of hiring the Village Hall is £ 10-00 and this will also be paid from the memorial fund.

## **5. Financial Update:**

i, The Clerk has received back the certified Annual Return from the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn. They have been published on our website and a notice of conclusion of audit detailing the rights of inspection has been displayed on the website and Parish Council noticeboard.

The Parish Council are acting as administrators for The Playing Field and The War Memorial, looking after all monies in the Parish Council's main account. The micro grant funding is also allocated from this account.

ii, The current balance for the Playing field is £2,218-53 although it is noted that an invoice for a weed treatment of £120-00 is due for payment. The loan payment of £880-16 for the purchase of the playing field will also be paid on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The available balance will be £1,218-37.

iii, The War Memorial fund currently has £894-17 in the bank with the remaining £101-20 to be banked. Some of this money has been allocated although the Clerk is awaiting invoices in order to make payments. These include the refreshments for the dedication ceremony, the material and postage costs of £50-00 for the plaque and £500-00 spent on behalf of The Lions. Once all these payments are made the balance in the bank will be £234-17. The contingency money will be made available from cash waiting to be banked.

iv, There were two applications for micro grant funding, The Village Hall Committee for the purchase of decorations and storage boxes, and Mr& Mrs. Poole on behalf of their son Max for assistance with pursuing his cycle racing. Councillor Julie Reed stated that the Village Hall Committee was not eligible. She also questioned whether the application for Max Poole was eligible. The clerk and Councillor J. Smith were both on the understanding that it would be an allowable application but agreed that Councillor Julie Reed would clarify with Sam Scott at North Lincolnshire Council. The Parish Councillors all agreed to award Max Poole the micro grant upon confirmation of eligibility.

(on 24<sup>th</sup>. October 2016: Confirmation has now been received that the application for Max Poole is eligible and the micro grant has been awarded.)

The micro grant funding for this tax year has now been spent and the balance is £0-00

v, Current Account Summary:

**Balance from previous Minutes** **£ 8,530-29**

Payments received up to 7-10-2016:

Cash Donations for the War Memorial	£ 40-00
Church donation for the War Memorial	£ 50-00
The Lions donation for the War Memorial	£ 500-00

Sub Balance **£ 9,120-29**

Payments made since last Minutes up to 7-10-2016:



**7. Playing Field:** Councillor J. Martinson reported that the play equipment is in good order, although one swing is starting to show signs of wear and tear. The annual inspection is due in December. The Clerk has made an initial enquiry and received a price for the inspection. Councillor Julie Reed advised to contact North Lincolnshire Council as they have carried out inspections for Crowle at a fraction of the cost. The Clerk will follow this up. The field has had a weed treatment. The mower is in good order.

**8. Planning Applications:**

i, Planning Application ref: PA/2016/840 has been granted by the council. This was to erect a steel shelter over an existing building at College Farm, West End, Garthorpe, DN17 4RX.

**9. Any Other Business:**

i, Councillor S. Simms asked whether the Christmas tree had been ordered. It was agreed that the previous supplier had become very expensive and the tree purchased last year was smaller than expected. Councillor J. Smith said he will try and source the tree again this year.

ii, The Clerk stated that she had written to Mr. Strawson and Mr. Martinson regarding the possibility of them trimming back their trees which are obscuring the street lights. No response has been received. Councillor J. Martinson will have a word with Mr. Martinson.  
Councillor B. Reed will ask for a price for cutting the brambles on Back Lane.

iii, The ownership of a piece of land at the end of Margrave Lane has not been confirmed. The Parish Council have been approached by residents asking if the hedging around this land could be trimmed back as they were very overgrown. Councillor Julie Reed stated that she will be able to find out who owns the hedge in question.

iv, Councillors J. Martinson and S. Simms attended the Town and Parish Liaison meeting. Councillor J. Martinson provided an update of the meeting which was focussed on winter road maintenance. Councillor J. Martinson reported that he had asked about Shore Road being gritted during the winter months and Andy Fidell (Operations Manager, Centralised services at North Lincolnshire Council) said a site meeting could be arranged.

v, The Chairman welcomed Jiggy Lloyd to the meeting to discuss applying for funds /grants that may be available for the village hall. The following report has been provided by Jiggy Lloyd.

JL explained that a plan (in 2010) to extend the hall had not materialized chiefly because there was insufficient demand for the hall to justify provision of a second meeting room etc. Resignation of committee members had been another factor. However, in the course of this, a number of grant sources had been investigated including Awards for All, LEADER, some of the private trusts and the Co-Op Community Fund.

Since 2010 the Committee had concentrated on upgrading the existing facilities so as to increase the use of the hall. This had been successful. The Committee thought that the next project was likely to be the replacement of the toilets, including upgrade to meet current disability access requirements. Cllr Reed pointed out that a similar project at Keadby Working Men's Club had cost £25k. She advised application to the following funds: North Lincs Community Pot and SSE Wind Farm Fund for the main works, and Awards for All for "fitting out". Landfill Community Fund is another option. JL thought the recent rule change now meant Garthorpe was no longer eligible although that fund had been successfully used in 2015/6, relying on proximity to Roxby landfill at Winterton. Cllr Reed will find out.

Cllr Reed advised that the above funds- especially the Community Pot- would require the hall to be registered with the Land Registry. This would involve costs, paperwork and possibly advice from solicitors. It would in turn require the original conveyance document. Since the whereabouts of the original is not known (the Hall Committee only have photocopies), progress could be slow. Cllr Reed offered to assist check the status of the hall's registration through NLC routes. JL will liaise with her about all this. The Clerk can advise the Hall Committee how she has handled registration of the Cemetery. It was noted that the Hall Committee has already received grants from the SSE Fund without difficulty but this was unlikely to be the case in future without confirmation of Land Registry status.

**10. Date and time of next meeting:** Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup>. December 2016, in Garthorpe Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed J. Martinson

(Chairman).....

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