

**WILLINGHAM BY STOW PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of the November MEETING of WILLINGHAM by STOW PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 8.15pm in Willingham Village Hall**

---

7.30pm – 8.15pm

Prior to meeting Gate Burton Energy Park Community Relations team spoke to the PC regarding the Solar development and answered any questions.

**Present:** Cllrs D Bingham (Chairman), M Bates, D Leak, E Panter, D Wain, S Webster.

**In Attendance:** L Brooks-Sleight (Clerk)

**AGENDA**

**2021/298 Apologies for Absence**

Received from Cllr Connell – due to work commitments

**2021/299 Public Participation**

None present

**2021/300 Minutes of last Meetings**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved and signed as true & correct record **Resolved**

**2021/301 Declarations of Interest**

Received from Cllr Bates re: 2021/309 quotes

**2021/302 Representatives Report**

Crime Report received from Saxilby Police

**2021/303 Clerks Report**

- DEFIB PADS – these were purchase and place in the Defib cabinet expiry date Nov 2023. Also, the Defib bag was checked for safety scissors and a disposable shaver
- Internal Audit 2021/22 – LALC have assigned the PC with an internal auditor. The clerk has made contact and is awaiting a reply to arrange the 1<sup>st</sup> 6-month audit
- Cllr Panter attended the New Councillors Training course at LALC, the fee of £27 has been paid
- Playing field Committee would like a copy of the deeds and electric lines map
- Cemetery – a Grave memorial for J Watling appeared in the cemetery but the clerk had no record/information of this. The company Samuel Jacobs Memorials were contacted details of application were emailed. It appeared that it was originally sent to Rev Gill Stevens. £90 payment fee will be sent direct to the bank
- VH Committee has thanked the PC for the grant funding April 2021/22
- Notice Board- Nigel has made a start on the notice board -a new board inside, just waiting on some hard wood to re vamp the outside!

**2021/304 Traffic Calming**

Information & advice from a site meeting with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership regarding the reactive speed signs were received and discussed along with other traffic calming issues. The PC approved Elan City 2 x speed reactive signs (approx. £2000 each) locations on Stow Rd (new pole approx. £200) existing pole outside the farm shop & existing pole near corner Gainsborough Rd/High St, 3 x brackets on each pole for moving units around. Clerk to check if locks are supplied & a charging pack? Clerk to contact Graeme Butler to place order. **Resolved**

---

**Signed:**

**Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**13**

### 2021/305 **Grant Funding Requests 2022/23**

The PC were informed of an email from the Playing Field Committee, they had received some of the quotes but are awaiting more before sending to the PC for their grant application for the extra projects. The PL committee asked if the PC would consider their first grant application of £2400 at this time and consider any future applications once all quotes have been received. The application for £2400 was discussed and approved. Clerk to inform the PL committee - payment to be sent April 2022. **Resolved**

### 2021/306 **Budget 2022/23**

The Budget 2022/23 was discussed and approved. **Resolved**

### 2021/307 **Precept 2022/23**

The final precept for WLDC was discussed and approved- £14,000. **Resolved**

### 2021/308 **Solar Farms in West Lindsey**

Information was sent prior to meeting and from the Gate Burton relations team prior to meeting. The information was discussed and the following comments to be sent to both Cottam Solar & West Burton Project and Gate Burton Energy Park.

- *Support plans for renewable energy generation but consider this site and the scale of the proposals being unacceptable. The Solar Farm Projects in the area are huge and intrusive.*
- **Landscape Character.** *It is in effect a major industrial development and is not in keeping with the village with its surroundings in terms of scale or character. The loss of the agricultural land and food production, the loss of footpaths and byways during construction and the impact on wildlife and archaeology. Local roads are unsuitable for construction traffic on this scale*
- **Visual Amenity.** *It would dramatically change our local rural scene for the worse. The attractive link between the village and the countryside would be destroyed by the installation of solar panels & associated equipment.*
- **Flooding.** *The ground underneath the solar panels will not be able to absorb water and hence there will be additional run off. Where will this water go? There are already issues with flooding in the area.*

### 2021/309 **Parish Field Development**

All councillors met at the Parish Field between meetings to discuss plans for the field and the planting of the 75 trees to celebrate 75 years of the Willingham Annual Horticultural Show. The project to be done in stages, the first to clear and lay the footpath, to allow the trees to be planted. With future plans to clear existing pond, benches, expand footpath around the pond area quotes received for the development, 2 received to clear the land and 2 for new entrance and lay a stone footpath. The quotes were discussed and approved for H Bates & Sons to clear the land -£100. And Hewitt Plant Hire to lay footpath with new entrance -£1380 + VAT. Clerk to inform both companies. Grant Funding for the development were discussed, clerk to contact Cllr T Coulson to apply for £1000 from WL Councillor Initiative Fund and seek future funding (Zero Carbon Parish Project) for the next stages when required.

### 2021/310 **Parish Meeting Dates 2022**

The 2022 meeting dates & times were discussed and approved for - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month with no meetings in January & August and the Annual Parish Meeting date to be discussed at a later date depending on Covid 19 regulations. Email received from LALC (today) advising all councils to cancel December meeting – No Zoom due to Coronavirus pandemic. The PC also approved to book the VH main room for Feb – May and discuss at a later date depending on Covid infection rates.

### 2021/311 **Cemetery**

- The Ashes memorial area was discuss and decided that it needs clearing & the area opening up, Cllr Bingham & Bates volunteered to remove overhanging branches/tree
- The site meeting with AW re: water connection was discussed and due to the extreme costs of connection it was deemed too expensive. Cllr Bates suggested a IBC in the bottom end at a cost of approx. £30. This was approved. **Resolved**

### 2021/312 **LCC Parish Agreement 2022**

This was receive & approve. Clerk to submit email. **Resolved**

### 2021/313 Highways

- HW have had issues with the tree/bushes on Stow Rd due to a car parking on the footpath. An option HW have suggested is placing bollards/timber posts on the grass verge to prevent cars parking on the footpath.
- The removal of a tree on Green Lane at the rear of his property, HW are still looking into this,
- GRIT BINS – each area was accessed Grange Lane/Stow Rd/Marton Rd. The only area that got approval was Grange Lane but HW had it on record that the PC had a bin already in position. HW agreed to place a grit bin on Grange Lane and ask the PC if they would place their bin on Marton Rd near Howson House.
- 1 tonne bag of salt has been delivered

### 2021/314 Village Hall Committee

The VH committee's email regarding room hire fees commencing January 2022 were received.

### 2021/315 Platinum Jubilee

The Ward Councillors Jubilee Tree was discussed and decided that there wasn't a suitable position for a tree. The Jubilee Commemorative products were discussed and approved for a mug. Clerk to seek prices and advertise to gather names of all Willingham children under 16yearsold by 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

### 2021/316 Planning

To receive any correspondence/decisions by WLDC and discuss any planning applications.

Ref: 144037, Planning application for proposed side extension to provide two additional treatment rooms, The Surgery, High St. *comments - have concerns of the reduced car parking spaces for the surgery* **Resolved**

### 2021/3017 Finance

The monthly accounts for payment were approved as a true & correct record **Resolved**

Bank transfer	10.12.21	Grass Cutting November/cemetery hedge	290.00
Bank transfer	10.12.21	Salary November	367.28
Bank Transfer	10.12.21	Flags x 5/Defib wipes	25.59
Bank transfer	05.01.22	HMRC PAYE	211.80
Bank transfer	05.01.22	Salary December	355.58
		Total	<b>1250.25</b>

### 2021/318 Correspondence for Discussion

- a. (emailed prior)  
**Correspondence for Information**
- a. Town and parish council newsletter November 2021 (emailed prior)
- b. Groups 1a & 1b - Lalc News 177 Edition (emailed prior)
- c. Civility and Respect Newsletter (emailed prior)
- d. Working in partnership with Anglian Water to help your vulnerable parishioners (emailed prior)

### 2021/319 Agenda Items for next meeting and to take any points from members

2021/320 **To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be Discussed** none

**The date & time of next Parish Council meeting was approved as Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 8pm in Willingham Village Hall**

**Meeting Ends: 10.10 pm**