

WILLINGHAM BY STOW PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING of WILLINGHAM by STOW PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th March 2017, 8pm**

Present: Cllrs D Bingham (Chairman), P Bates, L Foreman, D Leak, D Wain and S Webster

In Attendance: L Brooks-Sleight (Clerk)

2017/16 Apologies for Absence

none

2017/17 Minutes of last Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 14th February 2017 were approved & signed as a true and correct record **Resolved**

2017/18 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bingham for item 2017/21 – Tender for the Grass Cutting and
Cllrs Bingham & Bates for item 2017/22 – Tenders for Parish Field

2017/19 Representatives Report

Crime report for February was sent prior by email from Saxilby Police

2017/20 Clerks Report

- Clerk hasn't managed to speak to Lives re: Defib Training, left messages but none has been returned
- Hilltop trees – the trees in the churchyard are to be felled this week
- Received email from Highways – confirming the Parish Council are undertaking the amenity grass cutting on behalf of LCC, agreement to be sent by 31st March
- The Spring Clean on 4th March went well, about 20 volunteers turn up
- Clerk received an email re: The Old Farm House – email passed on to Cllr R Shore who has made contact
- Clerk has asked the Handyman to look at the notice board on Grange Lane corner – water has been getting in and the backing board is damp/mouldy
- APM notice has been sent to Parish Magazine
- Email received from Grant Thornton re: Annual Return. They are changing the format so there has been a delay in printing/ sending them out – should receive by end of March

2017/21 Grass Cutting Tender

Clerk informed the council that only 1 tender had been received even though it was advertised on the Notice Boards/Parish Magazine & the website. The tender was received and discussed. It was approved to offer J S & D Bingham the contact for 2017 season. Clerk to contact and obtain Public Liability Insurance certificate. **Resolved**

2017/22 Parish Field Tender

The clerk informed the council that 2 tenders had been received, one for £105.00 and the other for £111.00. Cllrs Bates & Bingham were omitted from the discussion. The remaining councillors approved to accept the tender of £111.00 from Mr P Bates. Clerk to fill out agreement form to be signed in April 2017 and request cheque for payment. **Resolved**

Signed:

Dated: 11th April 2017

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2017/23 Cemetery

Cllr Bingham & Wain had inspected the cemetery and noted several sunken graves which makes mowing the grass difficult for the contractors. After discussion, it was decided that the council should level off the ground. Cllr Bates volunteered to supply the top soil and it was proposed & seconded to ask the grass cutting contractor to carry out the work and invoice the council once completed. **Resolved**

2017/24 Highways

Cllr Bates informed the council of damage to road sign Park Rd/Meadow View. Clerk to inform WLDC
Cllr Bingham had noted 2 manhole covers were missing/broken on Stow Rd. Clerk to inform Highways

2017/25 Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

a. none

Correspondence for Information

- a. News & Updates from Community Lincs (emailed prior)
- b. Rural Opportunities Bulletin – March (emailed prior)
- c. Village Hall Agenda (emailed prior)
- d. Section 137 - spending allowance (2017/18) (emailed prior)
- e. Spring 17 - LALC newsletter (emailed prior)

2017/26 Planning

None received

2017/27 Finance

The monthly accounts were approved and signed for payment **Resolved**

100771	Office 365 Renewal	59.99
100772	Salary (Feb) + office allowance	423.12
100773	Salary (March)	222.92
	Total	£706.03

2017/28 Agenda Items for next meeting and to take any points from members

Best Kept Garden Competition

Concern from a resident, many rats around the Sewage Treatment Works – Clerk contact AW

2017/29 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 is confirmed as Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 8pm

Meeting Ended 8.35pm