

ROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th July 2018

At Roughton Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm.

Those present: Councillor Smith (Chair), Councillors Blake, Dormer, Drew, Lupton, Poucher, Councillor Mrs Lynaugh and the clerk Mrs S Helliwell.

In Attendance: District Councillor Fitzaden-Gray.

Public: Three members of the public were present.

Miss Holden introduced herself and said she lived on Horncastle Road near the Maggot Farm since November 2017. She said she had contacted East Lindsey District Council 3 or 4 times about the smells from the maggot farm but had never received a reply. She said her asthma which she had suffered with for years was now so bad she had been given a new inhaler to use. She had contacted Bainland Country Park which is also near the maggot farm and they too had noticed the smell. Mr Fred Harper who also lives on Horncastle Road said he had also contacted ELDC and even a recorded letter had yet to receive a response. He said he had logged a smell for 29 days over the past two months. Miss Holden also mentioned HGV traffic travelling along Horncastle Road and the speeds that they travel especially early in the morning and finally she mentioned the speed limit on Horncastle Road and if that could be lowered. The Chair thanked Miss Holden and Mr Harper for their comments and said the Parish Council would discuss this as Item 9 on the agenda.

032 Chair's Remarks: The Chair thanked everyone for attending and giving their time.

033 Apologies: County Councillor Bradwell - Unwell.

034 Declarations of Interest: None.

035 To approve the notes of the meetings held on 17th May 2018 as minutes:
These were proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously to be correct. They were signed by the Chair.

036 County Councillor Report: Not in attendance.

037 District Councillor Report: District Councillor Fitzaden-Gray stated that at the Full ELDC meeting held on 16th July 2018 the Local Plan had been adopted which would remain in place until 2031. Woodhall Spa had been given a big allocation for housing but Horncastle hadn't due to the number of homes to be built there already. It is a very important document and will be updated and revised periodically. Horncastle Town Council has been given powers to make some planning decisions themselves. This would be for some change of use or similar applications, not for big housing

developments. ELDC has passed a new fund for £750,000 which manufacturing companies can apply for a grant to extend premises/create jobs etc. ELDC won a grant to provide lots of charging points in car parks for electric vehicles. All the main market towns will benefit from charging points being made accessible. Finally, a new shop front grant has been made available where businesses can apply for grants between £3,000 - £10,000.

038 Clerks Report:

a. The clerk said the overgrown trees on Wellsyke Lane which she had reported had received the following report from Highways – No immediate action, will monitor as part of routine inspection schedule. The pothole on Horncastle Road, Roughton Moor had been repaired and no further action was required.

b. The Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils AGM would take place on 17th October 2018. Anyone requiring further details please let the clerk know.

039 Village Telephone Box Update: Councillor Blake said he had contacted the painter and decorator again and that the telephone box would be repaired and repainted as required in the next 2-3 weeks.

040 Maggot Farm Email: Councillors thought it unacceptable that ELDC were not responding to letters sent by members of the public. The Chair said that when there had been smells from the maggot farm a few years ago there was found to be a fault in the filter beds and once that had been repaired the smell disappeared. Councillor Lynaugh said the owner was always very co-operative and had complied with all regulations put in place in the past. Councillors asked the clerk to get in touch with Mr David Dodds, who is the Environmental Health Enforcement Officer at ELDC to request that an inspection of the maggot farm take place to see if there is a problem with the filter beds. District Councillor Fitzaden-Gray said he would also make enquiries into the issue. Regarding the HGV traffic on Horncastle Road, Councillors thought very little could be done about it. The speed limit is 50mph and the vehicles have restrictors on them which limit them to 56mph so they thought policing them would be very tricky. They understood they probably seem very fast early in the morning but the haulage firm has been there for decades. The clerk informed that a traffic survey had been carried out several years ago but no further action was taken as traffic wasn't really speeding and there were only several minor accidents which had occurred mainly in wintry conditions. A traffic survey would not take place early in the morning, it would take place at peak periods. The Parish Council thought Miss Holden might be best to contact Highways regarding a speed limit reduction which may be looked at again as more housing development is taking place along Horncastle Road.

3 x member of the public thanked the Parish Council for their help and left the meeting at 7.50pm

041 Planning:

a. Applications: S/215/01365/18, 34 Horncastle Road, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6UZ – No objections. S/094/01146/18, The Ranch, Kirkby Lane, Kirkby on Bain, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6YY – No objections. S/141/01273/18, 122 Horncastle Road, Roughton Moor, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6UX – No objections. S/141/00952/18, Land to East of Warren

Wood, 38 Horncastle Road, Woodhall Spa – Supported. S/215/00862/18, Land off Tower Drive, Woodhall Spa – Supported.

b. Permissions Granted: S/141/00952/18, Land to East of Warren Wood, 38 Horncastle Road, Woodhall Spa – Full Planning Permission.

042 Training Available: The Clerk informed all of the training currently available.

043 Finances:

a. Bank Balances and signing of statements. The clerk confirmed current account balance of £5071.16 which included a VAT refund of £61.67 and deposit account balance of £14.90, a total of £5086.06. Bank statements were checked by all and signed by the Chair as required.

b. Internal Audit. The clerk confirmed that Mrs Bramley had completed the internal audit with no areas of concern. All Councillors agreed to pay Mrs Bramley the same amount as last year of £45 cheque number 7000242.

c. External Audit. The clerk confirmed she had sent the audit paperwork to timescale and was still waiting to hear from the external auditor.

044 Date of Next Meeting and Items for Agenda: The date of the next Roughton Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Agreed by all.

Agenda Items: Telephone Box Update, Maggot Farm Update and any other item forwarded to the clerk prior to the agenda being published.

045 Clerks Salary and Expenses: The Council agreed to pay the clerks salary and expenses for the period 17th May 18 – 19th Jul 18, £207.10, Cheque No. 700242.

Councillor Drew asked that the clerk check with LIVES that the defibrillator is registered.

Councillor Poucher asked that the clerk chase the 'No Through' sign at Martin with County Councillor Bradwell.

Councillor Drew asked the clerk to report overhanging hedges at the junction with Sandy Lane.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm