

**Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2014 at 8.00 pm
in the Village Hall**

Present: Mr A Hicks, Mrs W Van der Horst, Mrs P Armstrong, Mr C Bayne, Mrs J Bayne, Mrs A Cappindale and Councillor T Bridges.

Also present were two representatives from Smart Wind to talk about Phase 2 of the Hornsea Wind Project.

There were also several members of the Parish present.

In the absence of Mrs G Rhodes, Mr A Hicks took the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, signed and approved.

Matters Arising.

1. G H Parker – re our letter concerning the cutting back of the playing field trees. It was agreed to reply stating that the agreement was a verbal one between a member of the village hall committee and Mrs A Hickling. We would also like to thank them and take them up on the offer to trim back the trees from the road side although they could do nothing on the height. It was also stated that a quote has been submitted to the village hall for the cropping of these trees but it would probably be too substantial for them to take up.
2. The cheque for £500 from the estate of the late Mrs Connie Pearson has been received and will be banked and the appropriate trees and shrubs and their exact location will be decided upon in the spring.
3. LALC – the councillor training day at Tetney has been confirmed as 16.9.14
4. LCC – The grit bin at the S bend on the Tetney Lock end of the village will be replaced in time for winter and also because of the mild winter last year it was felt that the stock of salt applied for then and stored behind the village hall would not be needed to be topped up although we can apply for more should it become necessary.
5. Councillor Bridges informed the meeting that the Village Hall's applications for funding from ELDC were progressing well.
6. He also stated that as from 14.8.14 that all Parish Council meetings can be recorded by the public should they so wish.
7. He also stated that he would be talking to Paul Little from the Highways Department again within the next few days and would once again address the conditions of the roads through and around the village. It was also agreed that a letter be sent asking the department that if the repairs to the uneven Tetney Lock road are not completed by December that this stretch be included within the salting routes. He also stated that a group are pressing the highways department for a dual carriageway policy within the county which it is hoped would greatly enhance tourism.

Correspondence.

1. Lincolnshire Road Safety Council – Re the launch of the Community Speed Watch. The cost of the static yellow signage is £8.00 each plus £40 for a site inspection. The flashing

electronic signs are £1,693 each. It was felt that a small council such as North Cotes could not justify this expenditure and a better alternative would be to write and ask that the signs already painted upon the road surface be repainted.

2. ELDC – planning application for the erection of seven turbines on land to the south of Fen Lane North of Fulstow. It was agreed that an objection be lodged by the council based on the cumulative impact.
3. Two representatives from Smart Wind then addressed the meeting with an update on Phase 2 of the Hornsea project. They stated that the access point for the bringing to shore of the cabling which was shown on the original suggested plan as being along Kenneth Campbell Way has now been changed and all construction traffic will enter and leave via Sheepmarsh Lane. They are also progressing their talks with North Cotes Air club to ensure the minimum of disruption to them during the installation period for the cabling. They also stressed that the rumour that there would be a permanent building near the North Cotes Air strip which would house a substation was completely untrue and this building has always been designated as being within Killingholme and the cabling to that building will come ashore at Horseshoe point and be channelled underground from there to Killingholme. They assured the council after questions raised that there would be no undermining of the sea defences at the entry point as it would be many meters underground and they were subject to strict restrictions from the Environment Agency. They also stated that they could not take the cabling straight down the Humber as this suggestion had been rejected by the Humber Board. They also were questioned about disruption to the natural habitat of the many species and wild fowl which use the construction area. They stressed that all relevant parties such as the Wild Fowl Trust and the Environment Agency had been consulted with. As a result construction work can only take place between the months of April to December. They are avoiding the Salt Marshes and any habitat disturbed above the cabling site must be restored after construction. They stated that all dialogue with the various agencies and departments involved with this application could be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate Website. They could not answer questions from Councillor Bridges as to how many men and machines would be on site during the construction of the cabling line but promised that they would email him the relevant information at a later date.
4. Flagpole.

Following the last meeting when it had been agreed that a flagpole and flag be purchased by the council and erected on the War Memorial as a commemoration of the WW1 centenary there have been further developments. A cheque has been signed and passed for £27.50 to Councillor Hicks to repay him for the purchase of the said item. He had then consulted with Councillor Rhodes and they agreed on the exact location of the pole. He had then sought the correct help in ensuring that the pole was erected following all the correct Health and Safety legislation. However shortly after the flag was raised an objection to its presence was lodged by a nearby resident. They stated that not only was it a road safety hazard it was entirely inappropriate. They also lodged the objection with the Highways Department and ELDC stating that they believed planning permission should have been sought. As a result a letter has been received from the Highways Dept. asking for the pole to be removed as they state although the actual War Memorial belongs to the Parish Council the land it stands on belongs to the Highways

Dept. and that the council merely had an agreement with the department to maintain that said land. No-one has ever heard of such an agreement and in actual fact the Parish Council has for many years paid for the upkeep of this land. Several members of the public were also present to express their support of the flagpole and also a petition for its retention was also presented to the council. Councillor Bridges stated that he would take the petition and a copy of the letter from Dean Myhill at the Highways Department and discuss this further with him and then let the council know of the outcome. He stated that in the end that it could lead to a democratic process whereby the public of the parish are asked to vote on the matter.

It was also agreed that the site for the placement of a bench near to the War Memorial to further mark the centenary would be discussed at a later meeting.

A.O.B.

1. Horseshoe Point – it was agreed that someone from the Council would go to the area to look at the signs that have reputedly been erected stating that certain areas of the beach and Salt Marsh cannot be used by the public. Also ELDC would be contacted for a map of Public Footpaths within the area.

The date for the next meeting was fixed as Monday 10.11.14

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm