

OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

These are the Minutes of Meeting of the Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Thursday 24 June 2021 at 7:00pm at Coronation Hall.

In Attendance:

Councillors Bland (Chairman), Parkin (Vice Chairman), Brumby, Edward, Green, Stevens, Temperton, Walker, Watts, Woodcock and Ward Cllr Rose.

Mrs Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

2 Members of the Public

	Item	Proposer
51/21	Public Participation Session A member of the public requested that the Parish Council look into an issue behind his property where gates have been installed at the entrance to a track leading off from Footpath 134. He advised that this has always been a track and now access is blocked. The member of the public supplied photos and documentation including a letter from a neighbour of his.	
52/21	Apologies: Cllrs Mackenzie.	
53/21	Declarations of Interest Cllr Bland 57/21 Cllr Stevens 63/21	
54/21	Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012) None.	
55/21	Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 27 May 2021 The Clerk advised that the minutes stated that the meeting had been held via Zoom but in actual fact the meeting took place at Coronation Hall. Cllr Brumby proposed that the draft minutes of 27 May 2021 be accepted following the above change, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour. It was resolved that the draft minutes of 27 May 2021 be signed and accepted as a true record following the correction.	
56/21	Clerk's Report A request was sent to the Principle Access and Commons Officer for a site meeting regarding the Public Footpaths. This was due to take place in early June. Unfortunately the Officer attended site without a meeting. The VAT claim has been submitted for 2020/2021 A complaint has been received from a resident that gates have been installed to a footpath and that these were obstructing a path near to Footpath 133 and 134. The Clerk and Cllr Walker attended the site. The resident has also contacted the Principle Access and Commons Officer who has investigated and found that the track is not a public footpath. The matter was left with N Lincs Council to advise the resident. The annual audit documentation has been completed and submitted to PKF	

Littlejohn. The statutory documents have been added to the website and the notice of public rights has been posted on the noticeboards.

The order has been placed for the new play equipment and a site visit has taken place with Cllr Green.

Communication has been received from the Principle Access and Commons Officer that a section of Footpath132 has not been cut. The Clerk has advised him that this is the section of the footpath that is dangerous and was reported in February 2020. This will be covered under that agenda item.

An update has been requested on what progress/action N Lincs Council are taking with regard to the grass verge in Gunthorpe that rubbish was deposited on by a farmer.

An enquiry has been received by a resident in Gunthorpe with regard to a parked car. Enquiries revealed that there is nothing that can be done about a car parked on the road. Cllr Green advised that the car is parked half on the pavement. The Clerk will investigate.

The pavement outside 1-3 Church Street has been repaired. Cllr Walker advised that only half the section has been repaired.

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Financial Report

Presentation of Monthly accounts for June 2021

Cheque	Recipient	Purpose	Total
102128	C Boyall	June Salary	Confidential
102129	C Boyall	Mileage	33.41
102129	C Boyall	Card	0.99
102129	C Boyall	Plants	35.20
102129	C Boyall	Plants	5.00
102129	C Boyall	Postage	7.05
102130	B Keighery	Cut 5 Owston Ferry Rec	140.64
102130	B Keighery	Cut 6 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 3 Gunthorpe	188.76
102130	B Keighery	Cut 7 Owston Ferry Rec	140.64
102131	P Hinds	Grass Cutting/Strimming at Cemetery and Churchyard on 12.5.21 and 28.5.21	584.00
102132	T Bland	Compost	47.60
102132	T Bland	Clamps for Planters	21.60
102132	T Bland	Clamps for Planters	29.07
102133	C L Corfield	Cemetery Gates and Pillars	3029.58

Cllr Parkin proposed that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed seconded by Cllr Green. All in Favour.

It is **resolved** that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed.

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Planning Permission Granted
Application No: PA/2021/580

	<p>Proposal: To erect a storage building. Site Location: Environment Agency Depot, South Street, Owston Ferry DN9 1RP Applicant: Environment Agency Noted.</p>	
58.2	<p>Application No: PA/2021/475 Proposal: To erect replacement palisade fencing to the west and north boundaries Site Location: Pumping Station, South Street, Owston Ferry DN9 1RP Applicant: Neil Kimble Noted.</p>	
59/21	<p>CCTV and Fence Recreation Field Cllr Bland has arranged to meet a contractor regarding the recreation field fence.</p> <p>The Clerk has spoken to the CCTV engineer that looks after N Lincs Council's CCTV. He will attend site and advise accordingly.</p> <p>Cllr Parkin has obtained a quotation from a local company for remote monitoring at £120 per month. This would include the equipment. Cllr Woodcock advised that he did not think that the system would need to be remotely monitored.</p> <p>Cllr Woodcock proposed that following the quotation from N Lincs Council's engineer further quotations will be obtained on the basis of that specification, seconded by Cllr Green. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that a quotation be obtained from N Lincs Council's engineer and base further quotations on that.</p>	
60/21	<p>Play Inspection Report Progress The Witch's Hat has been repaired today. The new bin and bench need to be installed on their bases. There is a piece of equipment that needs a new bolt. The Clerk asked for information as to which piece of equipment this is. The Boules Courts will not be installed until August.</p>	
61/21	<p>Cemetery The path was discussed. The path will be inspected when Cllrs attend to tidy the cemetery.</p> <p>Cllr Brumby advised that the college have completed a site visit and will provide a quotation. The pillars require sealing. Cllr Parkin proposed that Cllr Brumby purchase sealant, seconded by Cllr Green. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Brumby purchase sealant.</p>	
62/21	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee Cllr Bland asked Cllrs to bring ideas on how to mark this anniversary back to the next meeting. Item to be added to the next agenda.</p>	AP
63/21	<p>Footpath 138a The Clerk read out the communication from the Definitive Map Officer at N Lincs Council. This was discussed at length. Cllr Watts accused Cllr Stevens of fraud and advised this should be reported to N Lincs Council Monitoring Officer. Cllr Green proposed to support this application and that N Lincs Council take a consistent approach to the footpath in its entirety seconded by Cllr Temperton. 4 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.</p>	

	<p>It was resolved to support the application to divert Public Footpath 138a and request that N Lincs Council take a consistent approach to the footpath in its entirety.</p>	
64/21	<p>Footpath 132 This item was discussed at length. The 85m stretch of Public Footpath 132 was reported to the Principle Access and Commons Officer in February 2020. The path was repaired by N Lincs Council previously and this repair has now failed. Ward Cllr Rose advised that the Principle Access and Commons Officer had offered to clear back this stretch of footpath for 9p per metre but this cost would be deducted from the sum that the Parish Council receives for cutting the public footpaths. Cllr Brumby proposed to allow N Lincs Council to cut back Footpath 132 as long as the cost is 9p per metre, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to allow N Lincs Council to cut back Footpath 132 as long as the cost is 9p per metre.</p> <p>Ward Cllr Rose will investigate what N Lincs Council's policy is on stiles.</p>	
65/21	<p>Best Kept Village Cllr Bland thanked Cllr Temperton for installing planters at Kelfield. The advertising of the Best Kept Village competition was discussed. The Clerk will send a poster to Cllr Brumby. Cllr Bland has placed the poster in the noticeboards. Cllr Walker advised Cllrs what Haxey Parish Council has done to advertise the competition and their planting in the villages. Cllr Bland advised Cllrs that work is required in the Cemetery and asked that Cllrs meet at the site to tidy the cemetery.</p>	
66/21	<p>To elect 2 ERNLLCA Representatives Cllr Parkin proposed Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Brumby. Cllr Temperton proposed Cllr Woodcock, seconded by Cllr Brumby.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Green and Cllr Woodcock be Owston Ferry's ERNLLCA representatives.</p>	
67/21	<p>Gunthorpe Noticeboard Cllr Bland advised that the noticeboard is broken. The Clerk advised that the last noticeboard was bought at a cost of £821. Cllr Brumby will look at the noticeboard and repair it if possible.</p>	
68/21	<p>Boundary Commission This was discussed. Ward Cllr Rose advised that there is a possibility of the Parliamentary boundaries changing.</p>	
69/21	<p>Land Registration Cllr Brumby advised that he has had difficulties finding information relating to the land that the Parish Council owns. Cllr Brumby suggested that the Parish Council employ someone with expertise in this area to do this work. Cllr Brumby proposed that the costs to do this work should be investigated, seconded by Cllr Woodcock. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to investigate the cost of engaging someone to register the Parish Council's land.</p>	
70/21	<p>Ward Councillor Report Ward Cllr Rose reported that the Chief Executive of N Lincs Council has resigned.</p>	

	<p>Litter enforcement has issued over 1000 fines recently. Many of these have been for littering from vehicles. More cameras are being purchased to monitor fly tipping.</p> <p>The next NATS meeting is 13 July.</p> <p>There has been an issue recently of people booking the Just Go bus and either not turning up or cancelling with short notice.</p> <p>A resident's Panel survey has shown that the main areas of concern are safety on the roads and pavements, maintenance of parks and green spaces and crime and antisocial behaviour. However they like living here and they feel that the people are friendly.</p> <p>Community celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee will take place on 5 June 2022.</p> <p>South Street repairs may not now take place until next year. This is mainly due to negotiations with other agencies.</p> <p>71/21 Chairman's Items Cllr Bland thanked the Clerk and Cllrs that helped planting the village containers.</p> <p>72/21 Date and Time of Next Meeting Thursday 29 July 2021. Meeting to start at 7.00 pm at the Coronation Hall. Noted.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.05 pm</p>	