

Donington on Bain Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 26th November 2018,
Held in the Village Hall at 7.20pm.

Present: Cllr. M. Fisher, Cllr. J. Turner, Cllr. J. Burnham, Cllr. K. White, Cllr. F. Beaney – (Late), Mrs. J. Grainger (Clerk & RFO).

The meeting opened at 7.20pm. Nick Bodian presented an update on Oil Exploration at Biscathorpe. A retrospective planning application has submitted to ELDC for the temporary installation of security and welfare facilities, at Biscathorpe House, Biscathorpe, which was constructed and erected before the application had been submitted. A physical presence from the group 'Save Our Stream' at the entrance to the site gate drew the attention of the local constabulary, and a liaison link has now been established with the community policing team. 67 Surveys have been received back, (approximately 35%). An additional Community Liaison Group are due to hold their first meeting 3rd December 6pm at Donington on Bain Village Hall, with the Parish Council being extended an invitation. Additionally, LCC Planning and Regulation Committee are due to meet on Monday 3rd December 10.30am, to discuss the retrospective planning application. Parish Council Representation was encouraged. The Parish Council meeting then began at 7.37pm.

135.18 Apologies for absence – Cllr. Fisher reported that Cllr. Beaney would be arriving late. Cllr. J.Scutt – leave. Accepted.

136.18 Declaration of Interest – none.

137.18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 22nd October 2018 – The minutes of the meeting were checked and resolved and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Fisher (Chairman), Seconded Cllr. J. Turner. Resolved.

138.18 Chairman's & Councils Comment - non at present.

7.42pm To Move in to closed session

139.18 To discuss Councillor vacancy application.

The applicant was discussed and reviewed. The applicant unfortunately did not meet the criteria at present. To be deferred until January 2019.

7.45pm – returned to main meeting.

140.18 Clerks Report - The clerk reported that income and expenditure information were ready. The clerk reported that she had received two quotations for the hedge trimming. Cllr. Burnham (Vice-Chairman) suggested another contractor be contacted for another quote. Proposed Cllr. Burnham, Seconded Cllr. Fisher (Vice-Chairman). Resolved.

141.18 Correspondence - All electronic mail circulated throughout the month.

142.18 Finance –

- i) To Discuss income & expenditure 2018/19 – information distributed and discussed, reviewing the cost of work carried out for 2018/19.
- ii) To Set Budget 2019/20 – discussed the expected expenditure items for 2019/20. It was identified that the precept had not been increased in line with inflation over a number of years, and current reserves were being utilised to attend to Parish repairs and Maintenance. In order to address ongoing maintenance and repair bills the precept would have to increase to reflect the responsibility of the Parish.

- iii) To Set Precept 2019/20 – using the current year’s expenditure the precept was discussed and set. Proposed Cllr. Burnham (Vice-Chair), seconded Cllr. Turner. Resolved. Unanimous.
- iv) Expenditure - To approve Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr. White, Seconded Cllr. Turner. Resolved. Mrs. J. Grainger – Clerk - £478.40, MRX Ltd - £1995.00, Donington Village Hall £50.00, Parish Magazine Printing £58.65, S137 – Cllr. Fisher (Poppy Wreath) - £17.00, BW Maintenance - £672.00
- v) Income – Allotment income - £30.00, Casual Tennis - £6.00. (Outstanding allotment rent and paddock rent, ELDC dyke clearance contribution).

143.18 To Discuss Planning Applications & Decisions- Planning application N/042/00792 & N/042/00793/18 Dwellings Glebe Close- The Parish Council were informed these applications had been approved, but the clerk had not been contacted. Clerk to make enquiries regarding outstanding observations and concerns, which were sent to the Planning Officer 27th September 2018.

N/042/01975/18 - application for the erection of a bridge over the dyke, Meadowcroft. The Parish Council discussed this application and it was proposed to object to it on the grounds of Trespassing. The Parish Council additionally proposed to write to the property owner, with clear information regarding liability of the structure. The Parish Council accept no liability for any part of the bridge, or accidents or injury that may occur during its use. Proposed Cllr. Fisher (Vice-Chairman), Seconded Cllr. White. Resolved.

CATEGORY A: County Matter Application Consultation PL/0114/18 – retrospective planning permission for the installation of security and welfare facilities at Biscathorpe, for Oil exploration project. The Parish Council discussed this application and it was proposed to write to Lincolnshire County Council to express disappointment in the Formal Consultation process, which the Parish Council felt that it had not been appropriately followed.

N/042/02272/18 – Main Road, 2 Storey Extension – no objections were received in relation to this application.

144.18 To discuss Tennis Court alternative use - The clerk reported that she had received an email with a request to utilise the court for the purpose of dog training. After discussion the Councillors requested that the clerk contact the recipient. The Parish Councillors agreed that it would be a positive use of the facility, and would be beneficial to earn extra income from the facility. Proposed Cllr. Fisher (Chairman), seconded Cllr. Turner. Resolved.

145.18 To Discuss Stenigot Dishes – The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by media, following the removal of most of the dishes. The Chairman gave an interview. The Parish Council did not have an opinion on the matter.

146.18 To Set Budgets 2019/20 – deferred until November meeting.

147.18 To discuss invitation to join Edgon Biscathorpe Community Liason Group – The Parish Council has been contacted with a view to joining the group. This was discussed and although Cllr Scutt is already involved, and reports back to the Parish Council, it was proposed that the Cllr Turner and Cllr Burnham attend the group, whilst Cllr.Scutt is currently unavailable to attend. Proposed Cllr Turner, Seconded Cllr. Burham (VC) Resolved.

148.18 Update on Street Lighting – Meadowcroft and Simons Close – The clerk reported that she had been in contact with LCC and is currently waiting for an update on the situation.

149.18 Update on Recreation Area and Muga – Cllr. Beaney reported that he had found the bench leg, (in the dyke), and repairs are under way. Other items at the recreation area, identified for repair are being attended to.

150.18 Update on Allotments – The clerk reported that nearly all fee's were received, apart from two, which she is trying to resolve. No further information at present.

151.18 Update on Cemetery and Closed Churchyard – the clerk reported that she had been given two dates to meet the church wardens, which unfortunately was not possible. Stones in the closed church yard, which have had to be laid down due to safety reasons require removal prior to the new cutting season. Another meeting to be schedule during the winter.

152.18 Update on dyke maintenance and culvert clearance – Cllr Beaney reported that the dyke had been successfully cleared, with a good job well done. Cllr.Beaney also reported that the culvert still required clearance, but some silt had made its way through the culvert, following recent heavy rain. The clerk was requested to contact ELDC for further information regarding the culvert clearance date. Cllr. Beaney also reported that although the Parish Council section of the dyke was now cleared, that water was not draining away, due to more maintenance work being required further up the dyke, which is not on parish land. It was proposed that the clerk contact ELDC and the Drainage board to ascertain the riparian owner, in order for a notice to be made for dyke maintenance. Proposed Cllr. White, Seconded Cllr. Turner. Resolved.

**The Parish Council would like to wish all residents Seasons Greetings,
and hope everybody stays warm and safe this winter**

Meeting Closed 8.47pm
Date of next Meeting January 28th 2019