

**Donington on Bain Parish Council**  
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 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. A resident from Simon's Close attended, requesting enquiries regarding the street lighting, which is currently switched off during the evening until early morning. Simon's Close & Glebe Close is owned and managed by Lincolnshire County Council, and is currently the only two streets in the village which turn off at night. A resolution was recently passed, allowing requests to switch lighting back on, which the clerk was instructed to investigate.

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

**120.18 Declaration of Interest** – Cllr. K. White – Planning application N/042/00792/18 & N/042/00793/18.

**121.18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018** – The minutes of the meeting were checked and resolved and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Fisher, Seconded Cllr. J. Turner. Resolved.

**122.18 Chairman's & Councils Comment** – Cllr. Fisher updated that LCC had written to residents regarding the foliage which has overgrown the path, which has now been resolved. Cllr. Beaney reported that he had discussed a info board showing the amenities of the village with a contact, and was currently designing the content. It will be placed within the bus shelter. Councillor Beaney also reported that he was help coordinate the school poster competition sign requirements.

**123.18 Clerks Report** - The clerk reported she was currently preparing financial data ready for budget and precept purposes. The clerk reported that although the results were not yet available from the Best Kept Village Competition we had not qualified or won any of the categories. The results are now overdue, which the clerk has been chasing. The clerk reported that she had received a quotation for the autumn hedge trim, and was asked to gain two more quotations. The clerk reported that the she had not received any other applications for the paddock lease. It was proposed that the clerk write and offer the lease to the only applicant. Proposed Cllr. Fisher (Chairman), Seconded Cllr. White. Resolved. The clerk issued the newsletter.

**124.18 Correspondence** - All electronic mail circulated throughout the summer, with periodicals passed to the Chairman.

**125.18 Finance - Expenditure** - To approve Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr. Fisher (Chairman), Seconded Cllr. Burnham (Vice-Chairman). Resolved. Mrs. J. Grainger – Clerk - £607.95, Ross Jones Tree Services - £650.00, Playsafety - £349.80, Donington on Bain Village Hall - £120.00. Invoices from BW Maintenance were received, but needed amending, to be presented at the next meeting.  
**Income** – Allotment income - £180.00, Stenigot Estate - £60.00.

**126.18 To Discuss Planning Applications & Decisions**- Planning application N/042/00792 & N/042/00793/18 (Cllr. White Abstained from any comments) - erection of 3 properties – are being presented to the Planning Committee 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018. The Parish Council discussed the application, but decided at the present time they had nothing more to comment on its original submission, therefore would not be represented at the committee. All councillors were requested to revisit the application and submit any additional comments before this date.

A new application has been received from a resident of Meadowcroft for the erection of a bridge over the dyke, which belongs to the Parish Council, to Parish Council owned land – the Play Area. The councillors have already written to the resident requesting that the structure be removed, after the Parish Council received a notice from East Lindsey District Council Planning Enforcement requesting that the Parish Council either apply for planning permission for the structure or remove the structure. The Parish Council discussed the benefit of such a structure but it was very clear that the bridge was of no benefit to the Parish. The Parish Councillors proposed that the it would object to the application for this reason. Unanimous.

**127.18 To discuss Wolds Walking Way Festival** - The clerk reported that she had received an email with a request to use the same parking facilities as this year for 2019. It was discussed and agreed that the same arrangements were fine. Resolved.

**128.18 Discuss Income & Expenditure 2018/19** – The clerk provided the councillors with the current income and expenditure information for the current financial year, along with the current bank balances (as available from latest statements). Cllr. Fisher (Chairman), proposed the budgeting for 2019/20 be deferred until the next meeting, following further information from ELDC for precept setting advice. The cost of ongoing village maintenance is due to increase next year, and the budget should reflect prioritising. Seconded Cllr. Burnham (Vice-Chairman), unanimous, resolved.

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

**130.18 Update on Recreation Area & Muga** – A site meeting with Cllr. Fisher (Chairman), Cllr. Beaney and the clerk was held to determine any immediate remedial work for the play area –which identified bench repair, play bridge repair. The fencing will require repair/ maintenance or replacement in the coming year, which will require quotations. The Muga was checked and is currently in good repair.

**131.18 Update on Allotments** – Cllr. Beaney, Cllr. Fisher & the clerk visited the allotments to identify which are currently free. A new holder has recently taken up an allotment, and a transfer on another tenancy has taken place. There are plots available, with a half plot also considered – please contact the clerk for further information.

**132.18 Update on Cemetery** – The clerk reported that a stone had fallen due to a temporary support breaking. The clerk reported that it was not normal practice to support any masonry with timber, due to rotting and instability, and that grave owners would be contacted, where any masonry is currently using this method of support. Additionally, all grave owners, which have a current lease are to be contacted, with information regarding stone maintenance, upkeep and best practice.

**133.18 Update on Dyke Maintenance** – ELDC have confirmed a partial contribution to the cost of the dyke clearance, which is going to take place before the culvert is unblocked. A contractor has been confirmed, and liability insurance presented. Residents have been informed that the work will go ahead, however the bridge over the dyke has not been removed as requested. Objections to the planning application will be registered, but the work is essential to avoid flooding in the area. Residents are to be contacted with a date of commencement. The Parish Council are currently seeking legal advice regarding the unauthorised structure.

**134.18 Dates for 2019/20 Parish Council Meetings**. Were circulated and agreed. To be published on rear of newsletter and on website.