

# Fulstow Parish Council Minutes

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Location: Fulstow Village Hall

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Time: 7pm

In attendance: Nigel Larder, Fred Butt, Martyn Leonard, R MacDonald, Nicola Pike,  
Stuart Flinn, Cllr E Mossop, Cllr A Hall.

Minutes taken by Michelle Lawson

The Chairman advised that Mr D Hallett wished to address the committee regarding his planning application. It was agreed to discuss the application, point 10.a. N/056/00029/23, after the declaration of personal/prejudicial interest

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from F Butt and R Lawson
2. Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest - None received
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2022 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman
4. Matters arising including updates on the following action points
  - a. M Lawson to contact Claire Massey to assist with Planning portal problems - All problems have now been fixed
  - b. M Lawson to chase street lights not working on Main Street - Chased but still awaiting the electricity board to fix electric supply to lights
  - c. M Lawson to find the National Joint Council (NJC) for Town and Parish Clerks salary scales - A lot harder to get all information needed, carried forward to next meeting.
  - d. M Lawson to submit precept documentation to ELDC - Completed
  - e. M Lawson look into the land registry re Bullgrass - Land registry is showing as having no information on the Bullgrass land. N Pike had information showing that in 1949 the Bullgrass was 7 acres but currently the field is approximately 4 acres. There is no paperwork to show why the land has reduced in size. It is possible the land was halved and sold in the past but no records kept. Currently grazing land rental prices average £75 per acre so the committee agreed an increase of rent to £300 for the land. M Lawson to inform the tenant in writing.
  - f. M Lawson to respond to LCC re emergency plan - Email sent but recipient out of office until 2<sup>nd</sup> February so no response received. E Mossop advised contacting N Gully-Brown of Covenham PC as she arranged Graham Hempel of LCC to give a talk on Emergency planning.
  - g. M Lawson to email Lincolnshire Wolds Railway approving the signs - Completed
  - h. N Larder to query Village Hall committee on Parish Council hire of hall - Village Hall rental for PC Meetings is £10 an hour. M Lawson to calculate and arrange payment
5. Annual Parish Meeting versus the Annual Meeting of the Council - The committee agreed to hold the Annual Parish meeting at 6.15pm on Thursday 11th May 2023
6. Finance
  - a. LALC annual training scheme - After looking at the Training scheme offered M Lawson did not think there were enough Training courses which she could attend to make the annual payment worth while
  - b. Ideas for expenditure - The following suggestions for expenditure were made
    - Flower beds/Planters at various locations around the village with the possibility of company sponsorship in the future
    - New wooden/metal 'Fulstow' Signs at the 4 entry points to the village
    - To make more of a feature of the Meridian Line plaque at the village green: possibly an information board or semi-circular seating with the Meridian Line going through the centre
    - Upgrade the current Cenotaph area at the Village Hall

- Help towards the funding of the new bomber memorial by the Louth canal bridge
- Coronation gifts for the under 16 year olds

It was agreed that once indicative costings of the projects had been completed, it would be discussed and decided which projects could be shortlisted for final approval.

- Information Commissioner's Office & Data protection register - M Lawson advised the committee the Parish Council is not currently but should be registered with the ICO. M Lawson to complete registration
- Certification of payments
  - C/F from last meeting - £30 contribution to newsletter costs payable to N Pike - Requested and authorised to be paid by bank transfer
- Grips on Station Road - N Pike queried why LCC highways could not use a Cat Scan to reinstate the Grips/channels around the village. The committee advised the use of a Cat Scan would not make a difference to the grips/channels, they suggested it was more probable that the time and manpower was not available. \* See response to this point below
- Planning (Point 10.a. was discussed at the beginning of the meeting)
  - [N/056/00029/23 | Planning Permission - Erection of a bungalow with integral garage and construction of a vehicular access. | HIGH GRANGE FARM, OCCUPATION ROAD, FULSTOW, LOUTH, LN11 0XF](#) - Mr D Hallett addressed the committee regarding his planning application. After deliberation the committee gave their full support to the application. M Lawson to relay this via comment on the planning portal
  - N/056/00148/23 | Section 73 application to vary condition no. 2 (approved plans) previously imposed on planning permission ref no. N/056/1743/21 which was for the excavation of land to form a wildlife pond and embankments to a maximum height of 1.00m | LAND OFF, BRIDGE LANE, FULSTOW - After examining the application the committee felt there was not enough information to make an informed decision on the application. It was agreed that M Lawson email the applicant, Humber Wildfowlers, requesting further information on the possibility of commercial and/or shooting use in the future
- Any other business - M Lawson gave the Committee information on the UK Shared Prosperity Funding and Rural Prosperity Funding that had recently been announced
- Date of next meeting - 23rd March 2023

\* This response to Point 9. Grips o Station Road was received by email from Cllr N Pike on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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The historic, repeated "excuse" given by Lincs Highways for not clearing/digging the grips on the verges was one of safety as they claim that they don't know what services lay beneath.

A CAT scan applied by the 'Highways Digging Operative' would overcome this imagined barrier to Lincs Highways (but perhaps not their inertia, they could even plot the services for further use, Heaven Forbid).

This survey of services could easily have been carried out at the same time as teams from Highways spent multiple days splodging spoonful's of expensive tarmac into the mud holes in the verges.

I feel that the committee advised, condescendingly and smugly, on something that is blindingly obvious to any practical soul, but it seems that the committee failed to grasp the premise of suggesting the use of a CAT scan.(other scanning devices are available and local councils do contain nuts).

#### Action Points

Pricing of ideas for expenditure

M Lawson - c/f Town and Parish Clerks salary information

M Lawson - inform the tenant in writing of increase in Bullgrass Rental.

M Lawson to complete registration on the ICO website.

M Lawson to email Humber Wildfowlers regarding planning permission.

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