

BAUMBER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Baumber.

Those Present: Mr M Jones (Chairman), Mrs J Fable (Vice-Chair), Councillors R Espley, M Harrison, S Scholey, S Strawson, M Grosvenor (Clerk).

Also in attendance: Mr I Jackson, Mr C Pippard, G Roberts.

Apologies: Cllr S Willerton.

55/18/01. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 made under the s.30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011. There were no disclosures.

56/18/01. Minutes of the last Meeting held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 were read out by the Chairman, it was agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record the minutes.

Agenda Item 4: Clerk's Report.

a) 57/18/01. Update Minute ref: 33/17/07. Deteriorating condition of Red Lion Pub, Response from ELDC & any further resolutions. As agreed a letter dated 29th November 2017 was sent to the Owner of the Red Lion Pub & no response received to date. After deliberation, it was resolved that this matter would be held in abeyance.

b) 58/18/01. The Chairman & Clerk agreed to combine Clerk's report, Agenda Items 4: b, c, d & e, into one combined LCC Highways update, following the attendance by Cllr J Fable & the Clerk at the LCC Highways Cluster meeting of 07/11/2017, and more recently the Chairman and Clerk attending "LCC Coastal Highway" proposal meeting of 16th January 2018.

The LCC Highways meeting 07/11/2017, gave an over view of LCC's reorganisation in response to Central Government cuts and the new arrangements in place to provide simplified liaison and reporting of highway faults to Parish/Town Councils, to improve service levels within these budget constraints.

The "Coastal Highway" meeting was to inform and seek the input of all of the Parish Councils along the proposed promotion and upgrade of a "Lincolnshire Coastal Highway" route link, from the A1 (North via A157 and South via A46) onto the Lincoln bypass - A158 to the east coast, passing through Baumber. (A published LCC map of the route was presented to Councillors.) This meeting included a workshop session during which BPC's existing and long term concerns for highways improvements were raised and noted, as were BPC's outstanding reported faults-issued raised at the 17/11/2017 meeting. The Clerk has also reported the additional minuted actions raised at BPC meetings direct to LCC Highways and is awaiting outcomes to these. It was also clear at both meetings, that LCC Highways were being responsive and seeking to improve service levels & responses to Parish Councils, including BPC.

59/18/01. Update Minute ref: 50/17/10. LCC Highways - Baumber Village grass cutting area map update. Cllr M Harrison provided map for Clerk to submit to LCC Highways as requested, to update their local mapping records.

60/18/01. Update Minute ref: 51/17/10. LCC's Lincolnshire Fairer Funding Campaign update. Clerk has completed proposed actions.

61/18/01. Update Minute ref: 54/17/10. Baumber School - update. The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with the Head of Centre at Baumber School on 31st October 2017, to relay and discuss the

concerns raised by locally affected residents. These were taken on board and it was agreed that BPC Clerk would, if necessary keep a record of any further concerns or incidents. The Head of Centre advised that they were aware of these operational issues and were taking further steps to minimise these, and that there are plans in progress to develop new purpose built educational facilities replacing Baumber School, which is anticipated to be completed within 18 months.

62/18/01. Update Baumber Parish Plan Steering Group (SG). A meeting is scheduled to be held on 23rd January 2018, the minutes of which will be circulated in due course. Progress is being made towards the preparation of a draft document. A further meeting is also scheduled for Tuesday 13th March 2018.

Financial Matters & Financial Statement.

63/18/01. The reconciled Bank Account balance, with all issued cheques now cleared = £2,726.73. Invoices awaiting payment: LALC training for financial year 2018-19, £60.00. Balance C/f £2,666.73

64/18/01. Precept Financial Yr 2018/19. Clerk presented a projected financial statement and budget based on current expenditure commitments and estimates to Year end 31/03/2018.

At year end 2016/17, BPC had contingency funds of £1805.34 brought forward. The projected expenditure for the current financial Yr end is £2973.05. The estimated budget requirement for expected expenditure for the Financial Yr 2018/19 is £3660.00 and if the precept is not increased from the current funding of £2940.00 then on this basis BPC's reserves will be depleted. Following discussion Cllr S Strawson proposed that as BPC had to increase the precept in the current financial year 2017/18, any increase should be limited to, plus 3% to cover inflation and if necessary any short fall would be funded from the BPC's reserves. This proposal was seconded by the Chairman and it was unanimously resolved that the Precept for 2018/19 would be set at £3035.00.

Therefore the Annual Council Tax Contribution to Baumber Parish Council for a band D property would be £46.92 Per Annum i.e. @ £0.90 pence per week.

Planning.

65/18/01. Update Minute ref 48/17/10. Withdrawn Planning Application No S/011/015583/17. Application submitted to vary condition No 5 iii) Retention and Protection of Trees, Oaks House West Lane Baumber LN9 5ND.

ELDC have issued an amendment to condition 5iii) dated 10/11/2017 confirming:

"The removal of the two Sycamore trees on your front northern boundary would be acceptable under part iii) of this condition provided that they be replaced in the same position with two Quercus Robur Fastigate Koster trees of at least 3metres in height" ...

The removal and replacement of the existing trees has been completed.

Correspondence.

66/18/01. Communication received on 15/01/2018 from Mr I Jackson No 1 Stockborough Farm Mere Balk Lane, re the deteriorating surface condition of Mere Balk Lane access track from the A158 to No 1 & 2 Stockborough Farm, LN9 5PE. Mr Jackson was also in attendance and relayed his concerns, particularly as one of the residents at No 1 has suffered a fall attributed to the uneven and potholed surface. Mr Jackson advised that he had been in contact with LCC Highways and LCC's foot path officer to establish the historic designation of the lane and whether Highways had a statutory duty to maintain this. It was resolved that the Clerk would look into this matter and communicate with Mr Jackson.

67/18/01. ELDC Notification letter received 8/01/2018, Re published consultation on East Lindsey Local Plan main modification (2017), between 5th January to 5.30pm on the 20th February 2018.

The main point of note for BPC attention is in respect of proposed policy amendment; *"SP4 Housing in the Medium and Small villages, As *windfall development will now be allowed on greenfield sites in*

medium and small villages (rather than just on brownfield sites) it is unknown where these sites will come forward. and may lead to development in locations which do not increase access to services and facilities. These villages have very low levels of services and facilities; particularly small villages, some of which have no built services other than a church".

Outcome: "Landscape Positive to Uncertain. There are landscape criteria in the policy but some of the small villages are particularly landscape dominated and it is not clear what the impact of this new policy approach will be".

"The Council already monitors its house building and this will include the amount of housing that comes forward through this policy, to ensure that it does not undermine the overall sustainable strategy for the District."

*Note; The term windfall sites is used to refer to those sites which become available for development unexpectedly and are therefore not included as allocated land in a planning authority's development plan.

After consideration it was resolved that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Fable to submit a response on behalf BPC in respect of this amendment, highlighting any planning concerns to BPC that maybe identified.

68/18/01 LALC Cllr Training Schedule 2018 was circulated.

69/18/01 Clerk responded to LCC Highways letter dated 6th December 2017, in respect of grass cutting advising BPC would like to enter into a Parish Agreement for 2018/19.

70/18/01 Email from Tref Davies (09-01-2018) representing the "Joe Fest" music event at Stourton Estates between 10th – 12th August 2018, offering to come and tell Baumber Parish Council what JoeFest is all about, as this is a relatively new event. Tref Davies has been invited to speak at BPC next meeting.

The date of the next Meeting was set at Wednesday 28th March 2018 7.30pm Baumber Village Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed by the Chairman, Mr M Jones [REDACTED]

Dated 28th March 2018.