

SWINDERBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWINDERBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 8th March 2021

Held remotely online

Present: Councillors G Lloyd (Chair), Cllr L Carter (Vice Chair), J Gagg, R Hodgson, N Marris, G Beales and S Longson

Clerk: S Aikman

Also in attendance: Cllr P Overton (NKDC), Cllr M Thompson and 1 member of the public

1. Public Forum

Cllr Thompson reported that: Lincolnshire County Council

A remote full meeting of council took place on 19th February. The Budget was approved which means an increase of 1.99% in Council Tax. In agreeing to the budget proposals it was noted that £12m has been made available to support businesses which may not have been eligible previously and £12.3m has been provided for road repairs, to replace the loss of this funding from Central Government. Both these measures have been funded from Council reserves.

Green Master Plan

This plan brings together current and future strands which the Council views as important in taking forward measures to achieve our climate change objective of Zero Carbon by or before 2050.

The Plan will focus on collective actions in reducing our impacts on the environment and supporting the individual goals of Lincolnshire's communities, businesses and organisations, as well as Lincolnshire County Council's own impacts.

It sets out three main commitments:

- Don't waste anything
- Consider wider opportunities
- Take responsibility and pride

By not wasting our time, energy, money we will reduce the need for earth resources and ultimately save carbon.

In considering the wider opportunities we will be able to identify areas where we can work together with partners to achieve multiple benefits and is an efficient use of time and money.

By taking responsibility and pride we are carrying out our moral obligation to leave Lincolnshire a better place acting as custodians for the future.

Aside from our commitments, within the Green Masterplan there is data on carbon emissions across Lincolnshire, a look at what's happening across Lincolnshire and an action plan detailing climate actions across Lincolnshire.

It is intended that the GMP is a dynamic way forward. Whilst the principles of the Green Masterplan will remain the same, as new information, policy or events happen the plan will be reviewed and adapted as necessary.

County Council support for businesses

Cllr Martin Hill provided information about four schemes put in place by the County Council to support local businesses, which can now be found [on our website here](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding) (www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding). In addition advice and support is available from www.businesslincolnshire.com

The four grant schemes are:

Business recovery fund (for small businesses who have not been able to access any of the government grants to date)

The 'business recovery fund' was available to those small businesses that have been directly impacted by covid-19, being unable to fully trade and have not benefited from the other government's covid support schemes. Although the fund was closed it was shortly reopened for further applications from 4th to 6th March.

Digital voucher fund (supporting businesses in improving digitisation). EXPRESSION OF INTEREST window will be open between 8 March 2021 and 12 March 2021. Application criteria published 1 March 2021.

Invest for the future grant (to contribute towards business expansion). EXPRESSION OF INTEREST window will be open between 15th March 2021 – 26th March 2021. Application criteria published 8 March 2021.

Rural business grant (for businesses and organisations with projects specifically in rural areas) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST window will be open between 8 March 2021 and 17 March 2021. Application criteria published 1 March 2021.

Cllr Overton reported that:

Funds were available for business

Planning should be contacted for support with planning applications. Landscaping and general design were a priority as was minimising any destruction to the site that was not necessary.

2. To receive any apologies for absence

None

3. To receive any declarations of interest

None.

4. To receive the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8th February 2021 and 1st March 2021 previously circulated to members

Following a vote it was resolved unanimously that the minutes from 8th February 2021 and 1st March 2021 were an accurate record of the meetings.

5. Finance

a. To formally note Items of Income

Income		Total
None		

b. To formally approve Expenditure since last meeting:

Payee		Net	VAT	Total
NKDC	Parish tree inspection	£ 313.50	Nil	£ 313.50

Expenditure including Clerk's salary, PAYE and pension approved unanimously

c. To approve Items of Expenditure

Payee		Net	VAT	Total
G Lloyd	Sign	£ 16.14	0	£ 16.14

Following a vote expenditure was approved unanimously

d. Bank reconciliation for the year to date was approved unanimously.

e. To review spend against budget

Reviewed

f. To consider the purchase of a printer/scanner

Following a vote it was resolved unanimously to spend up to £220 for printing/scanning equipment.

ACTION: Clerk

g. To consider joining the LALC training scheme for 2022

Following a vote it was resolved unanimously to join the training scheme at a cost of £100 plus vat.

ACTION: Clerk

6. Planning

a) Applications Received

None			
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b. Applications Decided

20/1780/LBC	Alterations to existing staircase	The Old Vicarage, 61 High Street, Swinderby	Approved
20/1721	Rear extension	50 High Street, Swinderby	Approved

7. To discuss a Data Protection Impact Assessment

This matter would be considered at a future meeting once additional guidance had been received from LALC.

8. To consider any updates on the proposal for the installation of village 'gates' and a bench on the play area

No further information at this time.

9. To consider any updates on the suggested footpath to the station

Cllr Marris had spoken to the landowners who all felt that the footpath suggestion was a good idea. It was questioned as to whether LCC would be likely to adopt the proposed footpath. Cllr Thompson suggested contacting Phil Watt, Sustainable Transport, LCC. **ACTION: Cllr Marris** It was reported that Eagle had purchased some land through fundraising.

10. To consider any updates on the Emergency Plan

Cllr Lloyd reported that the plan was nearly complete and would be circulated to all Councillors for feedback. It was noted that the PC would hold relevant information for emergency contacts rather than dealing with emergencies themselves.

11. To consider any updates on the proposed rendering plant

Cllr Gagg reported that he would be attending a meeting of the Witham Valley Protection Group and would report back to the Council. All those that had previously commented on the application would be contacted if a new application was received.

Following a vote it was unanimously resolve to advise residents through social media of the expectation of new or amended plans being submitted. These plans would need the same level of focus as the original plans.

Cllr Overton confirmed that NKDC would receive the plans and would be commenting on them.

12. To discuss any updates on the increase in lorries through the village.

LCC Highways had agreed to change the signs as requested. It was noted that additional lorries had been through the village due to road closures in nearby areas. Concerns were raised about additional damage to the roads. It was noted that the number and size of vehicles should be logged to demonstrate the need for support in this matter. The item would be added to the next agenda.

13. To consider the recommendations from the recent tree survey.

No urgent actions had been identified. Three quotes would be obtained for recommended works and the matter would be reviewed later in the year. **ACTION: Cllr Lloyd**

General maintenance including installing guards and stakes and pruning of new trees would be carried out with support from the community. Cllrs Longson and Lloyd would arrange cutting the grass prior to community involvement.

Cllr Marris reported that the mower required a service. Following a vote it was unanimously resolved that Cllr Marris could arrange this. **ACTION: Cllr Marris**

14. To receive any updates regarding plans to remove the signal box

It was reported that Eagle PC had similar concerns about the proposals for the signal box. A meeting was to be held later in the week and it was confirmed that the Council's preferred option was for the signal box to be moved to a heritage site to be preserved for future generations.

15. To receive any updates on fly tipping and planned actions to tackle the problem

Cllr Longson reported that a large amount of litter had been found on Halfway House Lane, this had been reported to NKDC.

A discussion was held about asking local fast food outlets if they were able to support the Council with this problem. Cllr Lloyd would draft a generic email to target the businesses where there is specific evidence of litter from their premises. Cllr Thompson reported that a local Parish Council had received vouchers from fast food outlets to give to residents helping with a litter pick.

16. To confirm the arrangements for the spring litter pick including the purchase of additional equipment

Cllr Lloyd would send the Clerk a map of the Parish and the risk assessment for litter picking so that it could be added to the website. **ACTION: Cllr Lloyd and Clerk.**

Following a vote it was resolved unanimously to purchase additional litter picking equipment from the £160 litter picking grant received. **ACTION: Cllr Lloyd and Clerk**

It was suggested that members of the PC could start the litter pick on 21st March.

17. To plan for planting of trees in March/April/May with the school and local community.

The Woodland Trust trees and whips obtained last year would be planted by older children from the school. Younger children could be involved in planting plug plants in the meadow. 11th April was suggested as the date for community planting.

18. To review the action plan and identify the next steps.

Much of the environmental action plan had been completed or planned including the speed indicator devices, new bins, energy efficiency check of the Village Hall, planting with the support of local children. It was noted that further planning was needed for the play area.

Private householders, NKDC, LCC and local landowners were to be encouraged to plant trees.

19. Clerk and Councillors Reports (for information only), including a review of actions from minutes and matters that Councillors wish to be brought to the next or subsequent meetings.

No decisions may be made under this section, but councillors may wish to use this to flag up issues.

Cllr Lloyd reported that Councillors had met on the Brownfield site and the developer was there at the time. Councillors would meet to discuss priorities and plan a way forward.

Cllr Lloyd reported that a notice had been placed on the playing field to advise users to keep dogs under control.

Cllr Gagg noted that the local Public House would be opening soon.

Cllr Carter was still awaiting a response from solicitors concerning Trustees for the Bowls Club. Insurance would need to be considered in the near future.

Cllr Hodgson reported that the Village Hall was being repainted.

20. Correspondence

To note correspondence received

Date	Received From	Description
18.02.2021	LCC Highways	Response re lorries and signage
19.02.2021	LCC	Parish Agreement Scheme 2021-22 grass cutting confirmation
20.02.2021	LCC	Flooding at Swinderby Station car park

21. Date of next meetings

12th April 2021

.Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed.....

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