

Wressle Parish Council

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Minutes of Wressle Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Wressle.

Present: Cllr Guy Longbottom (Chair), Cllr Thomas Davies, Cllr Rob Falkingham, Cllr Tony Gilpin, Cllr David Hunt, Cllr Paula Pearse, Cllr James Walton, Cllr Neil Wright and four members of the public.

Public session. **None.**

Apologies: **None.**

01/13 Minutes of the meeting dated 15th January 2013 approved by the Council as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Declaration of Interest. The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2012. To record any declarations of interest by any Member in respect of items on this agenda. **None.**

02/13 Matters arising.

1. Wressle Train Station. Waiting to hear back from network Rail with info about attending Parish Council Meeting. Stuart Rand who the Council previously dealt with has not returned any emails, Clerk is now trying the customer services email address.
2. Meeting with Rob Brown Highways regards Wellfield Bungalow. Cllrs Davies and Hunt attended the meeting and pointed out the problems. Mr Brown agreed that the work would be carried out within the financial year. Resident of Wellfield Bungalow also attended and is very happy something is being done.
3. Grass Cutting. On Going. Maps have now been supplied. Dates of cuts during 2012 now supplied. Cllr Pearse queried why the big gap in cuts, it was explained this was due to poor weather conditions and the floods in Goole when all ground force staff were transferred to duties within Goole to help out.
4. Website. Domain name has now been brought and is www.wresslepc.co.uk. The site is now live and just needs a lot more information adding.
5. Severe Weather plan and grant application. One Salt spreader, one tonne of grit, 10 Hi Viz Jackets and 10 snow shovels have been applied for.
6. Village Hall Litter Bin. Cllr Longbottom read an extract from the Village minutes detailing why the bin had been removed. He also stated that he had been asked to resolve the issue of the bin being seen in a resident's property, which he had done and the bin had been returned. The Village Hall committee does not want the responsibility of emptying the bin anymore due to the increased amount of dog faeces being placed in it. However they are more than happy to have a bin there if the Parish Council can arrange for it to be emptied by the ERYC. Parish Council resolved to buy a new bin and arrange for the ERYC to empty it. Clerk delegated to order new bin and fixings. Cllr Longbottom later in the meeting brought up the fact that a letter had been

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received by the resident whose garden the bin had been in, claiming to come from the Village Hall committee, the letter had been photocopied, sent in a homemade envelope with a photocopied stamp on it. The Village Hall committee did not send this letter, Cllr Longbottom asked if anyone round the table had been responsible for the letter. Nobody had.

03/13 Wressle Churchyard.

Letter from Mr Mike Simpson. All Councillors had received a copy.

Letter from Mrs Kristine Simpson. All Councillors had received a copy.

The PCC had sent a letter to the Parish Council stating that they had known about the work, undertaken and they were happy that the fence was in the correct place. The problems with dogs in the Churchyard had also been resolved and they strongly urged that to move on everyone needed to respect and forgive each other in order to get the good community spirit back which Wressle had always had.

Clerk pointed out that some parts of Mr Simpson's letter were inaccurate. The Parish Council had no duties to provide burial spaces until the Church informed them that they were closing the graveyard due to it being full. The Parish Council would then have to provide land and would become the Burial Authority for Wressle. They did not even have a duty to provide a grant for grass cutting either, but did so as a good will gesture towards all the hard work the Church undertakes within the community.

04/13 Accounts

Community Account as of 24/01/13 **£3,264.78**

Village Hall Grant £750

Church Grant £375

Eon Electric bill £87.53

Clerks Wages

Clerks Expenses

VAT Return £200.16p has now been received.

Clerk explained that he had asked Eon if the Electricity Bills could be sent at the yearend instead of monthly. Waiting for a decision from Eon.

Cllr Longbottom explained that there had been a claim that the Church had not received its grant last year; he had asked the Clerk to look into it who had said that the grants are paid in March. Last year's grant had been paid on the 20/03/12 and had been cashed the following week. Cllr Longbottom explained this to the Church who were happy with the response saying it had been an admin error at their end.

05/13 Correspondence

Community Funds linked to Energy Related Developments. Read and Noted to be kept on file for Village Hall grants.

Urban Dance Poster. Read and noted.

Autela Payroll Services. Letter received saying there would be no price increase this year.

East Riding Parish News. Read and Noted.

Local development Framework consultation. Read and Noted.

Heritage Grant. Clerk explained that there was heritage grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 that could be used for projects such as village history books, Digital archives of photos, heritage trails, History clubs etc. The village hall would also benefit from some of the equipment that would be needed for these projects. Cllr Gilpin had had similar thoughts, however didn't want to be involved. Clerk to put notice up detailing the grant and projects to see if there is any interest.

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06/13 Councillors' reports.

Pot holes round the Parish had been sprayed ready for work, however one large pot hole reported at Fleetdyke, 50m from new road surface towards Brighton is very large.

Road Sign at railway crossing at Cross Common. Left hand bend sign just before crossing has been knocked down and has since disappeared.

Cllr Pearse had along with others experienced low water pressure problems. She had been in contact with Yorkshire Water and the matter has been resolved and she now has a direct telephone number in case the valve at fault breaks down again. Cllr Longbottom suggested that the Clerk also has the number.

Cllr Longbottom said he was very disappointed with the tone of the emails/letters which had been going round the village and even found the text messages he'd received from Cllr Walton intimidating and bullying. Cllr Longbottom asked what was the reasoning behind all the correspondence, he understood the need for a meeting because two residents had written in regarding the Churchyard, but the emails and letters had been based on gossip and inaccurate information.

Comments and allegations saying that the family had disrupted the railway by having a bonfire were untrue. He produced an email from Network Rail stating that no disturbances had been reported on the line for the dates in question.

Cllr Falkingham said that in all the time he'd been involved on the Parish Council he'd never know anything like this and he was very saddened by it all, all it would have taken would have been more communication between those involved for it all to have been resolved, instead of threats being used. He proposed a vote of confidence in Cllr Longbottom as Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Wright seconded the proposal.

5 councillors for
None against
3 abstentions.

Cllr Pearse hoped that everybody had learnt from the experience and that better communication was needed between everyone. Cllr Longbottom suggested that the first port of call should be the Clerk who would then send the information out to everyone.

Cllr Gilpin felt that one family had been targeted for most of the complaints and wondered if someone was trying to use the Parish Council to target this family.

Cllr Walton apologized for the emails/Text messages and said as a new comer to the Council he was still learning the procedures and ins and outs of Parish Councils.

Cllr Longbottom accepted the apology and suggested everyone moved on.

Cllr Gilpin explained that the Village Hall was in need of a lot of work doing. A questionnaire had been delivered round the village and responses had been received. A list has been drawn up of proposed work to be undertaken but the village hall felt this may be added to. Cllr Gilpin would place a copy on the notice board. The Village Hall committee had asked if the services of the Parish Clerk could be used, Parish Council were happy that this happened.

Cllr Longbottom thanked the members of the public for their patience and for attending the meeting.

07/13 Date of Next Meeting. 21st May 2013

Meeting closed at 20.43pm

G. M. Longbottom

21/5/2013