

**MINUTES OF OLD SOMERBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018  
7.15PM AT THE FOX AND HOUNDS**

A Public Forum was held at 7pm as published. 3 members of the public attended. The items raised were noted and one item concerning a planning matter was to be included on the next agenda.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Lowndes (Chairman), Jonason, Stephens, Skelton and Wilson and Parish Clerk David Holmes

**1. APOLOGIES:** none

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION:** Cllr Skelton declared a Pecuniary Interest and Cllr Stephens declared a Personal Interest in item 4 (i).

**3. DRAFT MINUTES 22 OCTOBER, 2018:** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. CLERK AND COUNCILLORS ACTIONS/UPDATE REPORTS:**

a) Registration of land around the Well Head – The clerk reported it was work in progress

**AGREED:** Clerk to update for next Parish Meeting

b) Access of Rights of Way – Cllr Stephens reported she had met an LCC representative and she was waiting for a report from her to the landowner who would forward a copy to the Parish Council.

**AGREED:** Cllr Stephens to update at next Parish Meeting

c) LCC Grit – The Clerk reported he had made all the arrangements for delivery to Cllr Skelton land

**AGREED:** Cllr Skelton offered to clear all rubbish from around the Grit Bins and to contact the local Church Warden and another local resident to provide storage at the church end of the village.

d) Grass Cutting – this will be further considered by the Finance Working Party to be set up under 7 (c) below

e) Litter Pickers – the clerk reported it was work in progress. A possible volunteer was mentioned.

**AGREED:** Clerk to update for next Parish Meeting

f) LALC PC Training – 3 Parish Councillors had attended a recent training course and a very favourable report was given.

g) Well Field Hedge – The Clerk reported the owner of the hedge was quite happy with the current arrangements. It was reported the whole hedge had now been trimmed and the path was clear.

h) Red Cross – It was noted the Defibrillator had been decommissioned until the battery and pads were renewed. The matter was in hand.

**AGREED:** Cllr Stephens offered to set up a training session early in the New Year with Red Cross to cover training in general first aid and use of the defibrillator.

i) Wong Lane – during the discussion it was noted the lane had been blocked off circa 2009. The LCC had indicated at that time some action would be taken. Checks with them over the years had been made but to date no action had been taken. It was noted the matter would be pursued outside of the Parish Council. Cllr Stephens said it was not an official Right of Way.

**5. SPEED INDICATOR:** Some data had been supplied by the new operator. It was noted the device was so positioned to record the speed of vehicles whilst outside the 30 mph area. The clerk reported that the Lincolnshire Road Safety partnership had decided on the 2 locations when the device was first purchase.

**AGREED:** a) The operator would be asked to forward the Excel file to the Chairman  
b) The clerk would contact the LRSP to discuss the locations.

**6. REPORT FROM THE NP STEERING GROUP:** A report from the SG indicated that the Pre-Submission Consultation had started on 22 November 2018 and ended on 31 January 2019. Statutory Consultees and local land owners had been duly informed. All residents had been given a leaflet and response form delivered by hand by members of the SG with copies posted on the website. Posters had been displayed throughout the parish. A display had been set up in the pub with a response box available on site. There would be a Public Forum on Monday 7 January 2019 at 7pm with a presentation and an opportunity for residents to ask questions of a panel.

**AGREED:** To arrange leaflet to residents to remind them of the meeting following Christmas period.

**7. FINANCE:** The Clerk gave a report showing the current financial situation. Funds are low particularly because of the cost associated with two recent elections amounting to some £2,377. The possibility of locating other funding streams would be considered follow set up of next year's plan.

**AGREED:** Working party meeting set for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm to review the finances including any necessary increase to the precept and report back.

**8. SKDC LOCAL COUNCILLOR:** Cllr P. Stephens had sent his apologies.

**9. LCC LOCAL COUNCILLOR:** Cllr Bob Adams was present and whilst he had no specific items to mention there was an enquiry about the drains blocking on the Main Road which was listed at 11 (a). Cllr Adams gave details of the LCC officer who would be able to visit the parish with a view to a Village Walkabout being arranged.

**AGREED:** a) Cllr Skelton to provide to Cllr Adams with the details of the blockage.  
b) Village Walkabout to be arranged.

**10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** There were no further applications. The Planning Application S18/0944 at Cold Harbour was still shown on the SKDC website as pending. Cllr Adams offered to investigate as to the reason. It was also noted that an application regarding another travellers site on Harrowby Lane was current.

**AGREED:** a) Cllr Adams to update at next Parish meeting  
b) Harrowby Lane to be added to next Parish meeting agenda.

## **11. HIGHWAYS:**

a) Dealt with at 9 above  
b) The clerk reported to LCC flickering light in the cul de sac.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) The correspondence between the Chairman and the Chair of Ropsley New Hall was noted.

b) Lincs Fire Rescue: The proposed text alerting system was discussed.

**AGREED:** to accept the offer and clerk to register Cllr Stephens and Cllr Skelton being primary contacts.

c) FOI Complaints. **AGREED** this item should be considered in closed session.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** This was fixed for Monday 21 January, 2019 7.15pm at the same venue with a Public Forum at 7pm.

## **Closed Session:**

The meeting considered Complaints from a parishioner under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and an email from the FOI Office and a complaint to the Parish Council under its Complaints Procedure.

1. FOI Complaint dated 1 and 2 November 2018 concerning audio-recording of Parish Council Meetings, including records associated with any informal meeting of the PC in this connection, emails among Cllrs and the Clerk and advice obtained for example from SKDC, LALC or any other source.

**AGREED:** To provide copies of any emails there might be. It was noted there had been no informal meetings of the PC and therefore no notes.

2. Emails from the FOI dated 6 and 13 November, 2018 requiring the PC to finalise its position after re-visiting its decision as dealt with in their letter dated 17 September, 2018 and the Chairman's review and the subsequent letter to the Complainant dated 24 October, 2018.

A draft letter was discussed and with the required estimates. After amendments were made it was approved

**AGREED:** Clerk to circulate the amended versions to all Cllrs for final verification and to issue.

3. Complaint to the PC under their Complaints Policy received 19 November, 2018.

A draft letter was discussed. After amendments were made it was approved.

**AGREED:** Clerk to circulate the amended version to all Cllrs for final verification and to issue.

The meeting closed at 22.37 hrs.