



## Minutes of North Killingholme Parish Council 1st September 2020 18:30 in the Village Hall

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### Present

**Councillors** Cllr K Thomas, Cllr M Dias, Cllr R Hedison, Cllr R White  
Cllr S Woods

Cllr P Clark (NLC) and Councillor R Hannigan (NLC)

**Officers** Andy Hopkins (Parish Clerk)

Rebecca Brimble (LOR)

**Public Forum** There were 2 members of the public in attendance

A member of the public informed the Council that the tables in the Hall will be removed shortly. A query was raised about the Lancaster painting that had been donated and whether a parish meeting would help out moving the Parish Council forward.

Another member of the public wanted a decision on whether the village sign could be stored over the winter to protect it, if the Fitties Charity could use the Hall for a meeting, and pointed out a water leak in the Museum.

### **13/20 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Wells (NLC)

Rebecca Brimble (LOR)

### **14/20 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **15/20 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Richard White had expressed a wish to take the Chair.

This was proposed by Cllr Hedison and seconded by Cllr Thomas, all were in favour.

The Acceptance of Office form was duly signed by Cllr White and the Clerk.

The new Chairman thanked Cllr Katie Thomas for all her hard work whilst she had been the Chair.

### **16/20 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of the meetings that took place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were approved as true and correct records.

### **17/20 Finance**

The following were approved for payment:

£	Invoice	Chq No.
140.90	A Hopkins Clerk	1455
35.20	HMRC Tax	1456
123.25	NLC Playground Inspection INV T0016966	1457
9.80	A Hopkins Sanitizer/Wipes	1458
858.00	ITC Grass Cutting Playing Field INV 1018	1459
53.81	Nitro Fire - Fire Maintenance INV 2762	1460
21.00	Anglian Water ESTIMATE	DD
53.00	Opus Energy ESTIMATE	DD

The Clerk informed the Council that the payment expected in January from the 550 Squadron had not been received.

It was resolved to move to online banking with Lloyds when new business is being taken up again (currently not processing new customers due to COVID19). This would incur a cost of £7 per month.

### **18/20 Future of North Killingholme Parish Council**

The future of the Council was discussed in detail to see how things could move forward.

Discussions focussed on whether it would be wise to merge with South Killingholme and other ways of encouraging participation, such as a Parish meeting.

Cllr Hannigan stated that a Community Governance Review of Parish Councils would be undertaken by NLC and implemented in 2023.

It was agreed that if merging was to be the preferred option it could be looked at during the NLC review and not start at this point.

### **19/20 Governance Arrangements**

To keep the Council going it was agreed to change from monthly meeting to every other month as some other councils do.

If planning issues or financial issue arose during this time a separate meeting would be called.

The Clerk and Chairman were granted permission to spend up to £200 without immediate referral to Council.

There had been one person come forward to be co-opted as a Councillor. It was agreed to re-advertise in a different way and look at co-opting vacancies at a future meeting.

### **20/20 Update from TOTAL LOR**

Rebecca was unable to attend but had given an update at the end of the last meeting, particularly concerning the sale of the refinery from Total to Prax.

### **21/20 Planning Lancaster Approach PA/2018/1703 & PA/2020/705**

Cllr Hannigan reported back on the letter that he had received from the Parish Council on this matter.

Officers had informed him that the delegated decision was made in line with policy and did not require any consultation.

The line "and no objections/representations were received from interested parties to the original application" in the NLC officer's Delegated Assessment was a still a concern. Many objections were raised from a number of sources to the original application and it was queried whether correct guidelines had been followed. Cllr Hannigan agreed to look into this.

The effects of the industrial estate on residents was reiterated and it was stressed that planners seem to pay no regards to individuals or the Parish Council but favour the developers.

### **22/20 Ward Councillor Updates**

Cllr Hannigan informed the Council of the new bus service that would come into operation from 7<sup>th</sup> September called Just-Go. This would replace Call Connect and the 450 service that was ending. Bookings can be made via an APP or by phone, for same day journeys or in advance. It also had the benefit of real-time tracking of the bus.

### **23/20 Village/Councillor Updates**

Cllr Hedison raised an incident involving the Village Hall and some work that was undertaken in the museum. He didn't feel that COVID19 guidance was being followed as no-one from the Council had known about this, no-one was supervising the member of public undertaking the work and was cleaning undertaken afterwards. No permission for the work had been given by the

Council. Locks on the middle door was discussed and it was resolved to ask the Museum for a copy of their insurance.

It was agreed that the Fitties Charity could use the Village Hall but they would need to inform the Council when it was.

The donated painting had been arranged to be put up prior to the COVID19 lockdown and will done at a later date.

Cllr Woods agreed to look at the roof and guttering to see if he could see the source of any leak into the museum.

It was agreed that the Village Hall should not be hired out at the moment, and this will be reviewed at each meeting.

The Clerk had asked LOR if they could clean the play equipment and matting and see if they were able to fund new see saw seats.

It was agreed that Kath Robinson could store the Village sign over winter to protect it.

The potholes on Church Road had been filled by NLC.

The Clerk had received correspondence about tree planting from NLC and he will explore the avenue of trees, towards LOR, that had been discussed previously.

#### **24/20 Date of Next Meeting**

Tue 6 October 2020 18:30 was agreed as the next date, then every other month.

Signed Chair

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