

Minutes of the Covenham Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December at 7pm

Present: Cllr. Emma Cooling, Cllr. Don Wiltshire, Cllr. John Firth, Dist. Councillor E Mossop, Cllr. Alyson Wiltshire

Apologies: County Cllr. Tony Bridges

Meeting start: 7pm

1. Election of Clerk for tonight's meeting:

Interim Clerk- Cllr. Alyson Wiltshire

Proposed: Cllr. J. Frith

Seconded: Cllr. D. Wiltshire

All in favour

2. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman thanked Cllr. John Firth for attending the Remembrance Service on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked all Cllr's for service to the village in 2019.

3. Apologies for absence from County Cllr. Tony Bridges.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Wiltshire

Seconded: Cllr. E. Cooling

All in favour

4. Approval of minutes from meeting held on 2nd October 2019 and update of matters outstanding:

Proposed: Cllr. J. Frith

Seconded: Cllr. D. Wiltshire

All in favour

5. Declarations of interest: None

6. Open Forum points:

- a. Recent flooding mentioned, specifically in St Mary's and the hidden ditch when the area is flooded. Asked if the council would consider installing bollards or such like to highlight the issue.

Cllr. D Wiltshire mentioned that the flood signs had been stolen/misappropriated.

He mentioned that he had been told that it is on Lincolnshire County Council's agenda to clean the drains at St Mary's but no dates have been given as yet.

Bollards would be expensive to install but he would discuss with Cllr T Bridges. Cllr D Wiltshire has been informed by Cllr Bridges that the white lines at the Newbridge junction are now on the Highways work schedule, as is the possible Stop sign.

Dist. Cllr. Edward Mossop discussed how he is pushing with the Environment Agency to clear the drains, it's an ongoing battle but the area is seen as a priority area.

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7. **Receive reports from LCC, ELDC and Outside Representatives:**

ELDC: Dist. Cllr. Edward Mossop

Some houses in Utterby and Alvingham were flooded and an S19 investigation is underway. The contact for clearing ditches was given to the Council, Steve Ross.

The level of new build houses in the village were discussed and concerns over inadequate drainage.

No planning issues in the village.

8. **Flooding**-already covered

9. **Post-box**-the Parish Rooms now have a post-box, supplied by Cllr Alyson Wiltshire and Cllr Don Wiltshire, installed by Cllr Firth.

10. **Approval of purchase of Replacement Christmas Lights for the Parish Rooms**

Proposed: Cllr. D. Wiltshire

Seconded: Cllr. J Firth

All in favour

11. **Defibrillator Update** - In working order, box donated by a 3rd party. Defibrillator donated by Cllr Alyson Wiltshire and Cllr Don Wiltshire

12. **Remembrance Day Services** –

Cllr Cooling thanked those who organised the service. Complaints have been received about the time of the service and that the silence should be at 11am, as per the rest of the country. Cllr. D Wiltshire advised that there used to be a service at St Mary's Church and then people walked to the memorial to lay the wreaths. He said that this may be possible next year if everyone is in agreement as a Minister has offered to do the service. More planning to be done before the 2020 Remembrance Sunday.

13. **Planning Matters** - none

Payment Approvals:

14. Approval of payment to gardener for grass and hedge cutting, 2 invoices £240:

Proposed: Cllr. D Wiltshire

Seconded: Cllr. J Firth

All in favour

15. Approval of payment to electrician to fit defibrillator £100

Proposed: Cllr. D Wiltshire

Seconded: Cllr. J Firth

All in favour

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16. Approval of payment to cleaner, 2 invoices plus cleaning materials £48:

Proposed: Cllr. D Wiltshire
Seconded: Cllr. J Firth
All in favour

17. Approval of payment to J Firth for Christmas tree £48.50:

Proposed: Cllr. D Wiltshire
Seconded: Cllr. E Cooling
All in favour

18. Approval of payment to British Legion for wreath £17:

Proposed: Cllr. D Wiltshire
Seconded: Cllr. J Firth
All in favour

19. Approval of payment to East Lindsey District Council re 2019 election £48.50:

Proposed: Cllr. D Wiltshire
Seconded: Cllr. J Firth
All in favour

20. **Financial Summary** given by Cllr. A Wiltshire

21. Items for next agenda

a. Flooding update

22. Correspondence:

a. J Firth – request for information from Barclays Bank re change of signatures.

23. **Next Meeting** T.b.a February 2020, 7pm

Meeting Close 8pm.

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