

COVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Friday, 24th September 2021 at 7:00pm in St Mary's Church, Covenham St Mary

Public participation. Three members of the public attended the meeting and made comments on the following:

1. Speeding and Archer Survey– noted and discussed on minute reference 09/21-4e) below
2. Suggestions of white gates and slow down signs
3. Road markings on Newbridge Lane/Cold Harbour Lane – noted and discussed on minute reference 09/21-8 2) below
4. Condition of pavements in the parish
5. St Mary's Church pavement – safety issues
6. Bridge over Poulton Drains – safety issues
7. Dog bin at Grange Lane – not installed
8. Request to install litter bin by noticeboard located at St Barts
9. St Barts Noticeboard maintenance
10. Beware horses signage warning

Report from Outside Bodies.

- a) **ELDC Ward Member Cllr Edward Mossop** reported that he will take up with
 - i.ELDC Planning Policy a review of the size of the village as listed on the Local Plan. A number of businesses referred to no longer exists which may impact on the parish size from medium to a small village. This may influence the housing allocation.
 - ii.Lincolnshire Marsh Drainage Board the schedule of maintenance works, the name of the watercourse/drain behind the Pub and the authority responsible for its maintenance.
 - iii.ELDC Planning on application N/037/01064/20 Haiths Farm on non-resolution and continued extension.
- b) **LCC Ward Member Cllr Alex Hall** thanked the parish council for the invitation. His report on Highways issues is detailed on item 9/21-8 2) below.
- c) **Neighbourhood Policing team (NPT).** PC Precious sent his apologies but sent a report read out by the Chairman. It noted that there were only three isolated crime incidents in the area since last report. There were no other complaints received on speeding vehicles but will refer to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) on Archer Surveys conducted in the parish. A new dedicated Roads Policing Unit will be formed over the next 10 months. This will consist of 1 unit being based at Grantham and another at Louth. Each base will have 9 PC's and 1 Sergeant. The projected date for Louth to be up and running is 1st July next year. PC Precious reported that he has been successful at interview and will be working on the new unit at Louth and will therefore be leaving his current role.

09/21-1 Record of Members Present and Apologies

Present: Cllr Gareth Smith (GS) (Chairman), Cllr Emma Cooling (EC), Cllr Don Wiltshire (DW), Cllr John Firth (JF) and Cllr Anne McCready

Also present: Cllr Edward Mossop (ELDC), Cllr Alex Hall (LCC) and Mrs Nadine Must (Parish Clerk/RFO)

Apologies accepted: Cllr Alyson Wiltshire (AW), PC R Precious (NPT)

09/21-2 To receive any Declarations of Interest on any item on the agenda – Cllr DW declared an interest on agenda item 9/21 5b).

09/21-3 Minutes from 30th July 2021. It was resolved that the draft notes were accurate and was duly signed by the Chairman

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P: EC; S: AM, All in favour

09/21-4 Council Matters

- a) **Chairman's Remarks** – No update on co-option vacancy.
- b) **Actions from previous meeting** –Clerk's Report noted. There was a query on the publication of the Councillor resignation. The Clerk to seek legal advice and will report back.
- c) **Communications.** Noted. Comments on planning applications had been submitted. The Lincolnshire Riparian Project Questionnaire had been completed and submitted.
- d) **Remembrance Sunday 2021.** It was resolved to order a wreath from Royal British Legion (RBL) in Louth. Clerk to action and Cllr DW to pick up. Date and time of the Service will be circulated and the Chairman will attend and lay the wreath. A request from an interested person to obtain last year's wreath was agreed in lieu of a donation to RBL.
- e) **Community Speedwatch Initiative.** It was resolved to reconsider this initiative which was previously unsuccessful in gathering residents' interests. A proposal was accepted to produce a newsletter to ask residents their views about joining the initiative. The Clerk to draft a newsletter and report back. It was also resolved to request another Archer Survey which should be done in summer especially around harvest time. The previous survey was conducted in winter when weather conditions may have influenced the speed of vehicles.

P: GS; S: EC, All in favour

09/21-5 Parish Rooms

- a) **Damp proofing.** The contractors had remedied the mould issue and installed a dehumidifier. Cllr DW volunteered to empty the container daily and open the back door to help with air circulation.
- b) **Heating.** It was resolved to accept Shaw's Installation Services to remove old heating equipment and install new heating.

P: EM; S: AM, Passed

- c) **Electricity supply** – E.ON Next cancelled the appointment to install a smart meter because the multi-rate meter box currently installed is not compatible with the smart meters they have in stock. No date has been given on when this will be done.
- d) **Painting** – Colour choices had been agreed and sent to the contractors. Works to start in the first week of October.
- e) **Kitchen Refurbishment.** Water supply has been re-installed and the plumber will be asked to quote for installing the kitchen.
- f) **Lavatories** – Installing the right size lids will be done at the same time as the kitchen refurbishment.
- g) **Professional Cleaning-** An appointment to view the parish rooms to get a quote is scheduled for Saturday 25th September. Cllr DW agreed to meet H Cleaning Services.

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09/21-6 Finance and Budgets

a) **Payments 2021/22** – The Council accepted the following payments

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	Cheque Number	To	Amount
1	101158	Parish Clerk – salary and expenses	£ 884.37
2	101159	D. Salkeld Ltd – parish rooms window cleaning. Invoices 018343 & 018765	£10.00
3	101160	RJC Gardening July to September 2021 Invoice RJC2022-Churchyard 2	£150.00
		Total	£1,044.37

b) To note **Direct Debit payments** since last meeting under delegated powers in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations 5.5

	Date	To	Amount
1	25/08/2021	E.ON Next	£15.71
2	17/09/21	E.ON Next	£15.02
3	21/09/21	Anglian Water	£47.05
		Total	£77.78

c) **Community Account** – The application for Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account has now been completed and awaiting decision.

d) **Latest Receipts and Payments and Quarterly Monitoring** – noted

09/21-7 Community Amenities and Groups

a) **St Barts Church** – The Chairman reported that

- i. the application for free trees from the Treescapes Fund was sent and LCC confirmed that the parish council will be notified when the trees will be available.
- ii. ELDC has approved the tree works application and the contractors will start the works in two weeks' time.

b) **St Mary's Church** - Cllr AM reported

- i. Entrance area – The garden contractor had cleared the area. Further pruning required around the noticeboard area. Cllr DW will liaise with gardener.
- ii. The kitchen has now been removed and rewired. An Open Day is scheduled for 25th September with refreshments provided.
- iii. Sycamore Tree – overhanging branches. The Clerk is still waiting for the tree surgeon for advice and cost.

c) **Covenham Plough Community Hub (CPCH)**– Cllr GS reported that CPCH will now be disbanded due to the planning approval granted to The Plough as a dwelling. However,

Initial/Signature

Date

Notes P: Proposed; S: Seconded, Vote

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the complaints against ELDC is still ongoing. The Jubilee Committee is set to be re-launched and will be opened up to new members/residents.

09/21-11 ELDC/LCC Services/Police

- a) **ELDC – Emergency Planning.** The Clerk to contact Jon Challen to ask for guidance. It was reported that LCC is now the responsible authority for all emergency planning.
- b) **LCC Highways**
 - i. **Cold Harbour Lane/Newbridge Lane** – This has now been reported again on Fixmystreet reference number 405718 as provided by LCC Ward Member.
 - ii. **S-Bend on Main Road from Ings Lane** – The open ditch issue will need further investigation and consideration by LCC. Cllr Hall will report back.
- c) **Police.** Speeding issue and archer survey are discussed on item reference 09/21-4e) above.

09/21-9 Planning Matters.

1. The Council noted the following updates.
 - a) **N/037/01403/21** The New Plough, Covenham St Bartholomew - **approved.**
 - b) **N/038/00801/21** Kimber, Covenham St Mary - planning refusal **on appeal.**
 - c) **N/038/01728/21** Kimber, Covenham St Mary Outline erection of 1 no. dwelling – **no decision as yet. Related to b) above**
 - d) **N/038/00727/21** Kimber, Covenham St Mary - **approved**
 - e) **N/037/01064/20 Haiths Farm, Covenham St Bartholomew –extended until 30 September 2021** relating to surface water drainage
2. **Planning applications considered**
 - a) **N/037/01908/21** Digs (Plant), Birketts Lane, Covenham St Bartholomew - Erection of 1 no. detached house. The Council resolved to object to this application based on its location which is outside the developed footprint of the parish.
 - b) **N/038/01929/21** Ashdown Cottage, Newbridge Lane, Covenham St Mary Outline erection of a dwelling. The Council resolved to object based on East Lindsey's own Adopted Core Strategy dated 2018 - Strategic Policy 4.

09/21-10 Date of Next meeting – Friday, 26th November 2021, 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.