Wing Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 in the Village Hall

In attendance; Cllr's Tulloch (chair), Newsham, Seviour, Spooner, County Councillor Edward Baines Two members of the public

- **09/16** ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIR FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR: Cllr Newsham nominated Cllr Tulloch, seconded by Cllr Spooner. There being no other nominations Cllr Tulloch was duly elected.
- 10/16 TO RECEIVE THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr Tulloch signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
- **11/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr's Clark, Curley & Dejardin had forwarded their apologies. Accepted by members.
- 12/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None received.
- 13/16 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY CHAIR FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR: Cllr Tulloch nominated Cllr Spooner, seconded by Cllr Newsham. There being no other nominations Cllr Spooner was duly elected.
- 14/16 TO ELECT MEMBERS TO REPRESENT COUNCIL AT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT MEETINGS: Cllr's Spooner & Tulloch were nominated to continue representing council at the Village Hall management meetings.
- **15/16 TO ELECT A PLANNING APPLICATION COORDINATOR:** Cllr Seviour accepted the nomination by members. Cllr Seviour requested a copy of contact details for all councillors to enable him to contact them should a query arise on planning applications.
- 16/16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 2016: Proposed by Cllr Spooner, seconded by Cllr Newsham, that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.
- 17/16 CLERK AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS;

Responses received from David Bell, RCC relating to the water and kerb stones in Church Lane.

Thank you for your reply, you should see a gang there today investigating the source of the running water (spring?) with a view to resolving the issue. I will then advise you of how we are going to sort it out. The actual kerbs that have been installed will not be totally removed but will be tidied up and I believe Rob has organised for the paving behind the

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gully to be removed and the verge to be seeded and tidied up as well. This will all happen once the investigation works are completed.

Further to my email below, I can confirm that we have undertaken investigations and the source of the water does appear to be a spring. We have identified the position of the storm water drain and will therefore capture the water behind the new kerbs and pipe it into the existing drain via a new road gully. I cannot say at present when this will be carried out, but will be done so as soon as practicable.

Moss and mound of earth removal. The Clerk had been advised that Cory will carry out the work on 1st June 2016.

Other works recorded during the walk about had received attention. Great progress was being made with Rutland County Council.

It was agreed that the Web site was working well and Parish Council information was available to the public.

18/16 TO RECEIVE THE MEETING DATES FOR 2016-2017 Proposed by Cllr Spooner, seconded by Cllr Newsham, that the following dates be approved. Unanimously agreed.

Wednesday 27th July 2016

Wednesday 26th September 2016

Wednesday 30th November 2016

Wednesday 25th January 2017

Wednesday 29th March 2017

Wednesday 24th May 2017 (Parish meeting and Annual Council meeting)

19/16 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The accounts had been received but as the minutes of the recent meeting were not available, members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

20/16 TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL RETURN TO THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR AND APPROVE THE INTERNAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2016:

The governance part of the annual return was completed line by line. Proposed by Cllr Seviour seconded by Cllr Spooner, having received documentation relating to the Charity Commission status of the Village Hall, members were confident in completing all sections including section 9 of the governance document. Unanimously agreed.

There being no items of concern raised by the internal auditor, proposed by Cllr Spooner, seconded by Cllr Seviour, that the accounts be approved. Unanimously agreed.

21/26 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Approved by members

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22/16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COUNCIL INSURANCE FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 27TH **MAY 2016**: The Speed Indicator Device had been added to the policy at no extra charge. It was noted that street furniture was not included. It was agreed that 7 seats, value £5000 and street lights value £6000 be added to the policy. Cllr Seviour requested a copy of the policy to compare with the Village Hall policy.

23/16 TO CONSIDER MAKING A REQUEST TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE LAY-BY IN MORCOTT ROAD AND THE FOOTPATH PAST THE LIMES,

TOP STREET: Members agreed that more information is required before a decision is made. Cllr Newsham and Cllr Seviour will inspect the area and report back to council at the next meeting. An objection has been received relating to consideration of a footpath outside the Limes. The main worry being egress of water into the drive, devaluation of the house and the visual aspect into the village. The area outside the house had been well maintained for many years by the resident.

24/16 TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE INABILITY OF THE VILLAGE HALL TO HELP THE PC WITH FINANCIAL HELP ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE

PLAYING FIELD: Proposed by Cllr Spooner, seconded by Cllr Newsham, that the Charity Commission be approached to consider including the Wing recreation ground within the document for

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the Village Hall. Unanimously agreed.

- 25/16 TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE PREPARED BY CLLR SEVIOUR ON THE PLANNING LEGISLATION CONSULTATION (ATTACHED). Cllr Seviour was thanked for his excellent report which will be useful if council decide to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan, Further discussion at the next meeting.
- **26/16 FOLLOWING THE EXCELLENT CLEANING OF THE SEATS ON THE RECREATION GROUND TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER WORKS:** Paul Brewer was thanked for his work on the seats. Proposed by Cllr Newsham, seconded by Cllr Seviour, to pay £3 per seat for Paul Brewer to apply teak oil. Unanimously agreed.

27/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN TIME FOR THE MEETING:

2016/0440/FUL - Inglewood, 6a Reeves Lane, Wing. Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor side extension. Infill glazed panels to existing porch, new link between existing garage and house and new car port. Responses had been received from Cllr Dejardin and Cllr Seviour, other councillors requested more time to consider the application.

28/16 CORRESPONDENCE

RE-OPENING OF OAKHAM CASTLE 30^{TH} MAY 2016 RCC PARISH BRIEFING

29/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Follow-up Report on the Government's Proposed Legislative Changes <u>To Planning Law</u>

Purpose

To provide Wing Parish Council Members with a brief and hopefully succinct review of the Government's proposed changes to Planning Law, thus enabling the framing of a response to LRAC's March 2016 consultation on compiling a joint response to Government.

Previous Minute

"Planning Consultation

As this consultation had been too late for the agenda, Cllr Seviour will prepare answers to the consultation for council. Agenda item next meeting." 30th March 2016.

Information

On the 23rd March 2016, the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils

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consulted all local councils within its jurisdiction about the Government's proposed changes to Planning Law and regulation. Such consultation was focused on a LAIS summary document prepared by the Local Associations Information Services with the intention of making a coordinated response to Government through the National Association of Local Councils.

In fact the LAIS document related to Government proposals and consultations launched in 2015 which because of the Government's tight legislative consultation programme and public/professional criticisms related thereto had been extended further into 2016 beyond the original closing date of January 2016.

Nevertheless, the new consultation closing date was the 15th April, 2016, making any current discussion and resultant representations by Wing Parish Council redundant. Accordingly, this Report merely seeks to highlight the key proposed 'headline' changes for Parish Council Members' information and to underline some of the key LRALC reactions, particularly those relevant to on-going WPC discussions related to Neighbourhood Plans:

- Government is seeking to streamline/speed up the Planning process and is contemplating privatising parts of the process and/or penalising/incentivising local authorities;
- Government is proposing changes to current Planning Law procedures with the introduction of a two stage process based on an initial 'In Principle Application & Approval', followed by a 'Technical Appraisal & Approval'. The first of these involves applicants in less detailed work, in theory thereby involving applicants in less work, risk and costs. Related approvals will only be established on the basis of existing local and national policies, the former in turn based on neighbourhood plans, local plans, small sites and brownfield registers, and the prescribed information need only cover 'Location', 'Uses', and 'Amount of Residential Development'. No conditions may be imposed at this stage. The second 'Technical' stage requires more information but may not vary or restrict matters covered in the 'In Principle' Application.
- Regarding public/community/statutory body consultation, the Government proposals deem that the main thrust of consultation will have been executed during the Neighbourhood and Local Plan processes on which the 'In Principle Application' is based. Government also then intends to stipulate any additional 'In Principle Application' consultative requirements. There will be no statutory requirement to consult at the 'Technical Application' stage.
- Government intends to require Local Authorities to compile and keep up to date; 'Brownfield Site' and 'Small Development Site' (up to ten units) Registers. Both Registers then feature as relevant documents for Approved Site Allocations within the new 'In Principle Application' process and both feature in new stipulations about presumptions in favour of development within the 'In Principle Application' processes.

- Government intends to introduce shorter time-frames than currently obtain for a number of Planning Authority process controls and shorter time-frame capping for Development Approvals.
- Government intends to pursue Local Authorities more rigorously over progress in the execution of Local Plans and in the creation of Neighbourhood Plans, and in the Land Allocation processes related to both.

The message conveyed by Government in these proposals is clear, it wishes to see more efficient Planning Approval processes, and thereby more rapid development of housing and other types of infrastructure.

It is equally clear that Government primarily wishes to see this happen through better co-ordination between the forward planning policy processes and individual applications for development investment. However, it is also effectively establishing overriding presumptive development capacity to deal with perceived Local Authority default.

The proposals, in the round, create a double-edged sword; at one level they invite effective and early consultation by the public through the formal processes of Neighbourhood and Local Plans, Local Authority Allocations, Small Site and Brownfield Site Registers, whilst they also sharpen the edge of what some might term a 'Developers' Charter' in default of good local performance in those forward planning processes.

Recommendations

That Parish Council Members discuss and consider the implications of the new Planning Law processes within the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

David Seviour Wing Parish Councillor 26/04/16