

Saxby All Saints Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 7.00pm
in Saxby All Saints Village Hall**

Present

Cllr Ken Bates (Chairman)

Cllr Charlie Barton

Cllr Dorothy Fagge

Cllr Pauline Leitch

Cllr Andrew Simpson

8 Members of the public

Public Participation

- Resident queried on what basis the PC and NLC are approving the use of PVC replacement windows in the village?
- Cllr Bates advised that the Conservation Area policy states that for windows to have a positive/neutral effect on the village they had to be wooden, however, one resident appealed that their PVC one's wouldn't be out of character (as some replacement PVC windows are difficult to tell from wooden) and they won. The PC takes each application on a case by case basis and on its merits. Modern houses, those not viewable from the road or part of the street scene will not generally receive an objection from the PC.
- The resident argued that this was unfair as the 2004 development plan does not make allowances for these conditions; there is no consistency. It also means that residents with 'character properties' have to pay double to replace their windows. Cllr Bates stated he was sympathetic to their complaint but NLC seem to be flexing the 2004 plan and a revised policy is currently going through its consultation process. It may therefore be that amendments are made to Conservation Area policy in the future.
- Resident reported fly-tipping on Middlegate Lane – this has already been reported to NLC by the PC.
- A spring is running down Danns Hill as the water table is very high now.
- Regarding the planning application at 61 Main Street, a resident queried whether developers are aware of the deep well on its land?
- Resident advised that they had cleared the blocked gullies on Saxby Hill (near the monument) during the recent heavy rainfall.

110418/1 **Apologies**

Cllr M Young

110418/2 **Declarations of Interest**

a) Declarations of interest:

Cllr K Bates Item 7a Personal Close Neighbour

b) Dispensations issued:

Cllr K Bates Item 7a To remain, discuss but not vote.

110418/3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2018 were approved by members and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Simpson, seconded: Cllr Barton.

110418/4 **Reports from Ward Councillor(s)**

None present.

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110418/5 Highways/Footpaths/Public Right of Way

a) Updates on the following and resolved action:

- Application for new village name signs – item deferred until next month.
- Renovation of the telephone kiosk – Cllr Bates requested 3 quotations for repainting, however, only received 1 back. It was agreed to use Ian Wilson at a cost of £375.00, financed by the carry forward from the year ending March 2018.

Proposed: Cllr Leitch, seconded: Cllr Simpson.

It was agreed for Cllr Fagge to purchase up to £100 of oblong pots for the cascading plants.

Proposed: Cllr Leitch, seconded: Cllr Simpson.

b) Other issues – it was noted that the fly-tipping on Middlegate Lane has been reported to NLC.

110418/6 Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch/NAT

a) Presentation by Gavin Jobling, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – deferred as Mr Jobling could not attend due to work commitments.

b) Other action:

- NAT meeting, 17th April 2018, Worlaby Village Hall at 6pm.
- A rogue fish sales van has been seen in Horkstow and Saxby. Shortly after their visit, several large plant pots were noticed as being stolen. Residents are advised to be cautious and the matter has been reported to the police.

The meeting closed to receive comments from the floor regarding the planning item below and the following concerns were raised:

- Unsympathetic in design. Whilst it is a building of good design, it is not suitable for its proposed location as it is out of character for the area.
- The building will be over double the size of the existing property.
- Why is it being rendered?
- What are the plans for the surface water? Where will it go? What drainage work will be undertaken?
- The previous approved planning application was approved on a smaller layout.
- It is a Conservation Area for a reason.

The meeting reopened.

110418/7 Planning

a) Applications made to North Lincolnshire Council:

i. Application No: PA/2018/501

Proposal: Planning permission to erect a two-storey side extension with integral double garage and a two-storey rear extension (including demolition of existing outbuilding and detached garage)

Site Location: 61 Main Street, Saxby All Saints, DN20 0PZ

Applicant: Mr & Mrs K Rowbotham

Members unanimously agreed to **OBJECT** for the following reasons (see also appendix A at the end of these minutes):

- Not in keeping.
- Too large.
- Frontage should be retained – double garage is too imposing.
- It triples the size of the existing property.
- Its location makes it a prominent feature of the Conservation Area.

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Proposed: Cllr Simpson, seconded: Cllr Fagge.

- b) Decisions made by North Lincolnshire Council:
- PA/2018/427, PA/2018/430 and PA/2018/456 (tree works) – **GRANTED.**
- c) No planning applications received after the agenda had been posted.

110418/8 Accounts

The Mar/Apr 2018 accounts for payment and bank statements (see also Financial Reports) were approved by members and signed by the Chairman.

- a) ERNLLCA – Cllrs’ Financial Responsibilities training, Cllr Simpson - £22.50.
- b) ERNLLCA – Membership services for 2018/2019 - £243.33.
- c) Autela Group Ltd – payroll services 2017/2018 – Q4 - £38.40.
- d) Low Villages’ Forum – annual donation payment - £60.00.
- e) CPRE – Best Kept Village Competition 2018 - £25.00.

Proposed: Cllr Simpson, seconded: Cllr Fagge.

110418/9 Internal Audit YE 2017/2018

It was resolved to appoint Public Sector Audit as the Internal Auditor at a cost of £285 plus expenses.

Proposed: Cllr Barton, seconded: Cllr Leitch.

110418/10 Emergency Plan

A working group has been formed comprising of Cllr’s Leitch, Simpson and Bates.

110418/11 Parish Pathways Scheme

Scheme will begin this financial year. PC will ascertain what works need doing, engage the services of a contractor and NLC will pay for these costs retrospectively. NLC are also looking to incorporate verge maintenance from next year. The PC are now awaiting further contact from NLC.

110418/12 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Young is in the process of arranging a ‘Visioning Day’, which will be publicised and supported by Dave Lofts, Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Planning at NLC.

110418/13 Financial Reserves Policy

It was discussed and resolved to adopt the policy.

Proposed: Cllr Leitch, seconded: Cllr Simpson.

110418/14 Website/I.T.

No action required.

110418/15 Low Villages Newsletter

Items for submission:

- Emergency Plan – request for volunteers/co-ordinators.
- Neighbourhood Pan.
- Annual Parish Meeting.
- Folk Club.

110418/16 Tourism Information Booklet

- A Low Villages Forum initiative working with NLC. Lee Collins has created an A5 mock-up, where each village has a page that can include historical information, facts and points of interest.
- A working party was formed comprising of Lee Collins, Cllr’s Barton, Bates, Simpson and Leitch to finalise content of page.

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110418/17 Correspondence

Correspondence received, noted and resolved action:

- i. Saxby All Saints Facebook Group – it was agreed that the PC would put a link on the website and advise them to contact the Low Villages Newsletter too.
- ii. ERNLLCA – Code of Conduct update.
- iii. NLC - Grant to local councils 2018/19.
- iv. NLC - grant allocation for 2018/19 and associated conditions support – 9th April 2018.
- v. NLC - Forthcoming meetings poster – April 2018.
- vi. Workers Memorial Day 2018, Scunthorpe Baptist Church, 30th April 2018 at 10am.

110418/18 Minor Items

- a) Matters of correspondence received following publication of the agenda:
 - ERNLLCA North Lincolnshire District Committee meeting – 25th April 2018.
- b) Points from Councillors, questions and items of interest to note:
 - North Lincolnshire in Bloom update – shelves have been made but will not be installed until the kiosk has been painted.
 - Village litter pick (24th March 2018) update – successful.
 - Consultation event for Local Authority support grant 2018 report – actions as per above agenda items. Rationale for changes appears to be the devolution of NLC's responsibilities to parishes especially public services such as grounds maintenance, play areas, MUGA's etc. This ultimately may be financially supported by parish precept demands and NLC will withdraw their grants.

110418/19 Ongoing Items

None.

110418/20 Agenda for next and future meetings

- Welcome Pack.
- Neighbourhood Plan.

110418/21 Next Meeting

The date and time of the Annual Parish Council, Annual Parish and monthly meeting is, subsequent to any change, Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 6.30pm.

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Appendix A Comment to Planning Authority (NLC)

PA/2018/501 – 61 Main Street, Saxby All Saints

At a meeting of Saxby All Saints Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th April 2018, it was unanimously agreed to object to the above planning application in its current form. The meeting was attended by 8 other residents who also voiced their strong objections and concerns on the application and its effect upon the conservation status of the village. The Parish Council's reasons for objection are as follows:

1. The existing cottage is a significant and prominent example of a period building of character and townscape merit, which the Parish Council wish to retain as part of the conservation area standards and policy directives. The current application completely changes the frontage and character of the cottage in a highly detrimental manner through the imposition of a large double garage attached to the side of the cottage. The double garage is not in sympathy with the style and character of the cottage but dominates and emasculates it.
2. The plot is large enough (1/3 acre) to accommodate, if needed, a large garage of sympathetic style which is detached and away from the existing building.
3. A previous planning application (PA/2016/1572) was eventually approved, which, whilst allowing expansion and development of the existing property to a modern standard inside, also retained the exterior frontage, style and character of the period cottage. We see no reason to further expand the approved plans in size, character or style.

In conclusion, the Parish Council wish to retain the conservation area status and standards that currently apply. To allow this current application will damage not only a lovely period cottage but the street scene of Saxby All Saints and whole essence and rationale of having a Conservation Area at all.

Signature_____

Date_____