

## SELSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall Bar Area Selston.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting candidates Mr Arnold Hankin and Mr Ray Young gave a short presentation about themselves for co-option.

### Present:

Cllr M Ashmore  
 Cllr M H Biggs  
 Cllr B Briggs  
 Cllr J Burns  
 Cllr J Butler  
 Cllr C Chapman also ADC  
 Cllr D Fido  
 Cllr D Hodgman  
 Cllr B Jackson  
 Cllr C Lewis  
 Cllr M Lodge  
 Cllr D Martin  
 Chairman Cllr R Sears-Piccavey also ADC  
 Cllr S Wilson also ADC  
 Cllr P Pilgrim  
 Vice Chair Cllr C Quinn-Wilcox  
 Cllr B G Turner also ADC and NCC

### Apologies:

Cllr S Alvey - Holiday  
 Cllr S Jackson – Holiday  
 Cllr D Justice - Holiday

1. To receive apologies for absence  
 Apologies were accepted as above
2. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors  
 Declarations listed on the signing in sheet were authorised.
3. Co-option of candidate to fill casual vacancy  
**After a vote by show of hands Mr Arnold Hankin was co-opted onto Selston Parish Council.**  
 His Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed at the end of the meeting.
4. Members of the public are invited to address the Council



Residents from Jacksdale voiced their concerns over the potential Community Partnership Library based in Jacksdale Community Centre and requested a Consultation meeting at the Community Centre for the residents of Jacksdale.

Councillors reassured the residents that Selston Parish Council are trying to find a solution to help Notts County Council keep the library service in Jacksdale and agreed to a public consultation.

Cllr S Wilson made a request on behalf of resident Theresa Holmes (who was unable to attend tonight's meeting) to have free use of facilities at the Parish Hall for meetings relating to reviving Selston Parish Carnival. It was agreed that Theresa will liaise with the Clerk.

5. Potential Community Partnership Library based in Jacksdale Community Centre

Liz Edwards Principal Librarian for Community Partnership Libraries at Notts County Council addressed the Council and residents. Notts County Council is facing lots of budget cuts so they are looking at ways to save money whilst still providing access to services. Jacksdale library is currently open 11.5 hours per week and only issues 130 books. There is no permanent staff. Liz previously delivered children's sessions in the libraries including Jacksdale and feels that if the library moved into the Community Centre school children could have class visits in the Main hall and author visits could be organised.

If day to day volunteers could be recruited from the Community the library could be open longer hours.

Liz stated that tonight's presentation is the first part of the investigation process to get a feeling of what the people of Jacksdale want. Notts County Council are committed to keeping all 60 libraries open and want to work out how Jacksdale Library can be the best it can be.

Liz's manager Clare Tobin said there are Community Partnership Libraries in Collingham and Tuxford and they shouldn't see any difference in services but there will be a saving on building costs. It's not about skimping but making services sustainable and it's not a "one size fits all" solution, Jacksdale may be different.

Liz confirmed that the proposed Library will hold all the books that the library does now.

Cllr Hodgman asked if volunteers could have training as it would give them something to put on their CV.

**It was confirmed that a public consultation will be organised with Notts County Council library services.**

Liz Richards, Clare Tobin and residents left the meeting.

6. To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**It was resolved to accept the minutes of the full council on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 as a true record.**

7. To approve wording on amendment to the Code of Conduct

The clerk read out the suggested wording on the use of Social Networking Websites which had been checked by Ruth Dennis the monitoring officer at Ashfield District Council.

**The amendment was accepted and the Clerk will send the revised Code of Conduct to councillors electronically.**

8. Correspondence received as per list attached to Agenda

**It was agreed that Bagthorpe Athletic junior football clubs could use Underwood Recreation Ground for training and when the pitch is of an acceptable standard for matches.**



Copies of the free training from Ashfield Play Forum have been circulated in the Community Centres.

9. Business from previous meetings

Local Council Award Scheme – Cllr Dawn Hodgman, Cllr Robert Sears-Piccavey and the Clerk attended a NALC workshop on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015. Unlike the previous Quality Council Award there are three levels – Foundation, Quality & Quality Gold. There is no financial gain to achieving the award but it gives recognition for being a good council.

Selston Parish Council needs to put all their policies and documents on their website in a timely manner and produce an Action Plan for the current year to achieve Foundation Level. Selston High School has been hosting the website and the Clerk has to rely on them to add information.

Cllr Jane Burns and the Clerk are looking at an alternative that can be updated as required. Ideas for an Action Plan were discussed and it was agreed to hold a meeting of the Strategic Planning & Finance Committee on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7pm where all Councillors will be invited to discuss current, medium and long term objectives. It was noted that the Action Plan objectives should be in response to Community Engagement.

To achieve Quality status requires a qualified Clerk therefore Councillors agreed to support the Clerk to achieve CILCA.

10. Finance

**The Income & Expenditure Reports attached to the agenda were approved.**

**It was agreed that Cllr Chris Lewis and Cllr Gail Turner become signatories for the HSBC bank account.**

11. Recreation Grounds Update

Town Green Selston – It was agreed that Selston Parish Council will organise the closure of Green Farm Road for the Remembrance Service at 9.30am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

Friezeland Underwood – Certificate of Completion has been received. The Clerk has requested an itemised list of works carried out from Jo Phelan at Greater Nottingham Groundworks as all works are not yet completed.

It has been noted that there are insufficient litter bins on the site so ADC have agreed to provide 2 more.

Woodnook Selston – Gordon Pearsons Fair was held 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July without any problems.

It was noted that Middlebrook Road Recreation Ground had been strimmed by the Community Pay back team.


12. To consider Planning Applications as per sheet attached to Agenda

V/2015/0428 was called into Ashfield District Council planning as residents have complained about the development due to it being in a Conservation Area. Cllr Robert Sears-Piccavey reported that he had asked Phil Thomas at ADC to check the original plans where the garage was in the middle of the paddock and the new plans bring the garage closer to the dwelling. He also stated that ADC has advised that the Statement on the Conservation Area of Bagthorpe is actually about Historic Buildings.

Cllr Gail Turner suggested that the JUS.t Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group look into the Bagthorpe Conservation Area Statement.

13. Community Centres Update

It was agreed That Cllr David Martin will fit baby changing units at Selston Parish Hall and Underwood Community Centre.



The question of Disabled access with push button control to Community Centres was highlighted at the Friends of Jacksdale meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The RFO has sourced an estimate of at least £2200 per door. It was agreed that disabled access to all Parish Council buildings should be included in the Action Plan.

Underwood – A replacement cupboard has been ordered for Playgroup. Quotes for a new kitchen have not yet been received.

Cllr Dawn Hodgman proposed an outside toilet for Underwood Community Centre, it was agreed it should be discussed by Underwood Councillors and then at the next full council meeting.

Parish Hall Selston – Awaiting two more quotes for fencing as only 1 received. It was agreed to delegate the Clerk and the Chair to make a decision on receipt of the other quotes.

Jacksdale – A quote of £400 has been received for removing the trees at the Community Centre. Lead Environment Officer Alex Moorhouse has been asked for ideas on replacements. A decision will be made at the next full Council meeting in September.

14. Update on JUS.t Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Robert Sears-Piccavey reported that he had received 2 requests for funding from the co-chairs of JUS.t, one as the Chair of the Parish Council and one as an Ashfield District Councillor. He suggested that the Parish Council supports JUS.t as they are doing a marvellous job on behalf of Selston Parish Council.

The Steering Group have received grants from Locality and Awards for All but require further funding for the Design Support Service.

The Local Council Award scheme requires evidence of Community Consultation and JUS.t are engaging with the community and will bring ideas to the Council.

It was felt that Ashfield District Council should be offering more assistance and Cllr Robert Sears-Piccavey agreed to contact Robert Mitchell the new CEO at ADC.

**All agreed to financially support JUS.t to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Selston Parish.**

The Scoping Report and Evidence base and Policy Review Report are available to view at the Parish Hall Office.

Community Consultations to discuss potential housing and employment sites are arranged as follows: Jacksdale Community Centre 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 9.30am to 12 noon.

Parish Hall Selston 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 7pm to 9pm

Underwood Community Centre 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm to 9pm

The next Steering Group meeting will be held at 6.30pm on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Selston Parish Hall.

It was decided to hold an evening meeting to enable people who work during the day to attend.

15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Selston Parish Hall 7pm

Meeting closed at 9.00pm