

SELSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 24 January 2017 at 7.00pm in the **Old Council Offices Selston.**

Present:

Cllr M Ashmore

Cllr J Butler

Cllr C Chapman

Cllr A Gascoyne

Cllr D Hodgman

Cllr B Jackson

Cllr S Jackson

Cllr D Justice

Cllr D Martin also NCC

Cllr P Pilgrim

Cllr C Quinn-Wilcox also ADC

Cllr S Wilson

Cllr R Young

Apologies:

Cllr S Alvey (family illness),

Cllr B Briggs (holiday)

PCSO Simon Gazzard

Also present: Lisa Simpson Clerk, Lorraine Griffiths RFO, Tracey Kirkland-Walker Admin Assistant, Inspector Glen Longden and approximately 50 members of the public.

Cllr Quinn-Wilcox vice chair opened the meeting due to the resignation of the Chairman. She thanked everyone for attending and requested that items 1 and 2 on the Agenda be changed round which had been agreed by the Parish Clerk.

1. **A minutes silence was held in memory of the late Shirley Houseman former Councillor of Selston Parish Council who served her Community for over 20 years.**

Cllr Chris Quinn Wilcox asked for everyone's patience as she would like to speak before moving on to the Agenda. She thanked the Councillors who have recently resigned, Gail Turner, Robert Sears-Piccavey, Margaret Lodge, Chris Lewis, Arnie Hankin and Mike Biggs, for giving their time and effort for the benefit of the Community. A copy of Cllr Chris Quinn-Wilcox speech is available but in summary stated that it is time for us all to learn from our mistakes and to move forward as a parish council who always put our residents first, and that Selston Parish can be better by working together.

2. **To appoint a Chair of the Parish Council**

Cllr Sue Jackson nominated Cllr Samuel Wilson and was seconded by Cllr Dawn Justice

Cllr C Quinn Wilcox requested a recorded vote.

Those in favour : Cllr M Ashmore, Cllr D Hodgman Cllr B Jackson, Cllr S Jackson, Cllr D Justice, Cllr P Pilgrim, Cllr S Wilson and Cllr R Young

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr S Wilson as new Chair of the Parish Council, who duly signed his declaration of office.

3. **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were accepted as above



4. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors

Cllr D Hodgman – items 8, 17, 18 & 19 pecuniary

Cllr S Jackson – item 19 non pecuniary

Cllr D Justice – item 21 pecuniary and 8, 19 & 20 non pecuniary

Cllr D Martin – items 8, 12, 14, 15, 17 & 19 non pecuniary

5. Members of the public are invited to address the Council

A member of the public rose why figures were not in the minutes. The Clerk responded indicating that there was no reason for this and as far as she was aware, any agreed quotes were always quoted but she was happy to discuss this further if necessary, and copies of all quotes are available to view in the office. Another member of the public raised concerns about what the alternatives would be for the people of Jacksdale and Selston if private security was not pursued. Cllr Wilson asked the resident to stay and listen to the police later in the agenda.

6. To approve the minutes of the full council meeting held on Tuesday 29 November 2017

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on Tuesday 29 November 2017 as a true record.

7. Policing

Inspector Longden reiterated the Chief Constable's commitment to the Police supporting Parish Councils by attending at Full Council meetings wherever possible. He then went on to give a brief overview of figures for crimes reported for the period since April 2016 and that with 463 reported crimes for that period, this was a reduction of 3.5% on the same period the previous year. It was also stressed just how important that it is for all crimes to be reported to the police in order to accurately reflect what is happening in the community and to be able to respond effectively to this with appropriate resources.

A new hub has just recently opened in the Ashfield District Council building at Kirkby and it is hoped that this will enable improved multi-agency working, with Community Protection and Environmental Health also working in the same building together. This will prevent duplication and free up resources.

Calls to 101 are being monitored including unsuccessful ones.

8. Supporting local groups

A letter has been received from Selston Football Club requesting approval and financial support for improvements to the Pavilion and spectator area. Cllr S Wilson proposed & Cllr D Justice 2nd that the Council supports Selston Football Club with £3600 Cllr Wilson asked the football club to liaise with the Clerk for payment of invoices to enable VAT to be reclaimed.

RESOLVED: £2500 from ear marked reserves and £500 from OR internal decoration to be given towards the improvements to the Pavilion and spectator area.

Cllr Dawn Justice stated that she had been asked by Selston Together to propose that the Council is now in receipt of sufficient information to not support or

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promote private security in Selston Parish. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Sam Wilson. All were in favour.

RESOLVED: To not support or promote private security in Selston Parish.

9. Resignation of Councillors – These were noted at the commencement of the meeting

10. Structure of the Council

Cllr Justice raised the matter of reviewing the committees in light of the recent resignations. In particular the Finance Committee requires a new chairperson. Cllr B Jackson nominated Cllr D Justice. Cllr S Wilson seconded.

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Justice as the new Chair of the Finance Committee.

Cllr B Jackson indicated that he had received concerns from residents who were unhappy with recent events.

A vote of no confidence in the current Vice-Chair was proposed by Cllr B Jackson and seconded by Cllr R Young.

Cllr C Quinn-Wilcox requested a recorded vote, those in favour of the proposal were Cllr M Ashmore, Cllr D Hodgman, Cllr B Jackson, Cllr S Jackson, Cllr D Justice, Cllr P Pilgrim Cllr S Wilson and Cllr R Young.

Cllr C Quinn-Wilcox had spoken about wanting to work together and felt it was unfair to blame one person when others at the table had also made mistakes but accepted the vote and stood down.

Cllr S Jackson proposed that Cllr Justice be appointed as the new Vice Chair of the Council. 9 Councillors voted in favour of Cllr D Justice.

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr D Justice as the new Vice Chair of Selston Parish Council.

The Clerk explained that a by election would be held if 10 electorates wrote to the Returning Officer at Ashfield District Council by the 3rd February for Selston Ward and the 7th February for Underwood Ward requesting an election.

If no request is made the Clerk will issue a Notice of Casual Vacancy.

Prospective candidates can then apply in writing to the Clerk and they will be invited to attend prior to the commencement of the meeting on 28th February to address the Council. Councillors may then co-opt to fill the vacancies.

11. Press releases – Draft media policy was handed out. Clerk explained that there was currently no policy so it was important to have one to ensure that any press releases are approved by the whole council.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the next Full Council meeting.

12. Finance to include Budget and Precept for 2017/2018

There were no questions on the accounts attached to the Agenda.

Cllr Justice informed the meeting that due to the resignation of the Finance Chairman, she had chaired the recent Finance meeting, where it was concluded to recommend a 0% increase in the precept. Therefore Cllr D Justice proposed a

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0% increase in the precept which was seconded by Cllr S Jackson. All were in favour.

RESOLVED: To agree a nil raise to the precept for 2017/18.

Cllr Martin referred to the 5 year finance strategy plan which was ongoing and has been progressing well under Cllr Lewis' chairmanship and he hoped that this would continue in his legacy following his recent resignation.

Cllr Justice also offered a vote of thanks to Cllr Lewis for his work on this and with his guidance would like to continue on the same lines.

13. The future of Parish facilities

It was proposed by Cllr Wilson that the male toilets next to the Eleanor Adams room be offered free of use to the Police and Ashfield District Council's CPO's. This would give the Parish an extra 10 hours a week of police presence in the community. This was seconded by Cllr S Jackson and was voted in favour.

RESOLVED: To offer this facility to the Police.

Insp Longden gave agreement in principal, on the basis that there would be no cost to the police for conversion of the area or use of it.

Cllr Justice made a request for volunteers to help with the conversion.

Cllr Quinn-Wilcox requested that any building regulations would be adhered to.

14. Correspondence received – as per sheet attached to the Agenda.

Selston Football Club – Cllr D Martin proposed to approve the upgrade to the parish football facilities stated in the letter as it is currently preventing Selston Football Club from achieving promotion. This was also proposed by Cllr Gascoyne and all were in favour.

Royal British Legion – Cost of Remembrance Day 2016 was £637.09 less £92.50 for wreaths. The Parish Council has already allocated £500 per year in s137 and agreed to pay £544.50 this year.

St Michael & All Angels Underwood – The request for external lighting at the rear and side of Underwood Community Centre is to encourage the young people who attend the youth club to stay in the grounds rather than spilling out onto the road. The request will be considered under Agenda item 19 Community Centres.

Freizeland Gardening Club – The Clerk will obtain quotes to clear and concrete the narrow border immediately in front of Underwood Community Centre.

Malcolm Plumb – Clerk to email minutes to all councillors and to pay the invoice of £52.20 if approved.

Charities Aid Foundation – An anonymous donation of £50 has been received for Jacksdale Community Centre.

Renshaws Mortgage Solutions – to be discussed at Agenda item 19 Community Centres.

15. To discuss quote received for the reduction of the hawthorn hedge adjacent to 36 Station Rd, New Selston

A quote of £825 has been received from the resident and the Clerk has obtained a comparable quote of £950. Cllr Martin proposed that the Parish Council pays half of the £825 which was seconded by Cllr Young and was voted in favour

RESOLVED: To pay half of the £825 quote which would come from the Grounds Maintenance budget.

16. County Council Update

Jacksdale Post Office - was still proceeding but awaiting documentation.

Fly-tipping at Felley – this was ongoing

Petition for parking permit scheme on Lilley Close – this has been declined

Mast at Alma – this had been objected to

NHS – Selston Parish cost the NHS £45,000 for 2015/16. Much of this was due to unnecessary use of Accident & Emergency. There has been a call for a review on prescription charges. Initiatives are being introduced by Adult Health & Social Care team at Notts County Council to reduce the NHS budget.

17. Recreation Ground update

- Freizeland

LIS bid for completion of Skate Park submitted – Ongoing

- Middlebrook Rd

Trees overhanging 18 Middlebrook rd – A site visit has been undertaken by the Clerk & Dave Jones from ADC. The large mature trees in the wooded area at the rear of the Recreation ground are not overhanging. The two smaller trees on the boundary are overhanging so they will be removed.

- Woodnook

Approve quote for overhanging trees – 2 written quotes have been received, as it has been recommended that some of the trees be removed it was decided to consult the residents.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to write to the residents on Recreation st and request replies for any concerns. The Clerk was given delegated power to authorise the works using the cheapest quote of £800.

18. Planning Applications – see sheet attached to Agenda.

Noted

19. Community Centres

Eleanor Adams room

RESOLVED: To keep the Eleanor Adams Room for the use of the community.

Schedule of work for improvement to bar area

RESOLVED: The Clerk to email the Schedule of Works out to the Councillors and defer the matter to the next Finance meeting.

Schedule of work for orangery

RESOLVED: To withdraw this matter from going any further.

Planning for free standing non-illuminated v shaped sign at Pavilion – approved

- Underwood Community Centre - Approval for external light at rear of building.

This was discussed under Correspondence

RESOLVED: To fit an external light at the back of the building.

Cllr Martin agreed to check the improvements to the kitchen before the invoice is paid.

- Jacksdale Community Centre - Consider quotation for removal of tree
RESOLVED: To remove the tree and accept the quote of £400.
 The Clerk informed that grant funding was not available for a feasibility study on the heating and Cllr Martin had a verbal quote of £300 for the service. All agreed to go ahead with the quote and Cllr Martin will give contact details to the Clerk.
- Old Council Offices
 The office area is now vacant. The Clerk had been informed by the previous tenant that they had given notice to the then Parish Council Chairman and an invoice had now been prepared for any outstanding rent.
 Cllr Martin raised the need to advertise for the use to be filled. A market appraisal has now been done.
 Cllr Hodgman indicated a preference of the future use remaining in community use.
 Cllr Martin indicated that the room need to be let out to the most viable option.
RESOLVED: The Clerk to obtain 3 quotes from lettings agencies and for the matter to then return to Full Council.
- 20. Neighbourhood Plan update
 The Neighbourhood Plan is now ready for submitting to Ashfield District Council. The vote on the Neighbourhood Plan will be at the same time as the County elections. In relation to the re-designation of the area, advice received is to wait until after the plan has received approval and then have an early review when the Local Plan has been adopted
RESOLVED: To postpone re-designation until there is a review of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 21. Parish Notice Board, Underwood
 The current Notice board on Main road is in an area where developers want to create a public area. They request that the notice board is moved to another location and they will provide a new one in the public area.
RESOLVED: Clerk to check who actually owns the Underwood noticeboard and then take the matter back to Full Council.
- 22. Date of next full council meeting - Tuesday 28 February 2017 @ 7pm at the Old Council Offices Selston
RESOLVED: The next full Council meeting will remain at the Old Council Offices for the February meeting. Clerk to look at availability for future meetings being at an alternative venue.
- 23. Finance meeting to be arranged – Tuesday 21 February 2017 @ 7.00pm at the Old Council Offices.

Meeting Closed at 20:50hrs

