

Claxby Parish Council

Minutes of the Regular Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th May 2009 @ 7:30pm

Present

Mr Brian Hunter	Chairman
Mr Shane Bennett	Vice Chairman
Mr George Brumby	Councillor
Mr Frank Mandville	Councillor
Mrs Wendy Roe	Councillor
Mr David Lofthouse	Clerk
PCSO Laura Rowley	Police Community Support Officer
PCSO Ross Payne	Police Community Support Officer
Mr Graham Penn	LCC Trading Standards

Apologies

Mr Ray Mitchell	Councillor
Mrs Judith Pilbrow	Councillor

There were three members of the public in attendance.

Meeting resumed at 7:05pm.

The Clerk opened the Parish Council Meeting and welcomed old and new councillors and asked for nominations for the Chairman. Brian Hunter was proposed by Councillor Frank Mandville, seconded by Councillor Wendy Roe and all were in favour. Councillor Brian Hunter was re-elected as Chairman.

The Chairman asked for a nomination for the Deputy Chair. Councillor Shane Bennett was proposed by Frank Mandville, seconded by Councillor Wendy Roe and all were in favour. Councillor Shane Bennett was re-elected as Deputy Chairman.

Before the meeting started the PCSO's were invited to explain the new No Cold Calling Zones that have been set up in the villages. The aim is to reduce doorstep crime in Lincolnshire. There are currently 98 schemes around the county in conjunction with the PCSO's and Trading Standards. Areas are identified and signs erected on lampposts. Details will be circulated to all households in the village. Cold calling is not a crime but the aim is to make cold callers aware that they will be noticed in the zone. Details are to be fully explained in the next newsletter and residents are to be asked if they do not want Claxby to take part in the initiative.

There was a report of motorcycles running in the woods near the traveller's site. PCSO Ross Payne is to investigate.

1. Minutes of March 2009 meeting

Proposed true record Councillor Wendy Roe, seconded Councillor George Brumby.

2. Matters Arising

All matters to be discussed under appropriate agenda items.

3. Highways

The parish clerk has contacted LCC Highways re caravans and vehicles parked on verge opposite traveller's site.

The Boggle Lane footpath is to be tidied by LCC before the open gardens event.

Peter Keal (LCC Highways Dept) to be emailed re ruts in road near Fenwick's Corner, the road past the radar tower and white lining on the corners in the village.

4. Police Report

There have been a number of incidents lately involving two males offering tarmac to local residents. The males cold call at residents' properties offering to tarmac driveways with leftover tarmac. Previous incidents have taken place in Wickenby, Lissington and Snelland. The vehicle used is a blue Peugeot 407 registration number LN55 WHJ and it may be connected with distraction burglaries in our area.

Recently two males attended at an address with a vehicle bearing the logo Lincolnshire Tree Services. They approached the homeowner and agreed a price to cut down conifer trees. The males arrived in a van registration number YX53 AAK, a white and blue tipper van. The work was to be done at a price agreed at £250. When the work was completed the men asked for £750 but the homeowner refused to pay the inflated price. The males said they would return the next day for their money. The householder rang the police and two males were arrested when they returned and charged with fraud offences. These males have previously been operating in the villages across our area. Please do not let uninvited males into your home. If you have any information or sightings of suspicious persons or vehicles ring Lincolnshire Police immediately on 01522 532222 or dial 999.

Councillor Frank Mandville discussed the Market Rasen District Community Panel meeting.

John Goodchild had asked for help with security after the break-in at his house but has not yet been approached by the police.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Combined with Police Report.

6. Planning

Nothing to report.

7. Treasurer's Report

Balance of £2269.17 in the current account with £928.25 in the deposit account was reported.

8. Playground

Immingham ATC have booked the playing field and village hall for the weekend of Saturday 27th June and Sunday 28th June 2009.

The funding request for new gates on the playing field has been approved by LCC's SDF fund.

Playquest are to be approached to see if there is a quieter pulley system for the aerial ropeway.

A request for hedge cutting from residents opposite the playing field has been received. Due to the legal position it is unlikely that the hedge will be trimmed until the autumn.

9. Correspondence

A letter has been received from the Land Registry regarding the registration of Parish Councils' land and buildings. This is to be followed up. Councillor Wendy Roe to check with John Brant regarding ownership of Bristow's Corner.

10. Village Hall

Paint has been bought to redecorate the village hall.

The future of the village hall was discussed. A number of suggestions are to be looked at in the coming months with a possibility of leasing the hall as offices.

Quotes for the repair of the village hall roof are to be looked for.

11. Village Activities

The chairman would like to mention the sad loss of one of our oldest residents Mr John Bristow of Mulberry Road who passed away on 29th March 2009 aged 86 years. All the members of the parish council wish to extend their sympathies to his family

The Claxby Open Gardens event is proposed for Sunday 21st June 2009. A meeting is arranged for 7:30pm on Thursday 28th May 2009 in the Viking Centre.

Blue Moon are to give a concert in church on 31st July 2009.

12. Any Other Business

The village hall is required for the local and European elections on June 4th 2009.

The problem of villagers having fires during the day was highlighted.

Dog fouling on pavements was discussed.

Anglian Water will reduce water bills if surface water drains are not connected to the main sewage system. Details are to be published in the next newsletter.

13. Agenda for July 2009 meeting

As May 2009 meeting.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st July 2009 at 7-30pm in the Village Hall

No other business and the meeting closed at 9:10 pm.