

LOVERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 27th October 2021, 7.30pm

In Attendance: Councillors: Nicola Harris, Spencer Morris, Nigel Tomlinson, Keith Wilson

DMBC Councillors: Nigel Cannings, Martin Greenhalgh

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Colin Wright
2. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**
None declared
3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 14th July 2021** (previously circulated on 15.07.21). These were accepted as a true record of that meeting. (Proposed: Cllr Morris. Seconded Cllr Harris)

4. **Matters arising:**

a) **Queens Jubilee Celebrations**

Local residents, Heather Murray and Kim Tomlinson were welcomed to the meeting to share, at their request, their thoughts on how the village might celebrate the Queens Jubilee in 2022, over the extended bank holiday period Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June. There was general agreement that a useful first step would be to leaflet every household in the parish and seek residents' views/ideas/involvement on the general idea of celebrating the jubilee in the village. Cllr Wilson reported that Simon Harris had offered access to land along Rakes lane should it be required. It was agreed that Ms Tomlinson & Ms Murray would provide copy for a leaflet, Cllr Wilson would use Parish Council resources to print sufficient copies for distribution, Cllr Harris would arrange for the leaflet to be delivered as an insert in 'Tickhill Today' magazine (Proposed: Cllr Wilson. Seconded Cllr Harris) **Action: KW NH NT**

b) **Christmas Lights 2021:**

A report, earlier prepared and circulated by Cllr Wilson and setting out the feasibility and cost of installing lights, was discussed. It was agreed that the cost of lighting was prohibitive and in any case DMBC would no longer agree to new installations on concrete lampposts. DMBC had advised that Loversall would know whether it was scheduled for installation of metal posts no earlier than January 2022.

c) **Relocation of displaced footpaths signs near iport:**

It was agreed that Cllr Wilson would contact Footpaths Officer at DMBC requesting relocation of the footpath signs **Action: KW**

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5. Financial Report

a) Summary:

The balance at the bank as at 26th October 2021 was reported to be £1253.87, this amount includes the second instalment of the parish precept, being £682.00.

		EXPENDITURE	INCOME	BALANCE
14.07.21	Balance at Unity Bank BF			589.87
27.09.21	DMBC – precept payment 2		682.00	1271.87
30.09.21	Unity Bank	18.00		1253.87
26.10.21	Total	18.00	682	1253.87

b) HMRC Statement of Liabilities

Cllr Wilson reported that the parish council had received a letter from HMRC dated 20th October 2021, which requested payment of £829.48, being alleged arrears for National Insurance Class A payments in respect of the former Clerk's remuneration. The claim for this payment is believed to be erroneous in that the circumstances of the Clerk did not reach the threshold for NI payments and neither was the threshold for employers reached. It was agreed that the matter be noted and that Cllr Wilson seek further advice on the interpretation of HMRC regulations on NI payments, including from Cllr Morris, and report back at the next meeting. (Proposed Cllr Tomlinson. Seconded Cllr Morris) **Action KW SM**

6. Planning Applications

An application regarding an extension and building improvement to 'Benmar' on Rakes lane was noted along with recent applications relating to tree reduction or removal within the conservation area (Limetree House, Pear Tree Farm, Paddock House, Loversall Hall).

7. Doncaster Local Plan 2015-2035

All Councillors confirmed that they had received copies of the final Plan by email from Cllr Wilson. Cllr Tomlinson said he had scrutinised the document in detail, though regretted the lack of reference maps. The Parish Council, having made representations during the consultation period, were satisfied that the final version of the plan appeared to contain no adverse implications for Loversall.

8. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust/Iport

- I. Cllrs Wilson and Tomlinson reported on a site meeting with Jim Horsfall (YWT Reserves Manager) along with Ben and Bill Goodhall (Low Farm) and local resident Simon Harris, which took place on 9th September. The meeting considered issues around drainage, fencing, pathways and badger setts. Mr Horsfall confirmed that once under the control of YWT the reserve would be fenced off along either side of the formal bridle paths on the site and the land would be grazed by cattle
- II. Cllr Wilson updated the meeting on recent correspondence with YWT.
 - The drainage issues had been taken up with the IDB
 - The lease was in the process of being reviewed by YWT legal team.

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- YWT would be considering appointing voluntary wardens for the reserve once it had taken control of the lease and interest from parish councillors was invited.
- Consideration would be given to the naming of the reserve once under the control of YWT
- Mr Horsfall, if available, would be pleased to attend the next meeting of the Council to update Councillors in person.

III. It was agreed that the Parish Council should formally request that the reserve be named "The Loversall Reserve" and that Jim Horsfall be invited to attend the next parish council meeting. (Proposed Cllr Wilson. Seconded Cllr Harris).

Action KW

9. Litter /Dog Fouling

An increase in dog fouling was reported along Bubup Hill. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson should obtain suitable signage, asking owners to pick up after their pets. (Proposed Cllr Harris. Seconded Cllr Morris)

Action KW

10. Reporting Noise Nuisance

- I. Cllr Wilson reported that on 4th September two residents had complained to him about noise emanating from a wedding event at the Barn on Bubup Hill. As explained in an email to all parish councillors on 3rd October, noise nuisance must be reported by the complainants direct to DMBC. Cllr Tomlinson said he had taken the incident up with the Mrs Lee, the organiser of the event who had apologised and undertook to ensure it would not happen again. Cllr Tomlinson had received notice of a forthcoming event and had notified all councillors for information.
- II. It was agreed that Noise nuisance would be added to future agendas as a standard item until further notice (Proposed Cllr Wilson. Seconded Cllr Tomlinson)

11. Arrangements for filling Clerk/RFO vacancy

Cllr Wilson reported that the vacancy had been advertised on the parish council website, with no response, and it had been advertised with YLCA with a closing date of January 1st 2022. Cllr Greenhalgh agreed to speak with Cllr Wilson outside the meeting with a view to identifying an existing local Clerk who may be suitable. The situation would be reviewed at the next meeting of the parish council.

12. Clerk's Report

Cllr Wilson had nothing further to report but Cllr Greenhalgh advised the meeting that it might be possible to identify a small resource to fund the cost of Christmas decorations in the village and suggested Cllr Wilson discuss it with him outside the meeting.

13. Date for the next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday 12th January 2022, at 7.30pm in the WI Hut.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.00 hrs

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Signed Date

Chair