

Minutes of Meeting of
East Butterwick Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 10th January 2017
In the W.H.Scutt Hall at 7.30pm

Present : Cllr D.Robbins ; Chairman

Cllr's F.Bottamley, D.Clark, M.Stamp, T.Staples. T Dennis ; Trentside Angling Club

Apologies for Absence None.

Declarations of Interest Min 01/2017 Cllr Clark ; VHC

Questions from Members of Public Min 02/2017 None present.

Chairman proposed the item re fencing the lake be moved to this point to allow Mr Dennis to take part ; Agreed. Mr Dennis ; Problem with otters taking fish from lake, other nearby fisheries were also experiencing the same issue. The entire stocks of bream, roach, & perch had been taken as well as a number of large carp including a 35lb specimen. Otters only eat small amount then leave, several photo's were shown to Members of partly eaten fish. Otters are territorial each territory being 10km with 1 male to 10 females, are a protected species requiring a licence to take action to fence off the lake with special fencing to prevent access by both digging under & climbing over. Application for licence was presently being sought from the Environment Agency, copy of application circulated to Members. Cllr Robbins asked how long the process took & was advised possibly 8 weeks, in the mean time Club members were taking turns at overnight patrolling of the lake as well as taking other recommended measures to deter them. Cllr Robbins asked the intended line of the proposed fence, drawing produced ; 1.5 mtrs from flood bank to coppice, across into cattle field in line with existing fence to entrance near car park. Trees need to come out, these are crack willow & the E.A. have already advised that they are eroding the banks & need to be removed in any event. Amount of fencing 960-1000 mtrs, the club had obtained rough figure £ 17-19k Clerk stated she had asked two contractors to give ball park figure quote on 1100 mtrs , one verbal quote to hand £18-20k dependant on choice of posts, one contractor requesting an on site meeting. Mr Dennis stated that if no action is taken it could mean the end to the lake as club members had spent substantial amount on purchasing fish & feed over the years but would not be a viable option to carry on. Cllr Staples ; Erecting the new gates had made a big difference in preventing access by vehicles at night & fly tipping. Cllr Clark ; Angling Club had held the lease for a number of years carrying out many improvements to the area as well as producing income to the Council. Cllr Bottamley ; Commons Commission had awarded ownership of the common to the Parish Council & it is our responsibility to look after it & proposed we give support to the Club. Cllr Clark ; Supported this, we have the money from N.E. Cllr Staples : While not disagreeing she could foresee complaints from residents that money should be spent for the benefit of the village such as play equipment etc which had been asked for & not agreed, they are not aware of financial restrictions. Cllr Stamp supported Cllr Staples on this issue.

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Otter Fencing Lake cont.... Cllr Robbins ; Not many residents use the common on a regular basis, Cllr Clark similar situation with village hall which is a valuable asset to the village but very few residents use it. Cllr Bottamley supported both these statements, fund raising activities which in the past had raised money for many local charities, a credit to those gone before, have not been carried on by younger generations. Tom Dennis, Angling Club, suggested the Club pay double rent for a few years until the cost of the fencing is recovered. Cllr Clark stated this is very generous offer and with the grants from Natural England of £ 8000k a year the fence would be paid for in a couple of years & proposed we obtain other quotes which was seconded by Cllr Bottamley & agreed by majority. CllrRobbins No decision can be made tonight as licence not yet obtained by club. Item to be placed on February agenda. Mr Dennis thanked members for allowing him to take part & taking on board the Angling Clubs otter problems.

To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting Min 03/2017

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 be approved a correct record.

Questions & Updates on the Minutes Min 04/2017

Clerk asked if the telephone box had been removed ; Still in situ.

Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor's Min 05/2017 None present.

Annual Insurance Renewal Min 06/2017

Renewal due tomorrow 11th January ; Quotes for 1 year policy £ 995.33 or Long Term for either 3 years £ 949.71 or 5 years £ 904.04. Cllr Robbins ; Considerable saving on 5 year option. Clerk advised that whilst the Long Term would save financially if we changed anything this could still increase the annual payments & in the light of possible fencing purchase would not be an advantage. Cllr Clark : proposed we renew for 1 year term look at taking Long Term when the Policy is due next year.

Resolved ; That the Policy be renewed for a 1 year term.

Accounts for Payment Min 07/2017

Resolved : That the accounts detailed below be approved ;-

Zurich Insurance..Annual Premium.....	£ 995.33
N.Beresford....Clerk Salary & Exp 3 months.....	£ 123.89
HMRC.....PAYE..3 months.....	£ 20.00

Receipts : £500 Mr Watson Grazing fees....RPA HLS £ 4194.84.

Set Budgets & Precept for 2017/18 Min 08/2017

Cllr Robbins ; In the light of the Audit Annual report that balances held were high in regards to still setting an annual precept, proposed we declare a Nil precept for the coming financial year, this would help residents with a decrease in their Council Tax. Cllr Bottamley ; Central Government were imposing a Cap for Parish Council's from next year, we could justify some of the precept for the otter fencing ; a donation for the Mayors Appeal fund etc. Cllr Clark proposed we leave as in previous years at £ 750 . On a vote being taken 4 Members voted £ 750, 1 against ; Clerk advised that the Government Grant had been passed to Parish Council's by NLC resulting in £ 633 being collected from residents.

Resolved : That NLC be advised precept be £ 633 + £ 117 Grant. Cont..Page 140

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Playing Field/Village Hall Matters Min 09/2017 None to hand

Planning Matters Min 10/2017 None to hand

Hale & Common Min 11/2017

Fiona Quick has been moved to another area our new contact for Natural England is Morwenna Christian address details remain the same. Clerk : Have sent card & letter of thanks to Fiona on Members behalf for all her work & advice with the Stewardship Scheme.

Highways Matters Min 12/2017

Clerk had circulated letter from Messingham Parish Council advising they had sent letter to NLC supporting our concern with the road from Catchwater to East Butterwick. Cllr Clark had seen workmen repairing potholes through the village ; Cllr Staples had seen NLC lorry early in the morning with flashing orange lights, Clerk could be salting road. Cllr Bottamley requested that all Members be given copy of all correspondence sent for information so future generations would be aware of Parish Matters, Cllr Clark all matters were put in the minutes. Cllr Bottamley Proposed letter be sent to CEO NLC. Clerk advised there was no longer a CEO matters were dealt with through designated Officers.

Correspondence Min 13/2017

NLC : Licensing Police Review requesting any comments : Noted
NLC ; Lincolnshire Lakes Strategic Design Guide ; Adopted by NLC
Environment Agency : Humber Newsletter. Copy circuated.
NLC ; Dates for January Meetings.

Councillor's Reports Min 14/2017 None.