

**MINUTES OF TIMBERLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 8th December 2009 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TIMBERLAND**

Present:

Cllr	J Speirs	Chairman
Cllr	L Lerpiniere	Vice Chairman
Cllr	H Clark	
Cllr	J Speirs	
Cllr	J Slesser	

Mrs	A Greenwood	Clerk
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In attendance:

NO OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT.

1. REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN

1. THE CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE RECORDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING MINUTES AND THAT THE CLERK WOULD DESTROY THE RECORDING ONCE THE MINUTES HAD BEEN PRODUCED.

2. APOLOGIES

2. Apologies were received from Cllr Elvidge, Cllr Holmes and Cllr Ambridge. The Chairman requested that when Councillors were unable to attend meetings that they should send apologies with reasons to be accepted by the Council.

3. DECLARATIONS

3. No declarations were received. Cllr Slesser made the alterations to her declaration forms with regards to her involvement with 'Pizzaz'. These were accepted and would be forwarded to the monitoring officer.

Clerk to forward a copy of the altered forms to the monitoring officer.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th October 2009, were then taken as read, approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Slesser
Seconded: Cllr Speirs

5. PRECEPT

5.1 The Clerk informed the Council that the Council were unable to set the precept at this meeting as the budget for the next financial year had not been finalised. Setting the precept would be postponed until the meeting on 12th January. The Clerk has received confirmation from Mr Richard Starbuck at NKDC that the deadline Council will still be able to work within this deadline.

5.2 The Clerk informed the Council that as the Councils' precept had remained at £2000.00 for the past few years, it had not been increasing with expenditure and therefore needed to be addressed by the Council for the forthcoming financial year. The Clerk informed the Council that at present based on this financial year's figures the Council would be running at a loss of £1,300. The Clerk advised the Council that they should look at ways to reduce expenditure for this year specifically the donations that Council gives. The Clerk advised the Council that they should agree by resolution to transfer £1000.00 from the reserve account to cover the remaining costs to the council for the rest of this financial year. £500.00 of this amount would have to be transferred back into the reserve account during the next financial year to keep the reserve account at an acceptable minimum level of £2500.00 (2 months running costs of the Council).

5.3 Then followed a discussion by the Council about the donations the Council gives to local charities. All agreed that from now on, all requests for donations must be received in writing by the Council ahead of the next financial year.

Clerk to write to local charities involved (Village Hall and Church) to inform and advise them, that if they should wish to request a donation from the Parish Council during the next financial year that they should do so – in writing, by January 4th 2010.

5.4 The Council agreed by resolution to the transfer of £1000.00 from the reserve account to the Current account.

Clerk to transfer £1000.00 between the two accounts as soon as possible

Clerk to finalise and circulate the budget spreadsheet to all Councillors with Call Notice and Agendas before the next meeting on January 12th.

6. FLOOD WARDEN.

6.1 The Chairman informed the Council that Mr Bedford of 5 Church lane had volunteered to be the new Flood Warden for the Parish. **Item now closed**

Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr Bedford and confirm his position with Mel Byrnes at the Environment agency.

7. STREET LIGHTING

7.1 The Clerk informed the Council that she had obtained maps for the Parish of where the street lights and who they are maintained by (NKDC of LCC). The Chairman is to keep a copy of these maps in the village shop and the Clerk is to keep a copy on file. **Item now closed**

Chairman to make a copy of the maps and pass on a copy to the Clerk.

8. UPDATE ON LAND.

8.1 The Chairman informed the Council that he would be having a meeting with Mr Richard South of Thorpe Tilney to discuss the possibility of the Council purchasing some land. The Chairman will keep the sub committee informed of any developments and will report back to the Council at the next meeting. **Item Ongoing**

Clerk to clarify length of time left on loan approval

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Cheques to be signed for Clerks wages: £ £279.84
Litter Picker wages: £45.84

Clement Keys audit fee £57.50
Police authority NH Watch signs £10.00

10. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

10.1. Litter Picking Grant: The Clerk informed the Council that the grant had been received for a total of £216.00

10.2 C.A.B: The Clerk read an e mail received from the C.A. B in Sleaford thanking the Council for considering them for a donation in the next financial year.

10.3 The Clerk read out a letter from the Lincs Playing Fields Association requesting donations.

No action to be taken

11. **AOB.**

11.1 Cllr Clarke communicated some concerns from local residents with regards to the new housing in Shaws Yard. The Council confirmed that some of the housing is 'affordable' housing.

11.2 Cllr Clarke asked if the Council thought the Parish may be interested in purchasing the telephone box from BT. The Chairman said he believed it was listed but would look into it.

11.3 The Chairman informed the Council that the footpath behind Bayfield had now been cleared.

12. **DATES OF NEXT YEARS MEETING.**

12.1 The Clerk gave all Councillors a list of dates for the forthcoming year. The Councillors agreed the dates.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13.1. The date of the next meeting will be January 12th 2010

Signed

Position

Date