

b. Any other matters outstanding.

It was noted that the phone box at Gelston had been repaired and that the sign for footpath 20 had been re-erected.

Cllr Gray informed the meeting that a seat for the play area could be locally obtained for £140. Members agreed to look at the seat and if considered of the right quality the Clerk would make the purchase. Cllr Kingscott and Cllr Gray agreed to erect and secure the seat.

7. Finance Report and Register of Assets.

The Clerk presented the Finance Report and feedback from the Internal Auditor for the year 2009/2010. It was resolved that the report and accounts be accepted and presented to the External Auditor as a true and accurate record. (the EON way leave had been included in Bank Interest and this has subsequently been amended)

The Audit Form, Cash Book and Financial Statement were duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Asset register as presented was also agreed.

8. Risk Assessment Policy including – Insurance, banking and audit arrangements, Playing Field security and safety.

The risks relating to the PC and its responsibilities were discussed. It was agreed that arrangements for banking and security of monies should remain including the signatures of all cheques.

The Audit plan, revised in December was still valid.

The safety rota for the Playing Field had commenced with each Member being allocated a period.

9. Review of Standing Orders, including Financial Procedures and Procedures Generally.

The revised Standing Orders and Financial Regs were reviewed and considered still appropriate.

It was agreed that membership of the Planning Group would be any three members appropriate to the application and availability.

The Chair also took the opportunity to remind members of the rules governing absence from meetings and to inform the clerk of holidays.

10. Planning matters

1. The planning application outcomes were noted.

a. Change of use Gorse lodge Stubton
Awaiting Decision

b. Erection of Dwelling and new access Adj Cottage Lower Rd,
Hough.

Approved Conditionally. – it was further noted that this had been a new application.

c. Alterations to existing Store, Red House, Hough.
Approved

d. Listed Building Consent, 12 High Rd, Hough
Awaiting Approval.

e. Listed Building Consent, Hough House, Hough
Awaiting Approval.

f. Listed Building Consent, Old Hall, Brandon.
Awaiting Approval.

2. To consider any related matters.

It was noted that there did not appear to be any further developments on the Gypsy/travelling site at Fulbeck.

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11. The following items were presented by members.
 - a. Cllr Morgan – Attendance at Hough Community Project meetings.
It was agreed that Cllr Gray would attend the meetings on behalf of the PC. The Clerk would inform the Project accordingly.
 - b. Cllr Morgan – Grass cuttings removal, village green Gelston.
Following the success of the initial removal of grass cuttings at the Village Green it was agreed to continue with the practice. The Clerk would inform the contractor accordingly.
 - c. Cllr Morgan - Co-option of Parish Councillor.
The Chair informed the meeting that Mr Alistair Knott of Hough on the Hill wished to be considered for co-option to the PC. The co-option was agreed. The Chair informed the meeting that Mr Knott could not attend the meeting as he was currently away from the area.
 - d. Cllr Morgan - Conservation area matters in planning.
Following public comment about outbuildings being erected in front gardens it was agreed that the Clerk would confirm the rules and any differences in Conservation areas.
 - e. Cllr Morgan - Tree Gelston Village Green.
Following the comments by SKDC Tree Officer it was agreed that the tree should be monitored for further signs of deterioration. The Chair invited members to inspect the tree and express their views.
 - f. Cllr Morgan - Outcome of meeting with Highways.
 - i. Cleaning of footpath Hough.
The footpath opposite the Church was to be cleaned. It was agreed that following this SKDC would be requested to clean the road.
 - ii. Overhanging Trees, Water Lane, Grantham Rd and other parts of Parish.
The Chair informed Members that LCC had expressed a wish that the PC contact owners of hedges/trees overhanging highways in first instance.
It was agreed that the Clerk would write to owners already identified taking into account the bird nesting season on completion dates.
It was also agreed that the Chair would consult Cllr Newcombe for Brandon, Cllr Gray for Gelston and Hough Members to tour each village to ascertain whether any other trees/hedges required cutting.
 - iii. Erosion of road – Gelston.
The Chair also reported that LCC had agreed to repair the road out of Gelston toward Hough where the road and verge were subsiding into the field.
 - iv. Provision of grit bins.
The meeting with LCC also discussed the review of the provision of Grit Bins and members were asked to comment on where any were considered needed or removed.
It was agreed that a request would be made for provision in the centre of Gelston, which has had problems with, importantly, fuel delivery.
The importance of keeping both bins on the Marston road immediately out of Gelston was also agreed and that the Clerk would map current provision.

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v. Gelston, Kerbing of grassed triangle.

LCC has suggested that the grassed triangle entering Gelston Village may benefit from kerbing. Following discussion however it was considered that this may prove a hazard as vehicles may still run over it in the attempt to navigate the corners. The Clerk would write accordingly.

vi. Provision of barrier, Gelston Lane.

LCC were shown the road to Marston at the double bend where vehicles could easily leave the road and drop into the field. It was agreed that the Clerk would write agreeing with the provision of a ARNCO style barrier.

vii. Verge at Gelston.

At the APM a member of the public suggested that the verge at Gelston was owned by the PC. Following enquiries with LCC the Chair confirmed that LCC considered it part of the Highway.

viii. Planting Trees adjacent to Highway.

The Chair reported that LCC confirmed that permission from them was required to plant trees on verges adjacent to the Highway. They also stated that if any were planted it was up to the planter to maintain and be responsible for the same in perpetuity.

ix. No thoroughfare sign – Gelston.

The Chair invited comments from Members on their reaction to the removal of the no thoroughfare sign at the entrance to Gelston village as part of LCC 'decluttering' programme. It was agreed that the sign was important and without it there were no other indications. The Clerk would inform LCC accordingly.

g. Cllr Morgan – Playing Field Safety Training.

Members were informed that two places had been provisionally booked on a Play Area Safety Course via Community Lincs on the 9th June at a cost of £25.00 each. Members agreed the importance of the course and that Cllr Morgan and Sherwood would attend. The Clerk would provide details when received.

h. Cllr Morgan – Playing Field Matters.

The Chair informed the meeting that J.Lord had agreed to take delivery of and bring the bark to the playing field. The Clerk would liaise with him. Cllr Kingscott will advise the Clerk on an alternative quote.

Following the safety inspections it was agreed to ask the grounds contractor to remove fallen leaves and any other debris from the play area.

h. Cllr Morgan – Areas to plant 'free trees' 2010.

Ideas on where to plant any free trees this coming year was suggested at the last meeting. As planting areas were now limited to public space only and considering the comments in 11.f.viii. above it was agreed that no application would be considered at this time.

i. Cllr Morgan – Repair and Maintenance of Parish seating.

It was agreed that Cllr Morgan would repair the timber on the stone seat at Hough. Brandon members agreed to inspect the seat at Brandon and make any necessary recommendations.

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12. Financial matters.

1. The following payments were authorised-
 - a. Village Hall Meeting 13th May 2010 (£12.50).
 - b. CPRE Membership. (£29)
 - c. Renewal of Insurance. (£527.29). It was however agreed that the clerk would seek terms for a three year contract.
 - d. Payments for Grounds Maintenance for 13th and 28th April 2010 (£240) were approved for payment.
2. The following payments made on tender for grounds maintenance were approved.
For 31st March 2010 £120
3. Any other financial matters.
The payment of £50 to Community Lincs for Play area safety Training was approved. (see 11g above)

13. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence received as shown on the previously circulated list was noted
- b. To note any other correspondence received.
One item of correspondence re Footpath 14 Brandon was noted

14. Matters requiring urgent discussion

There were no other matters.

15. Presentations by other invited speakers.

There were no invited speakers.

16. To note the date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for the 30th September 2010 at Carlton Scroop Village Hall commencing 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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