

**Corringham Parish Council**  
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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6 February at 7.30 pm in Corringham Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. D Semley (Chair), P Arthy, P Hardwick, J Eyre, J Sims, M Parr, S Blades, K Bacon, J Saxon, Cty Cllr. Perraton-Williams and A Hayward (Clerk). Members of the Public: None

01.02.18 **Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

02.02.18 **Apologies for absence and reasons given**

District Councillor Howitt-Cowan (other commitment)

03.02.18 **Declarations of interest**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllrs. J Sims and S Blades – village hall matters (Committee members)

Cllr. M Parr and Cllr. Hardwick – allotment matters

04.02.18 **Public Discussion**

None

05.02.18 **Notes of the last meeting of the Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 January 2018 were discussed and resolved as being a true record.

06.02.18 **Police Report**

PCSO McFaul sent in the following report:

Please accept my apologies as I am unable to attend the meeting this evening as I am on days today. There has been a report of a suspicious vehicle looking around a farmer's yard on Pilham Lane on 19/01/18. Vehicle is local.

07.02.18 **District and County Councillors' reports**

District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Howitt-Cowan forwarded the following report:

I apologise for my absence due to a long standing engagement at the Old Hall

1. WLDC has attracted £2.1 million for housing in the SW Ward ie along the riverside close to the proposed marina
2. There has been a public consultation regarding the Lincolnshire Wolds. Part of which is within WLD, the Wolds are the only part in the Midlands designated as AONB [area of outstanding beauty] and one of the objectives is to extend the designation to include more land in WL and in North Lincolnshire. The Wolds are outstanding, little known and part of our great heritage
3. The Crematoria group has had its first meeting. One idea for a name is, Lea Fields. It will be state of the art, no cafe, landscaped, an area reserved for the internment of ashes. This is a commercial enterprise to supplement the loss of funding from central government and maintain services.
4. Green Bins – to date 4766 people have registered, that accrues to £166,810.If you go on line there is hassle as you register, find a password etc.!
5. At Full Council on 22 Jan we approved of exploring building houses, not council houses but homes that would be rented for those in need
6. Council is not to appoint a Chief Executive at this present time the three directors are deemed to be doing an excellent job. This saves the rate payer £100k per annum!
7. It appears that Scampton Air Show may not be repeated in 2019, this is a big setback for WLDC as we had hoped this would prove to be an annual event and be a premier event in the calendar
8. A paper went to Prosperous last week which will prune back on community grants as the budget will not sustain our current level. Only match funding up to £8k will stay, the £500 awards will go however the Cllr Initiative Fund will be maintained. The defibrillators are still available whilst the stock exists.

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I would encourage all parish councils to think carefully about planning community grants for 2019/20 as there is going to be great pressure on community groups in the future. At Corringham it is WLDC grants that has enabled the small committee to address the infrastructure of the village hall and made it fit for purpose for the next decade and beyond. There are no 'money trees' which will rescue it in the future unless financial support is forthcoming and the village hall is more greatly used. We live in times of great challenges & sacrifices.

9. The next elections are in 2019, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, which is only 15 months away when we shall all be up for election! The Conservative Group is now in forward planning and written to me to enquire if I wish to apply for re adoption and ultimately reselection. I am using the brief time have before responding, to consider my position. I have had the great privilege of serving you since 2010 and I would not have missed the experience for all the tea in China!

County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Perraton-Williams reported as follows:

- Cllr. Perraton-Williams had just attended a meeting regarding the A631 which she felt went well. The junction at Thorndyke Way she believed would be improved and she would be talking to WLDC Planners and Savills about this shortly.
- LCC have had to appoint another Company to work on the Lincoln bypass as a result of Carillion's collapse.
- The A631 features heavily in the upcoming LCC Highways programme of works. Work will be from Corringham to Caenby Corner, including resurfacing work.
- LCC Highways are planning to carry out 'Walkabouts' with Parish Councils during March to identify problem areas
- There will be a County Council Tax increase of 4.95%
- Fair Funding Campaign – the Government has now launched a consultation looking at the relative needs of local authorities

08.02.18

Clerk's Report

The following update was given:

- The broken street light on Middle Street has been reported and is now fixed.
- Chased LCC again about the pothole in Aisby
- Requested dates from Savills to meet to discuss proposed Northern Urban Extension.
- Reminder that the Emergency Planning Workshop is to take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the village hall.

09.02.18

Reports

Village Hall

Cllr. Sims reported as follows:

- The installation of the boiler is nearing completion.
- There are now new electrics behind the bar, new valves on the radiators and the leak has been fixed.
- In February, there will be a 'Not a Valentine's Party'. The darts night was ok. Those who attended enjoyed it. The quiz nights continue to be successful, now looking for guest quiz masters. A fashion night is planned for March.
- The village hall really needs more volunteers and support

Corringham Primary School

Cllr. Semley recent met with the Head Teacher at Corringham Primary School and reported as follows:

- The Head Teacher had not been happy with the way the incident with the fallen tree and subsequent tree survey had been dealt with. Also she had heard that some adverse comments had been made about the school.
- Cllr. Semley had explained about the Parish Council's budgetary restrictions and the lack of funds for projects such as providing additional car parking on the playing field.
- The Head Teacher requested that the Parish Council made a contribution towards the grass cutting on the playing field. Cllr. Semley has asked for figures.
- Cllr. Semley gave details about the scheme for the pond and upcoming planned work. Also reiterated that the Parish Council had an obligation in terms of public liability and required copies of risk assessments and insurances before allowing the school to visit the pond area.

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- The Head Teacher outlined plans for an extension to the school; this was to provide a quiet room for the children.
- Both agreed to move forward with mutual respect and co-operation.

Pocket Pond Initiative

Cllr. Bacon reported that she had been unable to find any funding streams for maintenance of the pond. Cllr. Hardwick advised that Amber Tree Care was aware of available grants and would pass this information on to her. It was also suggest that the Tesco Bags scheme might be an option worth exploring. Cllr. Semley to look into this.

Cllr. Hardwick reported that a third of the pond had been cleared. Also a water lily has been donated; this will help clear the water. The price for the pond clearing work is £500 for the work just carried out and another £500 next year. Amber Tree Care will be visiting again the in spring to deal with any new growth and to plant some dog wood. Cllr. Saxon to look into what might be available through the Woodland Trust.

Clerk to check with the insurance company on requirements in terms of safety signage etc.

Speed Indication Device

Cllr. Arthy reported that the SID was now installed and that there were brackets on street lights numbers 2 and 12 on the High Street. There is one spare bracket. The sign is set at 30mph. The sign will activate at 28 mph but will not activate at speeds in excess of 55 mph (to stop people trying to achieve high speeds). The system came with an instruction book, cd, mains charger, keys and pad lock. SID will need recharging every four to five weeks for 10/12 Hours, but SID will need monitoring for possible recharging e.g. stopped working to make sure it is used to its maximum impact.

Cllr. Arthy reported that a laptop with blue tooth and CD drive was required to download data. The cost of a laptop would be £179.99 and an external drive £16.99. It would also be useful to purchase a ladder and possibly a more secure padlock.

It was resolved to purchase a laptop for £179.99, Cllr. Arthy to progress. It was agreed to recharge the SID w/c 14 February and also relocate to another position.

Clerk to contact the insurance company to request that the SID is added to the cover for theft and damage. Clerk to also chase up PCSO McFaul regarding a temporary speed sign on Middle Street.

10.02.18

**Matters for consideration**

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Semley advised that she was to meet Officers at WLDC to glean more information about the neighbourhood planning process as well as details about funding and timescales.

Winter Newsletter

Cllr. Semley informed the meeting that she plans to postpone publication of the newsletter until more is known about the Neighbourhood planning process.

Grass Cutting Contract

Cllr. Hardwick reported that Peacock and Binnington would most likely cut the grass in front on their premises. Cllr. Parr agreed to cut some the grass verge on the High Street. It was agreed that the grass cutting contract for 2018 would remain the same as the previous year. Clerk to send out the tender document.

Donation to Corringham PCC

A request from Corringham PCC had been received to consider a donation to cover some of the on-going maintenance costs of the church including the security system and maintenance of the clock. A lengthy discussion took place about the deterioration of the church building in particular the broken windows and the headstones. The graveyard was also in need of some maintenance work and was in need of a good tidy up. It was suggested that a working party be put together to help with some of the general maintenance. Cllr. Semley agreed to speak to Cllr. Howitt-Cowan. In terms of the

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donation it was resolved to make a payment of £561.60 from the Ashwin Charity to cover the cost of repair of the church clock. A receipt for the work would be requested.

Adoption of WLDC Code of Conduct

The new Code of Conduct document drawn up by WLDC was reviewed and it was duly resolved to adopt it. All Parish Councillors signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct. Clerk to inform WLDC.

Installation of Benches

Cllr. Hardwick to organise the installation of the new bench in the Cemetery. It was suggested that the old bench could be relocated to the High Street once refurbished. Cllr. Semley suggested that the two on the High Street should be refurbished and relocated. There was some discussion as to where two of the new benches should be located. Suggestions included the High Street and the village hall car park. Cllrs. Sims to obtain quote for laying plinth at the village hall and also ask whether or not the village hall would pay for this.

11.02.18

**Financial Matters**

Financial Report:

Income to date: £ 7,486.37

Outgoings to date: £13,112.09

Funds available as at 06/02/18: £6,285.07

The following payments were proposed, seconded, voted and agreed.

Cheque Number	£	Payee	Reason
100152	150.84	Staff	Salary and Expenses
100153	300.00	Amber Trees	Pond work
100154	100.00	Thonock & Somerby	Allotment Rent

12.02.18

**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received:

WLDC – Press Release: Planning fees increase

WLDC – Information about 2018 West Lindsey Community Awards

LCC – Planned Parish ‘Walkabout’ – two dates were offered; 6 and 27 March. Cllrs. Arthy and Semley agreed to take part in the ‘Walkabout’, preferred dated by 6 March.

WLDC – Press Release: £2.1 million to unlock housing in Gainsborough

WLDC – Press Release: Garden waste service to cost £35 a year from 2018

LALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party

LCC – Fairer Funding Campaign update

Lindsey Age UK – Donation request

**All noted**

13.02.18

**Councillors’ reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda**

The following items were reported:

- Cllr. Bacon reported that someone with an air rifle was shooting birds
- The pothole at Aisby had not yet been repair. Both Cllr. Perraton-Williams and Clerk to chase
- It was reported that the recently repaired potholes on the A631 were opening up again. There was also a huge pothole on East Lane.

Agenda Items

Cllr. Sims confirmed that Steve Eason-Harris from LCC has agreed to speak at the next meeting about the Resilient Communities Program.

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Date of next the meeting confirmed as Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm on Corringham Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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Signed ..... Date .....