

DRAFT MINUTES

BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 2022

CHAIRMAN – COUNCILLOR D. COWLING

PRESENT: Councillors – D. Cowling, B. Orr, W. Pinney, D. Servat, C. Wilson

Also in attendance: -

Mrs. A. Hannath – Clerk to the Council

Cllr. Tom Smith - LCC

Cllr. Peter Morris – WLDC

3 members of the public were also in attendance

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

43 Notice convening the meeting.

Taken as read and approved.

44 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Councillor N. Francis

Councillor W. Pinney

45 a) To Record any Declarations of Interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the Agenda Item and the type of interest being declared.

None

b) To Note any Dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the Agenda Items listed below.

None

46 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR SMITH ON COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr. Smith advised that there was little to report over the summer holiday period. Further developments regarding the proposed bus shelter is reported in the Clerk's report. There are still drainage concerns on Smithy Lane. He will chase this up with the officer responsible at LCC.

47 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIS ON DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr. Morris advised that bin collections will be delayed by one day due to the Bank Holiday for the Queen's Funeral. The Budget consultation event that was due to take place in Caistor will be rearranged. The potential drilling for oil by Egdon in North

Kelsey is under appeal and there is to be a formal public hearing, probably towards the end of the year.

48 Police Matters

- a) August Newsletter received and forwarded
- b) Inspector's Report received and forwarded

49 To Receive any Correspondence (for information only).

- a) Letter of resignation received from Cllr. Jacqui Pinney
- b) Humber Low Carbon Pipelines project - Parish Council update

50 To Receive the Clerk's Report and Update on any outstanding issues

The Clerk contacted Amy Westman of LCC School Transport to discuss the proposed bus shelter for school children. After further discussion with the bus company, it has been decided that the proposed site would be unsuitable; it would involve the bus reversing along Main Street and the children crossing the road near a bend

51 Public Question Time

The three members of the public that were there to discuss the chafer grub infestation on Bigby Green. See agenda item 57 for details.

52 To Receive any Questions from Members.

None notified

53 a) TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES, AS CIRCULATED, OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5th JULY 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July, 2022, having been circulated should be taken as read and approved.

Proposed: Cllr. C. Wilson

Seconded: Cllr. D. Cowling

b) TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES, AS CIRCULATED, OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 5th JULY 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July, 2022, having been circulated should be taken as read and approved.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Servat

Seconded: Cllr. C. Wilson

54 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

a) To Receive the following Financial Report and Approve the Accounts for Payment: as at 31st August 2022 (Statement of accounts enclosed)

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Payments

	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL	
6	7	2022	Auteia Payroll	Payroll	BACS	53.35	10.67	64.02
6	7	2022	Carr Lane Nurseries/A Hannath re	Plants	BACS	27.20		27.20
6	7	2022	JB Rural Services	Grass cutting	BACS	65.00	13.00	78.00
6	7	2022	JB Rural Services	Jubilee Planters	BACS	750.00	150.00	900.00
13	7	2022	AW Ricketts	£20.00 towards tree purchase	BACS	20.00		20.00
11	7	2022	Tesco/D.Cowling refund	Refreshments for Solar Energy Consul	BACS	25.17		25.17
16	7	2022	HSBC	Bank Charges	BACS	8.00		8.00
27	7	2022	JB Rural Services	Grass cutting	BACS	65.00	13.00	78.00
16	8	2022	HSBC	Bank Charges	BACS	8.00		8.00
9	9	2022	Auteia Payroll	Payroll	BACS	43.01	8.60	51.61 *
9	9	2022	JB Rural Services	Grass cutting	BACS	130.00	26.00	156.00 *
14	9	2022	Petty cash / A. Hannath	Top up	BACS	68.05	13.61	81.66 *
30	9	2022	A. Hannath	1/4 Wages	BACS	582.75		582.75
30	9	2022	A. Hannath	1/4 Homeworking Allowance	BACS	30.00		30.00

*Additional payments since publication of the agenda

It was resolved that the accounts for payment listed above and the Statement of Accounts be approved.

Proposed: Cllr. C. Wilson

Seconded: Cllr. B. Orr

55 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISION NOTICES

Members are reminded that applications can be received after the deadline for the publication of the agenda. The clerk will forward any further applications to you before the meeting for your consideration.

No applications had been received

56 BIGBY SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

a) To receive an update from Councillors Wilson and Cowling on the project

The current position is that the Landowner, Anthony Turnbull, is investigating whether the way forward is to produce hydrogen, as connectivity to the National Grid is a major problem.

57 TO CONSIDER A REGULAR DONATION FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL TO THE VILLAGE HALL.

The Clerk advised that there was £1500.00, Case of Need, in the current budget for the Village Hall.

It was resolved that a yearly donation of £1500.00 be made to the Village Hall. In return, the Council will have free use of the hall for its meetings and ‘whole’ village events, such as the Jubilee Celebrations in the summer of 2022. Fundraising events for charities other than the Village Hall itself will be charged at the usual rate.

Proposed: Cllr. B. Orr

Seconded: Cllr. D. Cowling

58 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON THE STATE OF THE GRASS ON BIGBY GREEN AND TO DETERMINE ANY ACTION THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN

Bigby Green is suffering from a major infestation of chafer grubs. As a result, much of the grass has died and many weeds are growing. The Clerk had sought advice from the Village Handyman, who suggested treating with nematodes. A lengthy discussion ensued with the residents of Bigby Green. Their main short-term concern was how untidy the green looks.

It was resolved that the Clerk seek a price from the Village Handyman for removal of the turf and rotovating in order to allow birds to eat the grubs. (Maybe also treat with Nematodes.) The Council will seek ideas from the residents as to how to develop the Green after this, with a view to tying in any proposals with budget setting in December.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Cowling

Seconded: Cllr. B. Orr

59 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF BULBS, PERENNIALS AND PLAQUES FOR THE PLANTERS INSTALLED THIS YEAR.

It was resolved that £300.00 be used from the Jubilee Fund to buy perennials and plaques for the planters to identify that they were bought to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Mrs. Gloria Bratton will also donate Bulbs and cuttings from perennials.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Servat

Seconded: Cllr. D. Cowling

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed

Chairman

Monday, 31st October, 2022