

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023**

**CHAIRMAN – COUNCILLOR D. COWLING**

PRESENT: Councillors – D. Cowling, C. Gandy, N. Francis, B. Orr, W. Pinney, C. Wilson

Also in attendance: -

Mrs. A. Hannath – Clerk to the Council

Cllr. P. Morris WLDC

Cllr. Tom Smith – LCC

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED**

**97 Notice convening the meeting.**

Taken as read and approved

**98 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr. D. Servat

**99 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

**100 a) TO CONFIRM CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL OF CLAIRE GANDY AND THAT THE ASSOCIATED FORMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED**

Confirmed

**101 Police Matters**

All newsletters have been forwarded. Visit by PCSO Dawn Cowling has been postponed

**102 To Receive any Correspondence (for information only).**

None received

**103 To Receive the Clerk’s Report and Update on any outstanding issues.**

- a) The Kettleby Lane sign has been repaired.
- b) Awaiting a response from Tom Rowle regarding the new Dog Waste bin for the Viking ~Way.
- c) The Clerk spoke to the Garden Centre regarding the issue of the A1084 being blocked over the weekends in the run up to Christmas. The Deputy Manager maintained that in the event of an emergency, the Emergency Services would be able to get past the blockage. He did apologise for the inconvenience for local residents, but did not think that they would be able to purchase additional land for parking. Also that the disruption only occurs at this busy time of year.

**104 To Receive any Questions from Members.**

None notified

**105 Public Question Time.**

There were no members of public present.

**106 a) TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES, AS CIRCULATED, OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**It was resolved that** the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, having been circulated should be taken as read and approved.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Cowling

Seconded: Cllr. B. Orr

**b) TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES, AS CIRCULATED, OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**It was resolved that** the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, having been circulated should be taken as read and approved.

Proposed: Cllr. N. Francis

Seconded: Cllr. B. Orr

**107 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**

**a) To Receive the following Financial Report and Approve the Accounts for Payment: As at 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Documents attached)**

| DATE |    |      | PAYEE                   | DESCRIPTION                | CHEQUE | AMOUNT | VAT   | TOTAL  |
|------|----|------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| 2    | 12 | 2022 | Petty Cash Top Up- no.3 |                            | BACS   | 57.67  | 11.53 | 69.20  |
| 12   | 12 | 2022 | JB Rural Services       | RotovatE/spray Bigby Green | BACS   | 300.00 | 60.00 | 360.00 |
| 21   | 12 | 2022 | Autela                  | Payroll                    | BACS   | 43.59  | 8.72  | 52.31  |
| 9    | 1  | 2023 | HMRC                    | PAYE/NI                    | BACS   | 25.60  |       | 25.60  |
| 9    | 1  | 2023 | Total Sign              | Reposition damage post     | BACS   | 108.40 | 21.68 | 130.08 |
| 15   | 1  | 2023 | HSBC                    | Bank Charges               | BACS   | 8.00   |       | 8.00   |

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

Proposed: Cllr. W. Pinney

Seconded: Cllr. B. Orr

- b) **To Undertake a Quarterly Review of the Accounts.** (Documents attached)

**It was resolved that** the Review of the Accounts for the third quarter be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr. W. Pinney

Seconded: Cllr. B. Orr

- c) **To finalise the budget lines for next year's budget**

**It was resolved that** the budget lines as proposed in December remain the same and that the approved budget for 2023/24 also remains the same

Proposed: Cllr. W. Pinney

Seconded: Cllr. B. Orr

## **108 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.

### **Reference: 146053**

Planning Application the construction of a car wash facility. Brigg Garden Centre, Bigby High Road, Kettleby

**NOT SUPPORTED**

**It was resolved that** objections be raised concerning this planning application. The objections are as follows:-

- a) Concern raised over the additional volume of traffic that the car wash facility will produce. (There is already congestion on the A1084 at busy times of year.)
- b) Loss of parking spaces.
- c) Proximity to similar businesses already operating in Brigg
- d) The proposed exit is where there is currently pedestrian and disabled access. The cars exiting will cut across the route pedestrians take.
- e) Concern also about turning out of the site, especially doing a righthand turn. This is already a concern for the current exit.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Cowling

Seconded: Cllr. C. Gandy

### **Reference: 145966**

Panning application to erect new boundary walling and stone portico to front entrance door.

The Clerk advised that the revised plans now show the wall as being 1050 mm high, which is considerably lower than the original plans.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

## **109 TO CONSIDER EXAMPLES OF NOTICEBOARDS FOR SMITHY LANE AND TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF SAME**

Three different companies were considered at the meeting, along with the proposed materials and style of the noticeboard.

Cllr. Peter Morris advised that he could be approached for a contribution from his Councillor Initiative Fund. The Clerk is to complete this as soon as possible.

Given that the overall price for the noticeboard, including fitting, will be around £1100.00, and with a contribution from the Councillor Initiative Fund, it was suggested that a further noticeboard be purchased to be sited on the wall between the church and the village hall.

**It was resolved that** a new like for like noticeboard be purchased for Smithy Lane from the Parish Noticeboard Company, in the sum of £895 plus VAT and delivery. Also, that a further smaller board, in the sum of £550.00 plus VAT and delivery, be purchased. Funding to come from the Community Infrastructure Levy fund. (Total spend well within the £2000.00 budget set at the last meeting.)

Proposed: Cllr. D. Cowling

Seconded: Cllr. N. Francis

**110 TO CONSIDER THE MEANS OF ROAD AND PAVEMENT GRITTING IN WINTER GIVEN THAT THE VILLAGE HANDYMAN NO LONGER LIVES IN THE VILLAGE**

**It was resolved that** this item be deferred to a future meeting to allow further consideration to be given to how this could be achieved next winter.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Cowling

Seconded: Cllr. N. Francis

**111 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIS ON DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

- a) The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan has been inspected. Awaiting comments before it can be formally adopted.
- b) The re-cycling centre usage at Melton Ross continues to be an issue, given that it is in North Lincolnshire and officially cannot be used by Bigby residents. WLDC argue that they are legally obliged to provide a site that is within a 12-mile radius of residents. Clearly, the site at Market Rasen is further away than this, but 95% of residents in WLDC are covered by this criterion.

Councillor Morris is keen to keep up the fight, but until the district councillor election is completed in May, he can take no further action as it could be deemed to be electioneering. If he is re-elected, he is going to petition residents on their views.

**112 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR SMITH ON COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

- a) Cllr. Smith advised that he had raised an objection to Planning Application 146053 with regards to queueing traffic
- b) The re-cycling centre is a joint concern between Councillors Morris and Smith.
- c) Cllr. Smith to chase the fixing of the pothole on Main Street.

**113 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM LIVES FOR A DONATION TOWARDS FUNDING DEFIBRILLATOR PADS**

**It was resolved that** the Council would not make a donation given that it is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of a de-fibrillator in the village. The one in the box is fully up to date and there is a spare set of defibrillator pads and battery pack if there was a need to replace them after use.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Cowling

Seconded: Cllr. B. Orr

**114 TO NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2023, DUE TO THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE MEETING DATE AFTER AN ELECTION**

Noted

**115 BIGBY SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT**

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

- a) Caistor in the early stages of a similar project
- b) He has spoken to LALC at a meeting of clerks to get the message across to other parish councils.

b) **To consider supporting The Local Electricity Campaign (See link below)**

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/the-local-electricity-bill>

**It was resolved that** the council add its name to supporting this bill.

Proposed: Cllr. C. Wilson

Seconded: Cllr. D. Cowling

The meeting closed at 7.37 pm

Signed .....

Chairman

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023