

***NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE
NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE***

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

11th April 2024

Present: Councillors Dawkins, Hudson, Shreeve and S Swinburn

B Turner
V Turner
J Masterton
P Fieldgate
G Baker
D Raper
T Crofts
M Archer
A Moss

Bradley Parish Council
Bradley Parish Council
Great Coates Village Council
Healing Parish Council
New Waltham Parish Council
New Waltham Parish Council
Stallingborough Parish Council
Waltham Parish Council
Waltham Parish Council

Also in attendance:

Paul Thorpe – Operations Director (EQUANS)
Paul Windley – Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

LM.31 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Hudson be appointed as Chair of this meeting.

LM.32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Astbury (North East Lincolnshire Council), Councillor Pettigrew (North East Lincolnshire Council and Ashby Cum Fenby Parish Council), Councillor Bratton (Barnoldby Le Beck Parish Council), Councillor Chapman (Barnoldby Le Beck Parish Council), Councillor Poucher (New Waltham Parish Council) and Insp Jacobs (Humberside Police).

LM.33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by any Committee Member in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

LM.34 MINUTES

The committee received the minutes of the Town and Parish Council

Liaison Committee held on 25th January 2024.

At LM.23, Councillor Fieldgate clarified that DS Potter had offered to provide assistance rather than agreeing to attend parish council meetings.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Town and Parish Council Liaison Committee held on 25th January 2024 be approved as a correct record, subject to the amendment of LM.23 to note that DS Potter had offered to provide assistance rather than agreeing to attend parish council meetings.

LM.35 POLICING MATTERS

Unfortunately a representative from Humberside Police was unable to attend this meeting to provide an update on policing matters. It was noted that, if the committee had any pressing issues then these would be reported back to the police for comment and action.

Councillor Dawkins raised concerns with delayed responses when using the 101 non-emergency telephone number. He referred to an example when someone had been placed on hold for 25 minutes.

Councillor Hudson agreed that response times were a concern and cited a recent example of someone who had dialled 999 due to an ongoing incident only to be told to phone 101 instead.

RESOLVED – That the above comments be reported to Humberside Police.

LM.36 CONSULTATIONS

The committee received an update on current consultations being conducted by North East Lincolnshire Council

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.37 HIGHWAYS/TRAFFIC UPDATE

The committee received an update on highways/traffic matters.

Mr Thorpe reported that the Local Transport Plan programme for schemes to be delivered in 2024/25 had been signed off by the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport. This would be further publicised but Mr Thorpe noted that there was some funding available for suggestions from the parish councils for improvements to the highways network. Any proposals should be submitted to the Highways team.

Councillor Baker enquired about progress with a proposed cycle lane on Peaks Lane, New Waltham. Mr Thorpe agreed to investigate and report back.

Councillor Turner noted that she had reported a number of pothole repairs and, in general, these had been dealt with really well. However, last week she had received a rather curt response to such a request informing her that it should be repaired within 10-12 weeks.

Mr Thorpe explained the criteria for pothole repairs but noted that he would need to see the detail of this particular example. He added that a recent independent audit of the council's highways policy had concluded that an outstanding service was being provided.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.38 ISSUES RAISED BY TOWN/PARISH COUNCILS

Waltham Parish Council

Councillor Moss enquired about access to information on tree protection orders.

Mr Thorpe explained that there was no centralised electronic database for all tree protection orders. Tree officers would provide relevant information if they are contacted about specific tree protection orders. He recognised that a centralised database would be of benefit but it was a matter of priorities and resources. He further explained that there was a new Tree Strategy which would bring improvements and a number of tree planting events were planned.

Bradley Parish Council

Councillor Turner explained that following a recent emergency in the village, the parish council's attention had been brought to the fact that its emergency plan set up had limited benefit and we would like to find out how other parish councils are dealing with theirs, particularly in relation to informing residents of an emergency situation.

Parish council representatives suggested a number of methods of communication, including Facebook, parish council websites, leaflets, radio and text messages. Concerns were raised about GDPR implications if phone numbers were used.

The committee requested that a representative from the Emergency Planning team be invited to a future meeting of this committee to provide advice.

RESOLVED – That a representative from the Emergency Planning team be invited to a future meeting of this committee to provide advice on informing residents of emergency situations.

LM.39 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The committee were provided the opportunity to raise any development issues. No such issues were raised.

It was noted that a representative of ERNLLCA would be invited to attend future meetings of this committee.

LM.40 REFERRALS TO SCRUTINY

There were no matters referred to scrutiny.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.40 p.m.