



MINTING AND GAUTBY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the

Minting and Gautby Parish Council

Held on

Monday, 18th July 2016 at Gautby Village Hall at 19.30

Present

Chairman Cllr. J Heselwood, Cllr. J Laver, Cllr. J Stuchfield, Cllr. H Padfield, Cllr. G Bell, and Cllr. E Brown. 2 members of the public (David Reed and Dianne Reed)

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair welcomed members of the public to the meeting, explained the meeting procedure and how the public are legally allowed to participate at the beginning of the meeting at the public forum. She then invited questions as part of the public forum.

Mrs Dianne Reed advised they had been told that they would be kept informed about the progress of a potential community bid for the Sebastopol Inn, but all that they knew was a public meeting had been held, at which 26 people had attended and a further meeting would be held. The Chair advised that this was all that had happened until very recently. At the original meeting, interested attendees were encouraged to discuss the matter informally, to see if a steering party could be formed. From these discussions, Sarah Smith has become the co-ordinator at this stage. The Chair met her last week and she is thinking about applying for grants for a feasibility study, but with no bank account this was difficult to do. For this reason, it was suggested that the group is formed as a working party of the parish council and could therefore have better access to grants. The Chair advised what exactly a working party of the parish council meant and that this is the reason for item 8b on the agenda. The Chair further confirmed that there would be another public meeting for anyone who wished to attend and Mr & Mrs Reed would be updated after this. Public session closed at 7.50pm.

1. Chairman's remarks - Welcome Members of the Public

The Chair thanked members of the public for their participation.

2. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr. Keys sent apologies due to work commitments. It was agreed by all to accept the reasons for the apology.

3. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 made under the s.30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011 While not a disposable pecuniary interest, the Chair reminded councillors of the dispensation regarding Item 7 remains in force for Councillors Heselwood, Padfield and Brown.

4. To confirm or amend, and sign the minutes of the meeting held on June 20th, 2016

- a. The Chair requested any corrections to the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on June 20th, 2016. No corrections were required. It was proposed by Cllr Stuchfield, seconded

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by Cllr. Brown and agreed by all that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting on June 20 2016. The Chair duly signed the Minutes as a true record.

5. To consider planning application from West Lindsey District Council ref 134528, concerning plans for a bakery at the British Sugar Factory in Bardney.

Councillors discussed the application and it was agreed by all for the Clerk to respond to West Lindsey District Council with the following:

Councillors support the provision of a number of much-needed jobs in the area. However, they had a number of concerns which they would like addressed if the application is permitted. As much as possible must be done to mitigate the effects on the nearest neighbours, particularly the Bardney Heritage Centre which may suffer financially and in terms of light and noise pollution from the factory. The Council would fully support the moving of the cycle route around the edge of the factory, this should be made a condition of acceptance of the application and the developers should further be asked to make a contribution to any improvements required in the village infrastructure. In addition, Councillors would like to be assured that potential odours will be minimised and how this would be done.

6. To consider planning application reference S/122/00634/16, concerning erection of a stable block etc on land off Lodge Lane, Minting LN9 5NR

The Chair advised that a resident had brought up concerns about the possibility of this application not being for domestic use, however the resident was not in attendance to discuss this further. After discussion of all the application papers, it was proposed by Cllr. Bell, seconded by Cllr. Laver and agreed by all for the Clerk to make the following response to ELDC:

It is unclear why if there are 4 horses there needs to be extra 6 stables. Councillors would certainly object to floodlighting if it is still part of the application, due to light pollution and disturbance to neighbours. In addition, Councillors object to the use of a caravan, since tea and coffee making etc can be done in the tack room. Access is also a concern, since the entrance is on a dangerous double bend. Councillors would like to minimise traffic around that area, since it is a blind bend. If permission is granted, councillors request a condition of private use only.

7. Update to planning application, West Lindsey District Council ref 134453, concerning change of use of land from agricultural land to clay pigeon shooting club and other outside activities at Bardney Airfield, Gautby Road, Bardney LN8 5JN.

Councillors were provided with a copy of the agreed response of the parish council to the planning application sent after the previous parish council meeting in June. The Chair advised that she had checked the West Lindsey website that day, and there is now a letter of support for the application from the Country Landowners Association; on the basis of support for farm diversification. As yet, no amended application, or amendments to the original application have been made.

8. Sebastopol Inn

a. To receive a verbal report regarding the public meeting on 27 June 2016 in respect of the possible community bid for the Sebastopol Inn

This item was dealt within the public forum as detailed above.

b. To decide whether to set up a community pub working party of the Parish Council comprising members of the community for the initial investigation stages into financial viability

The Chair advised that she believed a working party would be a short-lived entity carrying out the initial work to see if a community bid for the pub is viable. She advised that a Steering Group is a legal entity which would become the first directors of the community venture. A working party of the parish council would be a way of getting the project moving forward, with the ability of the group using the parish council's bank account to receive grants for the feasibility study. It was proposed by Cllr. Heselwood, seconded by Cllr. Stuchfield and agreed

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by all to set up a working party of the parish council for the purpose of a feasibility study for a Community bid for the Sebastopol Inn. The Chair and/or Clerk would be the representatives of the parish council at the meetings and will attend the follow up meeting on 25 July.

9. To consider and respond to the ELDC Local plan consultation

The Chair summarised the ELDC Local Plan for councillors and confirmed that as per their definitions, Minting is a small village and Gautby considered open countryside. It was agreed by all that the clerk make a response online to ELDC based on the following:

- Greater emphasis on public transport and other ways to help people without cars
- High Speed Broadband as a major priority
- Dark Night Skies
- Fracking – council objects to this
- More value assigned to environmental capital
- Energy efficient and sound-proofed affordable homes
- Comments on deteriorating roads
- Support of Settlement patterns
- Community Buildings/Village Pubs need better protection
- Empty House reuse target raised
- Protection of Ancient Forest and Environmental Enhancement at all opportunities
- Wider choice of skills courses and IT Training
- Objecting to large supermarkets in Louth and Horncastle
- Better choice of landscaping trees to enhance biodiversity
- Soil protection and food security

10. To consider and respond to the consultation on creation of a Greater Lincolnshire Mayor

Councillors discussed the functions of the proposed Greater Lincolnshire Mayor. It was proposed by Cllr. Bell, seconded by Cllr. Stuchfield and agreed by all for the Clerk to respond to the consultation advising that the Parish Council does not agree to a directly-elected mayor, but that all the authorities ought to work together more and elect their own leader to work on areas of concern such as business growth and the building of high quality and environmentally friendly homes.

11. To discuss a request by Minting Village Hall to allow overnight camping on the parish council playing field for 2 nights 9-10th September 2016 as part of a village hall booking by Horncastle Astronomy Weekend

The Chair advised Councillors that Minting Village Hall have a weekend booking in September for the Horncastle Astronomy weekend, and they have been asked as to whether it may be possible for participants to camp on the playing field on the Friday and Saturday nights. It was proposed by Cllr. Laver, seconded by Cllr. Stuchfield and agreed by all that this is acceptable, providing the organisers have their own public liability insurance and no vehicles are taken onto the field, or open fires. Clerk to advise Minting Village Hall of this.

12. To receive reports from the Clerk and Councillors on matters outstanding and not on the agenda

The Clerk advised that Anglian Water had been in touch, seeking information on whether anyone has a privately owned pumping station on their land. They wish to publicise the request, Clerk to pass the details on to Councillors.

**13. To suggest agenda items for the next meeting on Tuesday, 20th Sept., 2016 at Gautby Village Hall
None**

Meeting Ended 9.09pm