

TATHWELL & HAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4th July 2016 at St Vedast's Church at 7pm

Present: Councillor Howard (Russell) Chairman
Councillor Jean Howard
Councillor John Stainton
Councillor Elizabeth Hairsine
Clerk: Mrs Marina Hurst
Also in attendance were 5 members of the public

Apologies: None

Before the minutes were read and approved. The Chairman decided to commence with **Item 6** on the agenda which was the Footway Lighting as the members of the public who had attended had mainly come with regards to this item. This seemed to be causing some unrest as to what the next step was going to be after the first consultation which had taken place, as although there was not a lot of response from the first meeting, although there had been notices displayed within the village of Tathwell and Haugham and people had been invited to attend the meeting and voice their opinion. To date the Clerk had only received one letter objecting to the switch-off.

The Chairman had put a lot of work into negotiations with the Council to see if he could find any further information with regards to this, to how if we kept the street lights on and cost of maintenance. Re pole replacement: the answer at this stage was inconclusive.

Also which would have to be looked into would be how long before the Poles would need to be replaced. What the liability Insurance would be, and who would be responsible for replacing the poles. Would East Lindsey take responsibility on; we suspect not. We would suspect us as the Parish Council would be responsible for it, so putting extra cost onto the Council Tax cost, as obviously the Parish Council would need to apply for extra Precept which of course would have to be funded by the people of Tathwell and Haugham on their Tax Bills. On the other hand there may be objections from persons who had no street lights in their area and would object to wanting to pay extra on the Council Tax

Several of the visitors voiced opinions as to what they thought the Council should do. One of the suggestions was that a survey should be composed to enable the residents to put down whether they were in favour of keeping the Footway Lighting or to do away with them altogether. It was also pointed out to the Council that during the dark evenings it would be dangerous for the children who relied on the school bus for transport, and would obviously be catching it to go to school and returning in the dark.

Two of the Ladies of the public who were residents offered to put a survey together so as to enable the residents in the two Parishes to answer the questions which had been put together so that we could get some feedback to see how they actually felt and wanted with regards to the Footway Lighting (with the permission of the Council) and of course the Chairman would need to look over the document to make sure that

it was legal and that we were not devising anything which would put the Council in trouble. This was agreed by the full council. They would be distributed and collected by the two members of the public, and then a decision would be made, but in the meantime the Chairman would be contacting Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC) again to seek further information and advice.

At this time the Chairman also requested that due to the fact that we required a Chairman or Responsible Financial Officer [RFO] (due to the fact that the acting Chairman was also the RFO and this was not viable to have the two running side by side) would any of the members of the public who were in attendance like to be nominated onto the Council. Due to the fact that we were lacking in numbers, we were concerned to see what would happen to the Parish Council should we not be able to attract further members onto the Council. Unfortunately the response was nil.

The Chairman at this time said that members of the public could either stay and listen to the rest of the meeting or disperse: should they remain throughout the rest of the Agenda, they were not at liberty to speak or pass comment on any items unless were requested to do so.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Any other business: Cllr Jean Howard informed the Council that she was still awaiting information with regards to the War Memorial, as in between her corresponding with regards to this we had been given listed grading of Grade II (which was very good), so we now have to await hopefully information which can be forthcoming at the next meeting.

We still hadn't any news with regards to who owns the Green Lane. Owing to the fact that Cllr Cheryl Shaw was not present at this meeting we were unable to establish if Andrew Shaw had managed to speak to the owner of the property in that Lane, to see if we could cut back the branches which were hanging over the lane.

The clerk was going to write to the Council with regards to the grass which was blocking the view to enable drivers to see oncoming traffic as you approach the corner by the Fish Farm on Raithby Road as it was very overgrown, and obstructing drivers who were approaching to come out onto the Raithby Road from the turning from Tathwell onto the slip road to go onto the Raithby Road and this could prove very dangerous.

It was also pointed out again about the speeding which continually happens throughout Tathwell. The 30 mph sign was not positioned optimally and Cllr Howard had reported this. These also once again needed the hedgerows cutting back, but we seem to think this is the Land Owner's responsibility.

The date of the next meeting was to be held on Monday August 8th at 7pm.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8pm.

Signed:
CHAIRMAN
Date: