

# Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## at Great Ponton Village Centre.

Present: Cllrs E.Booth (Chairman), P.Jackson (Vice Chairman), G.Taylor, R.Taylor, D.Booth.

### Chairman's welcome.

- a. Cllr Eileen Booth (Chairman) welcomed everyone.

### Public forum.

*The Parish Council welcomes the views, suggestions and feedback from residents on the projects and associated borrowing approval application.*

1. Apologies.
  - a. None received.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
  - a. None made.
3. **Notes of the minutes from the previous meeting** held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to be approved as a true copy of the minutes. It was agreed to accept these as a true copy. Resolved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
  - a. **Highways matters.**
    - Observations had been made regarding the school swimming bus driving through the village, concerns were the weight limit over the bridge. As this is on a bus route and dangerous to access the village from the A1, then these concerns were not justified. Although HGV drivers are still using village access via the bridge.
    - Flytipping. Anyone who reports or anything that is found to be deemed Flytipping is reported to SKDC immediately. SKDC act very quickly at getting items removed.
    - Grit Bins are getting refilled when necessary.
  - b. **Community Speed watch.**
    - It was reported that the vehicle counts were 17405 and 55mph max speed and the average speed is 20.6mph.c.

### Boundary and Village centre.

- A reminder that the boundary of Parish Council land still runs down a residents garden.

## 5. Village Centre report.

- Easter Bingo is planned on behalf of the village school.
- St. Patricks Day event is planned with a band. Raising funds for Lincs Friends of the Hospital.

## 6. Community Playing Field.

### Notes taken from the previous minutes in January.

▪ Notice had been received from Pygott & Crone, for the sale of the area of land known as 'The Paddock'. Access over this area had always been in use by both Parish Council (PC) and residents to access the playing field and camp site. The owners of The Paddock had now denied access to everyone due to the impending sale of the land. The PC had replaced the broken down fencing and placed a huge boulder in the gateway to stop any vehicles using it. After discussion, it was decided that the PC must put in an offer for The Paddock, as the only other access to the playing field was via the A1, which was most unsuitable and dangerous. Letters of support from various service users had been obtained and these should be included with the 'offer' and sent to the estate agent. An undisclosed sum had been agreed by all Councillors and the Clerk was asked hand deliver the documents before 12noon on 16<sup>th</sup> January being the deadline.

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### UPDATE.

- General Project Consultation.

After notices around the Parish had been issued, and invites to attend the APM to discuss the buying The Paddock, no objections had been received from Parishioners and written support was received by the Parish Council. As the selling agents were only accepting offers to buy the land, then no definite figure was set to obtain a grant/loan for. And as such, Pygott & Crone offered the Parish Council's sum of £25,050 to the owner of The Paddock. This offer was accepted, but as no loan/grant in place yet, 5 Parishioners had offered to loan the money to finalise the purchase and Parish Council will endeavour to seek a loan to repay the 5 parishioners. The loan will be repaid via an increase in next year's precept. This was also explained to the villagers and no one objected to it. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to obtain this land. It was therefore proposed by Cllr P.Jackson, seconded by Cllr R.Taylor and agreed by all. **It was resolved to make this purchase and seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £25,000 up to 30 years for the purchase of land to form extension to the playing field and provide a new cemetery.**

It was resolved to have open meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> May and after the 21<sup>st</sup> May meeting to invite residents from the village to discuss the purchase of the

Paddock and the plans that the Parish Council have. It was agreed that hard copy visual notices be placed around the village, in the school, on the notice boards and village centre.

**Football Club.**

▪ There is just one team currently using the football field. After discussion with regards to the Football Team leaving on lights, heating etc in the changing rooms, it was resolved to install a master switch to the electric circuit with a timer that will switch off all electricity to stop it being wasted.

**Caravan & Camping Club.**

▪ Cllr G. Taylor had reported that no caravans had been on site since November. Paperwork had been received regarding the it being a Certified Site for 2018-19 and some minor repairs had been done to the changing rooms.

**7. Financial matters.**

- a. ▪ The financial report was read out and accepted by all. Resolved.
- Balance of the current account to carry forward £3903.19
- The Melton account stood at £25584.24
- The playing field account stood at £700.81

**8. Brown's Trust.**

- a. ▪The Clerk can report that a balance of £64.79 and £8.38.

**9. Planning matters.**

- a. ▪There was no planning applications received.

**10. Correspondence.**

- a. ▪A list of general correspondence was made available extra to that mentioned during the meeting.

**11. Councillors reports & items for inclusion at the next meeting.**

- a. None

**12. Date of the next meeting.**

- a. **The date agreed for Annual Parish Meeting is 21st May 2018 at 7pm at the Village Centre.**

13. No 'closed session' was on the agenda.

**Meeting closed at 8.15pm**