

EWERBY & EVEDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.30pm in The Reading Room Main Street Ewerby.

Present

Councillor M Scott	Councillor D Broadberry
Councillor M Priestley	Councillor A Lister Tomlinson
Councillor C Issit	Councillor C Marshall
Councillor B Lord	

Apologies for Absence

None

Also Present.

District Councillor M Head
Four Residents of the Parish.

Preliminaries: To propose Councillor Lister-Tomlinson as Clerk for the Meeting. Proposer: Councillor Priestley, Seconder: Councillor Broadberry. All in favour.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Councillor Scott proposed as Chairman by Councillor Issit, seconded by Councillor Broadberry. All in favour.

Councillor Priestley proposed as Vice Chairman by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Marshall. All in favour.

Councillor Scott officially welcomed all Councillors following the uncontested election of 4th May 2023 and thanked retiring Councillor Trevor Henson for his service to the Council over many years.

Charity Trustees 2023/24 – for information.

Tindale – Trevor Henson. Progress had been made in the year formalising the operation of the charity.

Pells – Chairman Mark Sardeson – noted that Vicky Howe, Susan Williams and Mick Priestley will continue as Trustees. An educational outing is proposed for the summer.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 2023.

The minutes having been previously circulated were signed as being a true record.

Matter arising from the minutes.

The contract for grass cutting in the village had been awarded to Scott Buckland of SNB Grounds Care at a similar price to 2022, a saving of some 20% over the previous contractor.

Risk Assessment Review.

The updated Risk Assessment and Internal Controls document was circulated prior to the meeting and was unanimously adopted.

Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

The statement was circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously adopted.

Internal Auditor Report 2022/23.

As in previous years the internal audit was carried out by James Sardeson. The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was unanimously adopted.

Annual Accounts for Year Ended 31st March 2023.

Councillor Scott had circulated the 12 year record of the accounts of the Council which formed the basis for completion of Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23. Variances with the previous year were highlighted. The Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2022/23, based on the accounting records, was tabled. The two returns were unanimously adopted and it was agreed to forward the Exemption Certificate to the external auditors who had informed the Council that they would be subject to an Intermediate Level Review as part of the external auditors 5% sample.

Insurance Review

The Council's insurances with BHIB, underwritten by AVIVA, are due for renewal on 1st June 2023 and detail of cover under the policy had been circulated prior to the meeting. The policy is a standard councils policy with cover in excess of values required by the Council. The renewal premium for 2023/24 is quoted as £449 which compares with the 2022/23 premium of £496.

Beacon Fen Energy Farm

The Council had been approached by Helen Scarr of PR company Pier with a request to present on the project which involves establishing a solar farm on land in the Parish at Ewerby Thorpe. The presentation was made by James Hartley-Bond, Head of Development at Low Carbon – the development company – assisted by Jessica Gough, Project Development Analyst. A presentation document was circulated which included the outline of the project together with vehicle movements during construction and community engagement. Following a question and answer session it was agreed to produce a brief report highlighting issues raised to feed into the initial stages of the consultation.

Finance – Receipts and Payments

Income:

VAT Refund	£1,234.85
Burial Plots x 2 Cooper	500.00
NKDC Precept	3,500.00
Sardeson Rent	500.00
Burial Plots x 2 Sardeson	500.00
Winchelsea Graves	100.00

Expenditure:

Clerk's wages	£ 90.00
Glasdon – Bin Liner	86.08
NKDC Rates	49.77
DM Payroll Services	100.00
SNB Grounds Care	474.00

Current Bank Balance £6,035.71

All Income and Expenditure was unanimously approved.

Planning Matters.**Applications.**

23/0321/PNH – 2 Main Street Ewerby; single storey rear extension. Subsequently informed prior approval not required.

22/0340/DISCON – Discharge condition 3 and landscaping.

21/0494/PNND – change of use agricultural building to dwelling.

Decisions.

22/1733/Hons. 22/1734/LBC – Single storey side extension approved

23/0108/Hons – South Cottage, Ewerby Thorpe – 2 storey side extension approved.

Playingfield.

Councillor Scott proposed a vote of thanks for the hedge cutting carried out during the year by James Sardeson's contractor. The wild flower meadow is to be reseeded with thanks to David Jenkins.

Correspondence.

Ecotricity had provided a new map of proposed site at East Heckington for a solar farm.

Votes of Thanks.

Councillor Scott proposed a vote of thanks to Andy Lister Tomlinson for continuing to wind the Church Clock which keeps very accurate time. Andy Lister Tomlinson has also taken over responsibility for the Council's website. Thanks were also proposed to the Reading Room Committee for funding the Coronation Mugs circulated to every house in the villages of Ewerby and Evedon.

Any Other Business.

Councillor Issitt volunteered to look into the replacement of the Evedon Notice Board which was in poor shape and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

Date of next meetings.

Tuesday 8rd August 2023.

Wednesday 15th November 2023.