Aubourn and Haddington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Estate Office in Aubourn Hall 9th January 2025 at 7:00 pm

Agenda Item		Action by
Welcome	Councillor Mosedale welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Public Time Min. No.2025.01.01	3 members of the public were in attendance. The recent heavy rain has highlighted ongoing issues with some of the drainage systems on Butts Lane and Dovecote Lane with the situation further hampered by the condition of the ditches which need clearing out. The residents asked the Parish Council if they would contact the landowners to address the situation with the ditches. Cllr Plackett-Smith advised that she had contacted Richard Fenwick at Lincolnshire County Council and would follow this up. Parish Clerk to contact landowners. The number of heavy vehicles using the roads through Aubourn and	Parish Clerk Cllr P-S
	Haddington as a shortcut was also discussed. The speed and volume of these vehicles was adding to the poor condition of the roads and there was a lack of speed limit repeater signs. Cllr Mosedale advised that previous enquiries regarding a weight limit restriction had met huge opposition. Cllr Overton suggested contacting the Traffic Commissioners officer.	Parish Clerk
County/District Council Updates Min.No 2025.01.02	District Councillor Elliott discussed the devolution project and advised this could result in a boundary review. County Councillor Overton discussed the solar farm situation and advised that a third solar industrial development is proposed and a fourth on the way, now covering an area greater than Lincoln. She advised the Parish Council that the next meeting of the Cliff Villages Action Group was being held on January 16 th .	
Formal Session	Formal session commenced 19:50	
Present Min. No. 2025.01.03	Councillor (Cllr) John Mosedale (Chair), Cllr Julie Plackett-Smith (Vice Chair), Cllr Lynne Rocks, Kerrie Vickers (Parish Clerk).	
Apologies Min. No. 2025.01.04	Cllr Page, Cllr Quince.	
Declarations of Interest Min. No. 2025.01.05	To receive Declarations of Interest In accordance with The Localism Act 2011 - None	
Minutes of Previous Meeting Min. No. 2025.01.06	Notes taken at the Parish Council Meeting on 7 th November 2024 were approved and signed as a true record of events.	
Admission to Meetings Act 1960 Min. No. 2025.01.07	To consider whether the Parish Council will move any items on the agenda to a closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as per Standing Order 7h. Should this resolution be passed, the public and press will be required to leave the meeting at this stage.	

	No items were deemed necessary to be held in a closed session.	
Finance Report Min. No. 2025.01.08	 i. The payments as per Appendix A were noted and agreed. ii. The year-to-date budget as per Appendix B was noted. iii. The precept proposal suggested by the Parish Clerk was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to set the precept at £19972 which is only an increase of £572 on the current financial year which equates to an increase of 0.61% or 0.90p to a band D resident. 	Parish Clerk
Clerks Report Min. No. 2025.01.09	Clerks update, review of ongoing actions from previous meetings.	
	Fire hydrant It was agreed that the damage to the fire hydrant is beyond just a simple welding repair, and it would be left as it is for the time being.	
	Clock Tower The structural survey has been received and any items identified for attention appear to be superficial, which is great news. It was agreed to plan a maintenance schedule with the intention of getting the building into a useable state once more. Parish Clerk to contact Lincolnshire Heritage to continue enquiries regarding a feasibility study and the bat specialist for next steps and advise.	Parish Clerk
	Village Gateway Cllr Rocks advised she had been looking into possible designs. As this has yet to be decided by the Parish Council as a viable project, and considering the appeal for ideas from residents had a zero response, it was agreed that it would be a long-term project and the focus on any available funds being needed elsewhere. The Parish Clerk advised she would chase up the Lost Village funding opportunity.	Parish Clerk
Maintenance Program Min. No. 2025.01.10	There are 9 remaining street light upgrades required to complete the project. The Parish Clerk advised that by looking at the current budget to date and estimating the remaining expenditure, there were sufficient funds to upgrade 3 more lanterns leaving the remaining 6 to do in 2025/26 by means of the VAT refund once received.	
	It was unanimously agreed to upgrade 3 lanterns now.	Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk Salary Min. No. 2025.01.11	Cllr Mosedale advised that following the Parish Clerks annual appraisal in October, he and Cllr Plackett-Smith would like to recommend increasing the clerk's salary to point 21 on the NALC pay scale to reflect the level of experience that has been achieved. This was unanimously agreed and will be backdated to the time of the appraisal. The Parish Clerk thanked the Parish Council for this recognition.	
Correspondence Received Min. No. 2024.11.12	The Parish Clerk advised that a freedom of information request has been received in relation to any correspondence the Parish Council may have received from a company called Bioenergy. The clerk advised that no correspondence has been received, and the request would be answered accordingly. orrespondence has been received from a resident regarding the Parish Councils position on the development of solar farms in the area. Cllr Mosedale advised that he would respond to the resident with an update on the current situation.	Parish Clerk Cllr Mosedale
Planning Min. No. 2024.11.13	None	
Nevile/Summers Charity Min. No. 2024.11.14	Cllr Mosedale advised that the Christmas donations had been delivered to the recipients.	
Individual Councillors Reports Min. No. 2024.11.15	the Parish Council to consider the purchase of a memorial plaque for a recently deceased parishioner. It was unanimously agreed that a plaque would be purchased and displayed in	
Date of next meeting Min. No. 2024.11.16	an appropriate location. 13 th March 2025	
WIIII. INU. 2024.11.10	Meeting concluded at 20:55	

Appendix A

Expenditure and Income

Date of payment	То	Detail	Amount
17.09.2024	HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	- 11.00
17.09.2024	Ms K Vickers	Salary	- 338.52
17.09.2024	Eon Energy	Street light maintenance programme	- 144.00
30.09.2024	Ms K Vickers	Antivirus subscription	- 89.99
30.09.2024	Unity Trust	Service charge	- 18.00
01.10.2024	Eon Next Ltd	Clock Tower electricity	- 35.00
15.10.2024	Mr A Ogg	Grass cutting	- 280.00
15.10.2024	HJ Neville & Sons	Room Hire	- 40.00
31.10.2024	HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	- 11.20
31.10.2024	Ms K Vickers	Salary	- 338.32
31.10.2024	Service Charge	Service charge	- 5.40
01.11.2024	Eon Energy	Clock Tower electricity	- 35.00
05.11.2024	Ms K Vickers	RBL Poppy Appeal	- 50.00
05.11.2024	Ms K Vickers	Microsoft 365	- 59.99
05.11.2024	Npower Business	Streetlight electricity	- 606.60
11.11.2024	LCC	Sign posts	- 400.00
11.11.2024	HJ Neville & Sons	Room Hire	- 50.00
20.11.2024	Glasdon	Litter bin	- 192.20
20.11.2024	LALC	Training 12.11.2024	- 36.00
20.11.2024	HMRC	TAX/NI	- 34.00
20.11.2024	Ms K Vickers	Salary	- 430.96
31.11.2024	Unity Trust	Service charge	- 6.00
02.12.2024	Eon Next Ltd	Clock Tower electricity	- 35.00
04.12.2024	Mr A Ogg	Grass cutting	- 140.00
10.12.2024	Eon Energy	Streetlight upgrade	- 840.00
10.12.2024	Eon Energy	Street light maintenance programme	- 144.00
30.12.2024	HMRC	PAYE	- 14.20
31.12.2024	Ms K Vickers	Salary	- 350.44
31.12.2024	Unity Trust	Service charge - 6.0	
02.01.2025	Eon Next Ltd	Clock Tower electricity	- 35.00

Appendix B Bank Reconciliation

Account 1	Budget 2024/25 Income	Actual	Account 2	
BBFW £15999.60		18,890.98	Balance BFWD	£ 2,891.38
Precept 2		19,400.00	Balance Bi WB	£ 18,890.98
Other income 3		6,767.48		£ 20,890.98
Other income (interest)		381.82		£ 20,890.98
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				£ 22,095.18
				£ 18,069.58
Total	0	45,440.28		£ 18,202.48
				£ 18,328.65
Expenditure		•		£ 18,451.40
Parish Clerk salary 4	4200	-£3,131.24		
Parish Clerk agreed expenses	240			
Clock Tower	2160	-£1,006.00		
Clock Tower Flooring (paid from grants)	0	-£5,856.96		
Electricity street lighting	5000	-£1,909.81		
Street light maintenance	3000	-£2,216.40		
Subscriptions	150	-£36.00		
Other maintenance expenses/adhoc purchases	1000	-£1,042.38		
Grass cutting	700	-£1,120.00		
Insurance	1600	-£1,677.23		
Audit	200	£0.00		
section 137 budget	150	-£50.00		
Office running costs/training 5	1000	-£354.17		
Total Expenditure		(18,580.19)		
Current Balance Account 1	7,587.29			
Current Balance Account 2	£ 18,451.40			
Balance	26,038.69			

Appendix C 2025/26 Precept

Budget	2024/25	2025/26
Parish Clerk salary	4200	5000
Parish Clerk agreed expenses	240	240
Clock Tower	2160	4000
Electricity street lighting	5000	4000
Street light maintenance	3000	1500
Subscriptions/fee's	150	732
Other maintenance expenses	1000	1000
Grass cutting	700	1000
Insurance	1600	1800
Audit	200	200
section 137 budget	150	200
Office costs/training	1000	300
	19400	19972