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# Amcotts Parish Council

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Minutes of the February Full Parish Council Meeting of Amcotts Parish Council held at St Marks Church, Church Street, Amcotts on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.15pm

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**Councillors (Cllrs) Present:** Cllr K Bird (Chairman), Cllr D Farnham, Cllr J Horton, Cllr T Murphy,

**Officers Present:** Marie Clegg, Parish Clerk (PC), Chris Cowan, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

**Members of the Press/Public: 0**

## 003/2023 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr A Ogman - Work commitments

Cllr E Farnham - Personal Issues (private and accepted by PC)

Cllr J Reed (Ward Councillor) will not be attending tonight's meeting due to illness.

## 004/2023 Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest made by Councillors in respect of items on this meeting Agenda (in accordance with the Councils Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011).

No new declarations

## 005/2023 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December are resolved as a true record.

## 006/2023 Planning

No Planning Issues.

## 007/2023 Chairmans Reports and Updates

None.

## 008/2023 Clerks Reports and Updates

The road closure at Station Road, Keadby will be delayed until w/c 13<sup>th</sup> of February during the school holidays.

The invitation to quote for the Grass Verges and PROW cutting Contract was published on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January and will expire on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

## 009/2023 Finance

The following items were received and resolved:

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- Bank Account Reconciliation
- Accounts for payment

Tesco Mobile – Dec	£10.00
Employee Costs	£305.13
Microsoft 365 Subscription – Dec	£11.28
Amcotts PCC - Meeting Venue Hire	£240.00
Complete Weed Control - Verges & PROW FP6 (Inv #HUM-3748)	£252.00

PKF Littlejohn LLP, external auditor has been appointed.

### 010/2023 Updates from Outside Bodies

#### St Marks Church

Hand Over of St Marks Church to Amcotts Parish Council - Phase 1 and 2 have now been completed. The next stage is for the Bishop to consult with NLC, other churches in the Isle of Axholme and other bodies to state his wish for St Marks to close as a place of worship. The consultation will be finished in 14 days. If the consultation finds in favour of, A Public Notice will be placed in the church porch as well as the local newspaper stating that it is the wish of the diocese to donate the church to Amcotts Parish Council. The alternatives would be for the church to be demolished, boarded up or sold. Either way, the churchyard will remain open as it is. There are 20 places left in the churchyard.

St Marks Community Group have paid for the up keep of the church for the last 7 years by fundraising. They have also paid £200 per month for the utilities. If the church is donated to Amcotts Parish Council and if in the future St Marks Community Group is unable to pay these costs they will be the responsibility of Amcotts Parish Council.

If this happened the precept would rise. Band D properties would rise from £63 to £96.

Band A would rise from £42 to £64. This is the worst if could ever be.

The church could still be used for weddings and funerals.

NLC questioned where parking would be should the donation go ahead. There is a piece of land on Dark Lane of which the owner would be happy for it to be used as a car park.

Next step for Amcotts Parish Council is to wait for the consultation to be completed and the Public Notice to be placed.

PC to invite Stephen Sleight, DAC and Pastoral Secretary, to the next meeting.

#### St Marks Community Group

Have placed a bid with SSE for March to arrange celebrations for the Kings Coronation on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May. If grant is given there may be a race night on Saturday, Rose Queen on Sunday followed by Sunday lunch at the Ingleby Arms. A resident has suggested having a street party on Cross Lane. If the grant is not given, something smaller may be arranged.

Have placed a bid for a grant in June for the church steeple.

#### NCL Ward Update

No ward update due to Ward Councillor not attending meeting.

Isle North Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT)

Met in January.

Nothing new to report.

SSE: Update from the windfarm community grants scheme

Nothing new to report.

Next meeting will be in March.

ERNCLLA

Nothing new to report.

011/2023 Personnel Issues

Employees did not get paid in January as meeting was cancelled and signatures were not obtained. RFO to look at financial rules regarding salary budget.

Should the Parish Council take on the church there will be extra work for RFO and Clerk. When moved further on Personnel would like to raise the issue of these extra duties.

012/2023 Health and Safety Issues

Nothing to report.

013/2023 Street Lights, Highways and Footpaths

Pot hole in road on Church Street near Chapel Street.

Pot holes on Chapel Street towards Dark Lane.

Pot holes on corner of Church Street near pub.

Moss on footpath on Dark Lane.

Clerk to report to NLC

014/2023 North Lincolnshire Green Energy park

Cllr Amy Ogman attended Zoom meetings.

2 residents attended a site inspection.

There is to be a meeting in March at Forest Pines regarding a consultation.

015/2023 Village Signs

PC to contact Harrison Eastoft to arrange old signs to be delivered to and stored in the Church.

There is an outstanding amount of £45.89 for the painting of the signs. It was resolved that this would be paid.

If the grants team would like to visit the site and take photographs, PC to request this be done in spring.

016/2023 Litter Picking Safety Signs

Nothing new to discuss.

017/2023 Flashing Speed Signs

Discussions to be delayed until Cllr J Reed is in attendance.

018/2023 Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

No Comments to be made.

019/2023 Emergency Box

It was resolved that a mobile phone charger is not necessary in the emergency box.

020/2023 Future Agenda Items

No items to add

021/2023 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm

Meeting Ended 8.40pm

Signed: *Kevin J Bied*

Date: *07-03-23*

Name: *Kevin J Bied*

Designation: *CHAIRMAN*