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<p>CT had contacted Community Lincolnshire Insurance and asked about an update on the insurance policy which was due for renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. The cost, including three defibrillators, is £3091.05. If the Parish Council wish to participate in a five year deal there will be a 10% discount, which will bring the cost down to £2781.95. If not stipulated otherwise the building and assets will go up each year by 2% to cover inflation. The reason for the increase in the premium is the Insurance Premium Tax has gone up from 6 to 9.5%. As a meeting was being held tonight the Insurers agreed to maintain the cover. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr East and seconded by Cllr Lamyman that the five-year option be taken. There was unanimous agreement that the sum of £2781.95 be added to the cheques for payment.</p>																																																													
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<p>The Chairman reported that he had received a communication from E-On advising that they are increasing their deemed contract rates by 14% from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. He outlined the subsequent telephone conversation he had with the firm but unfortunately there was no reduction forthcoming. Discussion followed on the advantages and disadvantages of switching off alternate street lights to save money. There was agreement that this would be considered at a future meeting.</p>																																																													
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4508	<p><u>REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS &amp; LOCAL POLICE.</u></p> <p>DC Conway had e-mailed the following report:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update on Top Farm Application 14/1124/FUL (160 dwellings)</b> – the hearing for this appeal took place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the Venue. The Inspector has dismissed the appeal, stating that ‘the overwhelming impression would be of a distinctly urban form of development which fails to take account of its context at the edge of a village within a rural and open setting’. The Inspector concluded that ‘in my view the considerable adverse effects that would arise from the scheme are sufficient to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits that it would bring’.</li> <li>• <b>Update on Top Farm 15/1282/FUL (137 dwellings)</b> – there have been no further developments with this application; no doubt the appeal decision will have a bearing on how the application proceeds.</li> <li>• <b>Navenby Care Village Planning Application 16/0040/OUT</b> – Land adjacent Cliff Villages Medical Practice, Grantham Road, Navenby – this application has now been approved.</li> <li>• <b>Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Agreement</b> – Plans are progressing for the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority in order to receive devolved powers from Government. All then Councils within the Greater Lincolnshire partnership have now approved the devolution agreement, the governance review and the draft scheme. The scheme will go out for consultation in late June 2016.</li> </ul> <p>12. <b>County Councillor Marianne Overton</b> reported as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Recycling Site at Leadenham – the Spanish company who have licensed the site do not want to do anything with it for the time being. However, as there is currently £8,000 in the budget CC Overton was pursuing the possibility of obtaining the use of a vehicle that goes around the area and collects items that would have gone to the Tip. She envisaged that residents would be willing to pay a nominal sum to use the service instead of travelling to the town site. The Parish Council agreed to send a letter of support.</li> <li>• Children with Learning Disabilities – It was noted that an Academy is subject to the same legislation as State Schools and cannot opt out of their responsibilities.</li> </ul>	

	<p>She was enquiring why the Highways are surface dressing the roads without doing anything to the structure. To date, she had not received an answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are plans to combine the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services on one site.</li> </ul> <p>CC Overton stated that a resident had contacted her with regard to damage to a gravestone by aphids. Cllr East said that he had looked at the said gravestone yesterday and that the best way forward was for Peter Barnett to spray for aphids as previously. (Minute No. 4350 refers)</p> <p>As a result of a complaint about restricted visibility when turning left at Green Man Road CC Overton undertook to speak to Planning and Highways.</p> <p>13. Police Report</p> <p>The Police reported that there were two on-going investigations – one involved a petrol strimmer being taken from a shed together with a camera and the second was a burglary from a dwelling. They also gave an up-date on on-going issues.</p> <p>With some street lights being switched off there was an enquiry as to how the law viewed parked cars and it was noted that as long as the car is facing the right way with the reflectors at the back there are no issues.</p> <p>14. Overhanging Tree onto Play Area</p> <p>Cllr Lamyman reported that the resident who owns the fir tree, which is encroaching onto the play area, refuses to pay to take it down. However, he is happy for the Council to take it down. Cllr Lamyman stated that there were two options: one is to pay £300 to have the fir tree cut back from the play area and then in subsequent years repeat the process and the second is to fell the tree.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Lamyman and seconded by Cllr East that the Council pay to take down the offending tree. Two Councillors were in favour, two were against and there were two abstentions. The Chairman gave his casting vote to have the tree taken down. Cllr Lamyman agreed to liaise with Paul Bavin.</p> <p>15. Staffing Issues</p> <p>After considerable discussion it was agreed to advertise for a Parish Clerk for 18 hours per week and an Assistant to the Parish Clerk for 7 hours per week. This would hopefully provide the necessary cover for the Local Access Point. There was agreement that Cllrs Bond and Orange liaise with the present Clerk on her return from holiday.</p>	<p>TB/KO</p>
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.</p>	

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Minutes accepted:-

Chairman.....

Date.....