

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th June 2021 at The Lord Nelson commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Mr M Kneen, Mr P Smith, Mr B Allen (Acting Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr P Farmer and Mr B McClymont

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

51/21 Apologies: Mr L Cammack, Mr S Lord, Mr B Wright and Mrs L Dales

52/21 Declarations of Interest: None

53/21 To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th May 2021

Mr Leary asked that his role as the Focal Point Liaison be added to the list of Roles on Other Organisations to the minutes. Clerk to do this.

Mr Leary also requested an amendment to the minutes 42/21 in relation to the Quarry Liaison meeting. The text should read "There are plans to replace the sand tower and the replacement would be more aesthetically pleasing". Clerk to do this.

Minutes proposed as a true record, subject to the alterations, by Mr Kneen and seconded by Mr McClymont.

54/21 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Speed Gun – 10 people are now trained to use the speed gun and we have a good liaison with NSDC. Three successful sessions have been carried out at various different times and locations. This has resulted in 24 people speeding between 33 and 43 mph. This clearly indicates that there is a problem.

The majority of motorists are adhering to the speed limit and many people have confirmed their gratitude to the Parish Council for using the speed gun. We can borrow the gun again and retain it for a week but the suggestion was, should we purchase one ourselves? The cost is £250 and Councillor Dobson said she would give a contribution. It was agreed to do more sessions in July and September and then make a decision on the effectiveness. We will need to get the data from the Police so that we can make that decision.

Mr Kneen has written a piece for Focal Point which explains what the Parish Council is doing in relation to speeding in the village and why. It also explains how the information is passed to the Police and what they do with it. Clerk to send it to Focal Point.

Mr Farmer raised the question of the problem with parking by parents at the school. Councillor Dobson confirmed that the double yellow lines around the corners near the school will be completed in the third quarter of the year. We are on the list to have temporary interactive speeding signs.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Head Teacher and ask him to have a conversation with Mr Farmer about this problem. It will probably be necessary for the Police to visit the school and talk about road safety. The parking clearly needs to be controlled and every September at the beginning of the new school term, the new parents should be spoken to about parking and what is, and more importantly what is not allowed.

Buses are also doing three point turns when they should be going down Gainsborough Road and turning round at the pub. It would seem that the Toot Hill and Will Rob buses are not turning round correctly. Councillor Dobson to talk to Highways so that they in turn can talk to the schools.

There is a Whatsapp group for speeding and it was suggested that the Parish Council should also have a Whatsapp group. It was agreed that this was a good idea. Mr Smith to set this up.

White Gates -Councillor Dobson feels that we are going to struggle to get permission for these, although there is a Highways review going on, so things may change. She suggested that Mr Lord talk to Neil Lewis who he is dealing with over the foot paths. Clerk to email Mr Lord.

Tarmac Grant – Mr Farmer has the application almost ready to submit. He just needs account details from the Clerk for 2018/19 and 2019/20. Clerk to send.

Mr Kneen said he was pleased to see that the litter in the lay bay at Langford has been cleaned up and a permanent bin installed.

The Clerk confirmed that she had paid for the annual subscription to Parish Online. Mr Kneen is the administrator.

In relation to having rubbish bins with lids on, the Clerk confirmed that we cannot buy lids for our existing bins. Mr Lord has confirmed that we have 5 25 litre bins currently without lids, although they are in good condition. The cost of new 25 litre bin is £104.81 plus VAT £125.77. We also need a new 50 litre bin at

the Skate Park, this would cost £164.89 inclusive of VAT. There are various colours available but Councillor Dobson said she would check with NSDC what colour is okay with them. We don't want to confuse the council bin collectors. It was agreed to purchase 2 25 litre bins and 1 50 litre bin. The following response was received from NSDC

I have spoken with the cleansing manager who has confirmed it will be ok to replace the litter bins in Winthorpe with 25L and 50L in the tennis courts and the colour of the bins is your choice.

The 'Don't be a Tossler' posters are on order and due in any day.

Kind regards

Kerrie Vickers

Environmental Services Officer

The Clerk will order the bins from Glasdon in the dark green colour which was the preferred colour agreed at the meeting. All the bins are fixed to posts.

Mr McClymont has looked at the Japanese tree on the bank between the Community Centre and the Jubilee Field. The area was covered in nettles, and it was not possible to try and remove the two trees that have fallen onto the Japanese tree. Clerk to ask Doug Lyne to quote for this work.

55/21 Winthorpe Cricket Club

Mr Matthews had forwarded an email about omissions from the April minutes. The minutes are not a verbatim record but a general record of the discussion. A further meeting was organised and duly attended by representatives of the Cricket Club and Parish Council.

It was agreed that a further meeting was required as the situation was still unresolved. Mr Cammack and Mr Leary to attend. Clerk to ask Mr Cammack to arrange a meeting via Mr Matthews.

Dogs are still being let off the lead. An email from Mr Simon George with concerns about walking his dog and being shouted out by a member of the

Cricket Club. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to ask Mr George if he was prepared to share his email with PC Nicholls.

Mr Allen wondered if it might be a good idea to have a sign at the entrance of the Cricket Club welcoming visitors to Winthorpe Parish Council Playing Field Home of Winthorpe Cricket Club. This would ensure that people know that the Parish Council are involved with the Cricket Club.

Mr Lord in his absence, sent an email to the Clerk questioning the suitability of the area for cricket purposes and the need for open spaces suitable for exercise for the benefit of the residents of Winthorpe's mental health.

The general feeling of the meeting was that the village and the Cricket Club had lived in harmony for over 100 years and that it's heritage should be preserved.

Mr Kneen has drafted an article for the Focal Point urging people to be considerate users of the cricket area and to keep their dogs under control. The intention is to remind people of the rules for dog walking in this area and also to show that the PC supports the cricket club in this matter."

56/21 A46 By-Pass Update

There is a meeting planned for Friday 25th June with Robert Jenrick. Mr Smith and Mr Leary will be in attendance. Kevin from Notts CC can't attend the meeting but his colleague Tom will attend instead.

Mr Kneen reported that option 2 has received 65% of the vote which was the worst option for Winthorpe. Option 2 would work at the Cattle Market end but with option 3 at the Winthorpe end.

Mr Kneen suggested making an offer to the Think Again campaign for the them to advertise that they are working in conjunction with the Parish Council. It may well add to the credibility of the group. There are four Parish Councillors sat on the Think Again committee, almost like a sub committee and therefore we are fully engaged in what is happening, should the Parish Council be more vocal in what is the biggest thing to happen to the village in years. It was agreed that we are happy to say that the Parish Council fully endorses the Think Again Group and that the A46 By Pass is on our agenda each month.

Mr McClymont asked what would happen to the Bowls Club with option 3. It was explained that the Bowls Club is a tenant of the Show Ground and that the Parish Council cannot answer that question.

Mr Kneen confirmed that we have asked for the data from Mr Jenrick that is being used to make decisions.

Mr Smith confirmed that there is a planned walkabout of the village with the Oliver the Conservation Officer on the 30th June 2021, 6pm outside the Lord Nelson. Oliver will provide training in the principles of conservation, assets of community value and historical assets. The village envelope will be the starting point but eventually the whole parish will be done. It will be a huge benefit for Parish Councillors to receive this training.

Mr Smith has submitted the grant forms to Locality for £10k which will cover everything to complete the plan and will be needed to be spent by 31st March 2022.

58/21 District/County Councillor Updates

Councillor Dales was not present

Councillor Dobson had given updates during the meeting.

59/21 Invoices for Approval/updates

Accounts

Festival	£770.47 -	Signs for Festival £55.83
Property Trust	£7454.24 -	£25 credit for Community Centre rent £35 credit for Cricket Club rent
Focal Point	£1759.91 -	£256 paid to Willsons for June printing
Holding	£8506.04 -	£3500 transferred to current account
Current	£276.33 -	£55.83 Geoxsphere, £150 Winthorpe PCC £150 Langford PCC, £916.64 Doug Lyne and £2028 Smith Construction
Events	£285.97 -	unchanged
Tennis Club	£4646.37 -	credits Smith £40, Powell £40 and Seabrook £40.

Mr Kneen asked if the Summer Festival was still going ahead bearing in mind that the Government had put back the opening up to the 19th July. Clerk to talk to Sue Mascheder. The concern would be if our insurance would still be valid.

60/21 Planning Applications and updates

21/01109/HOUSE Stable Cottage, 72 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe – installation of six foot fence within garden. Support proposal

20/01261/LBC Lord Nelson Public House – Structural repair and reinstatement works to external wall of host building (at high level) and outside store (gable wall) including, installation of new close vertically boarded timber fence and boundary wall repairs to existing public house – Support proposal, Mr Smith to respond.

21/01202/PA – Wertegen Godfrey Drive – 484 x 380 watt solar panels – Support proposal.

Decisions

21 Gainsborough Road – tree work approved

John Dere signage agreed

The Nook, 2 Gainsborough Road, retrospective planning approved for rear garage/shed.

61/21 Correspondence/AOB

Email received from Mrs Christine Hasman in relation to house numbers in The Spinney. This has been talked about previously by the Parish Council, but nothing had been finalised. Some houses are numbered but not all. It was felt that a flyer should go out to all the properties asking them to display numbers. There should also be a street sign to show which houses were on each side of the close. This is particularly important for the emergency services purposes. Clerk to ask Councillor Dobson for some advice as to how we get the street sign organised.

Mr Leary raised the question of the awful traffic build up due to the Auto Jumble. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Helen Smith the Commercial Manager of the Show Ground to raise our grave concerns about emergency services getting to the surrounding villages. The disruption whilst intolerable to residents could have tragic consequences. It was felt that an independent risk assessment was needed. It always seems to be the Auto Jumble which has such

a terrible impact on the traffic and this is creating ill feeling toward the Show Ground. It was felt that the Show Ground should have rules in relation to traffic control which organisations using the facilities should follow.

The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email from Stanley Marek asking if he could put a eulogy on the website for Hector Young. It was felt that this was not appropriate but the Clerk would reply confirming that Mr Young is remembered with much fondness within the village.

Mr Smith confirmed that the roadside verge between the level crossing and the village on Holme Lane was very long and in need of cutting. Clerk to ask Councillor Dobson if she knows who cuts it and when it might be done.

Meeting closed 9.37 pm