

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mr Lee Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr B McClymont, Mr B Wright, Mr M Kneen, Mr B Allen, Mr P Smith and Mr P Farmer

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**District Councillor :** Mrs L Dales

**1/22 Apologies :** Mr S Lord

**2/22 Declarations of Interest :** None

**3/22 To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

“Bermuda Triangle” - it was agreed the Parish Council would continue to pay for this area of the cricket field to be cut by Doug Lyne

Meeting with Newark Showground – The Chairman and Mr Smith to arrange this. Clerk to remind the Chairman of the contact details.

Next Door App – Mr Farmer to send this to the Chairman.

Mr Smith confirmed that the Twitter account is up and running with currently 6 followers. The detail of the account needs to go in Focal Point and Mr Smith will send the Chairman the details so he can do this.

To make the Twitter account effective, we need interesting articles. It was suggested that the new exercise bikes at the Community Centre be put on.

Oak Tree update – we now have a replacement tree which is much bigger and healthier looking and has been planted.

Trees from NSDC -Clerk had applied for the trees as requested but was told they had all gone. Mrs Dales will check if she can get us any.

Listening Bench – Mr Lord had asked if there was an update on this as he felt it was a good idea. The Council felt that an ordinary bench would be in order and asked the Clerk to ask Mr Lord to talk to the village hall secretary as they are looking to purchase one too.

Holme Village -The Chairman has been in touch with the chairman from Holme village about the Neighbourhood Plan. If Holme want to part of the plan, the Chairman has asked Holme for a representative. Councillor Dales confirmed that she had attended a meeting at Holme.

Mr Lord had confirmed in an email to the Clerk, that all three gates are in place along the flood bank. Stickers are on the waste bins about them not being dog bins.

Minutes proposed as a true copy by Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Kneen.

#### **4/22 Neighbourhood Plan**

Mr Smith confirmed that a good meeting had been held and this had been expanded to include the people leading the focus groups. Two village meetings are planned to give feedback on the survey. Scheduled date is 15<sup>th</sup> March. This date needs to go into the Focal Point. There will be two meetings, one daytime and one evening. It will give leaders of the various focus groups the opportunity to speak.

A walkabout of the village led by Steve Kemp and the working group is being planned. 14<sup>th</sup> April is a possible date. If we want to construct a heritage trail, it would be good to note things as we go.

Lots of good feedback from the survey, not just about the Neighbourhood Plan but in general.

#### **Focus Groups**

Martin Shapley/Steve Lord

Footpaths and Cycle paths

Andrew Parkin

Environment and Ecology

Mark Brown

Business

## **5/22 Focal Point**

The Editor of Focal Point, Lizzie Wakefield, is to step down. Her final Focal Point will be the April edition. Lizzie has done a brilliant job and has put a massive amount of effort in to improving the content of Focal Point. The Parish Council would like to thank Lizzie for her efforts and wish her well for the future.

It will be necessary to find a new Editor and an article will go in Focal Point. The vacancy will also go on our Twitter account. Duncan Richardson who has worked on Focal Point for many years and has done a marvellous job is also looking to step down. We need to find people to run Focal Point or we risk losing it. We could ask Marcia Parkin who runs the Collingham Magazine about having a section in their magazine, however this magazine is not free and it is not the same as having your own village magazine. The Parish Council is hopeful that someone will come forward to replace Lizzie. Councillor Dales suggested approaching a media student at Lincoln University.

Mr Richardson has prepared a statement in relation to Focal Point

*The closing balance, before payments for 2022, was £1,127.91 which is £205 down on the previous year.*

*Income from advertisers already received is £1,156, with £120 due from The Lord Nelson A further £338 has been invoiced but confirmation has not yet been received.*

*In addition, we are expecting £750 from the Parish Council, £120 from WPPP and £60 from Holme village.*

*Excluding the £338 at risk our projected income currently is £1,156, £120, £750, £120, and £60 giving a total of £2,206. This, together with the balance forward of £1,127.91 gives £3,333.91 availability.*

*Monthly printing ranges from £228 pm to £256 pm depending on the number of pages, say £2,904 per annum.*

*Therefore, on current information we are able to cover our expenditure, although further advertisers are needed to safeguard our future financial viability.*

*Duncan Richardson 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

## **6/22 District Councillor Updates**

Councillor Dales confirmed that the dyke at the side of the Lord Nelson had been cleared.

Councillor Dales is pursuing the signs on The Spinney showing which house numbers are on each side of the close.

Dial House tree – ongoing

The interactive speed sign outside the school has now gone. This was only a temporary measure. The question was asked whether we can get it back? Councillor Dales will mention it to Notts CC. It was requested that, if we could get the sign back, it be positioned on the other side of the road as people come into the village.

Travellers Site – hearing has now been scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> January and she will attend. The meeting is open to the public via zoom and Councillor Dales will find out the details.

Winthorpe House – no change. There are two issues relating to the application, noise and highway concerns. The applicant must decide whether to pursue the application or withdraw it.

Councillor Dales has spoken to Lisa Hughes at NSDC about meeting the Parish Council to talk about planning decisions. Mr Roger Blaney will hopefully also be in attendance. Mr Kneen is happy to host the meeting at his home and a date of 8<sup>th</sup> March was suggested.

## **7/22 Invoices for Approval and other financial matters**

### **Accounts**

- Current Account            £1,463.16 – Payments Doug Lyne for November mowing £404.67, Playground Inspection fee to NSDC £114.00 (Community Centre paid 50%, ie £57.00), Uxello £150.00, Defib pads and batteries £67.00, Clerk's Wages £170.00
- Focal Point                    £2,005.91 – Willsons £214.00 January Printing. Advertising fees coming through

- Festival £770.54 – Unchanged
- Events £235.97 – Unchanged
- Holding £13,501.12 – Unchanged
- Neighbourhood Plan £7836.00 – Printing costs for survey £54
- Property Trust £7,739.34 – Allotment Rent of £285.10 credited
- Tennis Club £4,721.37 – Unchanged

The Clerk confirmed that bank charges had been levied by HSBC on all the current accounts but not the savings accounts. Having contacted the bank, they confirmed that this change was communicated in August 2021. Clearly, we cannot pay £60 per year per account as this is just not good use of public money. We therefore have to look for an alternative bank that does not charge and we also need to cut down the number of accounts we run. The Chairman suggested we keep the holding and current accounts. He will talk to the treasurer of the tennis club and Duncan Richardson from Focal Point and ask what they want to do.

Santander might be an option as we have accounts with them. The Property Trust account is with them as a current account, and we have another savings account. Clerk to talk to Santander to see what options we have.

Mr Leary confirmed that the Think Again Group were having the same problems. Apparently, TSB, Lloyds and Barclays don't open Charitable accounts. Nat West do but you need to be an existing account holder. Mr Allen said he would talk to Nat West as he banks with them. There are online options such as Starling Bank but then you have the problem of paying cash and cheques into the account.

It was agreed that the Clerk should organise the closure of the Events and Festival accounts and put the funds into the Current account for the time being. This will avoid further charges on these two accounts.

## **8/22 Planning Applications/Updates**

Confirmation that the application at 2 Gainsborough Road had been refused by the Planning Department

## **9/22 Correspondence and AOB**

The Clerk had received an email from Susan Green asking for information about Low Wood. Clerk to offer the option of looking at the Parish Scrapbook but it was felt that there might not be much information. Mr Kneen suggested looking at Kelly's Directory at Newark Library. Clerk to pass this information on to Mrs Green.

An email has been received from a village resident about the car which is for sale at the entrance to the village. The resident felt that this was an eyesore. The Chairman will talk to the owner of the vehicle and ask for it to be removed. Clerk to reply.

Leaflets from Notts CC in relation to a social care recruitment campaign have been received and will be displayed on the village notice boards

Mr Lord had emailed the Clerk about two isolated waste bins that are constantly being used for dog waste. Mr Lord wondered if we needed to provide dog bins in this vicinity, ie half way along Holme Lane opposite the end of the allotments and Gainsborough Road just at the end of The Woodlands. The Chairman is to check whether we have any spare dog bins.

An email was received from a resident in relation to a couple of large and unsightly piles of rubbish outside of 2 Gainsborough Road which resemble fly tipping. Councillor Dales will look into this.

Mr McClymont asked about the piece of land opposite the Alms houses. This is common land. Councillor Dales is liaising with NSDC about the dangerous tree. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had attempted to claim ownership of the land before but was refused by NSDC. The Chairman will discuss with Councillor Dales to revisit the application and see if we can try again.

Mr Allen raised the fact that the Mint Leaf Restaurant is looking very untidy and in poor repair. We are not sure who owns it or what is happening with the building but it is becoming an eyesore. Councillor Dales will have a word with PC Gareth to see if he has any information.

Mr Allen also raised the question of litter on Drove Lane. There are signs on the road that have come off the Showground boundary and are a hazard to motorists. Councillor Dales will look into this and she suggested it be brought up during the meeting of the Parish Council with the Showground.

The Chairman confirmed that the battery in the defibrillator at the Village Hall is failing. It is still working but the machine informs you of the need for a new battery. We have little option to purchase a new battery which is £215.00 plus VAT. This was agreed and the Chairman will arrange this. Councillor Dales wondered if there was any funding for batteries and will have a look.

Mr Farmer asked if we needed to register the defibrillators with the St John's Ambulance. The Chairman confirmed that they were already on a national register.

The Chairman announced to the meeting that he would be standing down as Chairman from May 2022. He has been in office for 7 years and wanted to give sufficient notice to enable a successor to be found. Mr Kneen thanked him for his excellent chairmanship.

Meeting closed 8.50 p.m.