

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 15th September 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr B Allen (Vice Chairman), Mr B McClymont, Mr A Leary, Mr L Cammack, Mr M Kneen, Miss A. George and Mr P Farmer

Clerk: Mrs M Cammack (Acting Clerk)

Apologies: Mr P Smith, Mrs S Sillery and Councillor D Darby

District Councillors: Mrs L Dales

Mr Allen opened the meeting by acknowledging that the meeting of the Parish Council was taking place by discretion following the death of Queen Elizabeth. This was followed by two minutes silence.

69/22 Declarations of Interest – none received

70/22 To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st July 2022. The minutes were proposed by Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Kneen.

71/22 Matters Arising

Mr Cammack confirmed that a meeting had not yet been arranged with the Cricket Club, however, suggested dates are currently with the Cricket Club and the Parish are awaiting confirmation.

It was agreed that some of the tress at the Cricket club may need pollarding and Mr Smith will look into this after his return from holiday. The trees overhanding on the Jubilee walk have been dealt with.

Following Mrs Darby's last report, Mrs Dales confirmed that there is no capacity to have a doctor's surgery in Winthorpe. It was agreed to strike all future generalised reports from Mrs Darby from the minutes that have no impact on Winthorpe with Langford Parish.

Mr Leary asked if we can join NALC. Mrs Dales confirmed that it is well worth doing regarding support, etc. The cost is a percentage of the precept and number of residents in the village. It would cost approximately £100 per year. It was agreed to join, and if the cost is over £100, the decision will need to come back to Council. Mr Leary will investigate further

72/22 A46 Update

On the 17th August there was a preview meeting with National Highways followed by a consultancy day in the Lord Nelson carpark on 25th August. Mr Kneen said that they had listened and the proposed solution is very close to the village suggestion. This information is not yet in the public domain due to the statutory requirements they need to follow. Statutory consultation is expected by the end of October with the final draft. This will be

followed by a few weeks to respond. The Parish Council will work with the A46 group, Highways and Scanska and other stakeholders to make sure that the broader community is aware. Mr Kneen suggested that the Parish Council need to be visibly interacting and embracing with the broader Parish. It was suggested that immediately after the consultation (approx. 26th October) the Parish hold a meeting with the village residents, possibly, sometime in November.

73/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mr Kneen report that the Neighbourhood Plan is now in draft/skeleton form including draft policies.

Following a walk about in the village with a Town County Planner, characteristics have been recognised and included in the plan, which should be ready by the end of the year.

The next step will be a review by the community and this will be carried out by an independent company. Further details will be available nearer the time.

74/22 District/County Councillor Updates

Report from Councillor Darby

Distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.

Report from Councillor Dales

The process for the signage at the Spinney had started again.

The clear up at the Mint Leaf restaurant is awaiting a decision. However, Mr Allen reported that a skip had been delivered this week.

Mrs Dales will send out an email to each Councillor regarding the Ukraine scheme.

75/22 Invoices for Approval and any other financial matters

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Accounts

Holding Account - £21,261.82

Expenditure since last meeting

£1,100.00 to top up current account

£650.00 transfer to cover Heritage Trail payment

£526.00 transfer for Focal Point printing

£10.88 transfer for Focal Point postage

Receipts

Tennis Club – Walker £25.00 and Farmer £40.00

Focal Point – Ward £15.00

Interest - £4.05

Current Account - £304.16

Expenditure since last meeting:

Doug Lyne grass cutting for July £666.00

Payment for the design and printing of the Heritage Trail leaflet £650.00

Bank Charges £10.00

Clerk's Wages £340.00 (July and August)

Focal Point printing £270.00 and £256.00

Tony Cook and Son – Bench Painting £310.00

Focal Point – reimbursement for postage to Michael Johnson £10.88

Festival Monies paid in £942.90

The Clerk has been in contact with Santander about opening accounts with them. They are unable to help us but have put us in touch with a subsidiary, Cater Allen. Application forms and information have now been received by the Clerk and this matter will be discussed at the October meeting

Mr Leary reported that Mrs Sillery, Duncan Richardson and himself met with a potential internal auditor, Kyle Kenner who is a qualified Accountant. It was proposed that he come to the next meeting to introduce himself. Mr Leary will arrange.

Mr Allen asked if Mrs Sillery has been able to reinstate the dormant account held with Santander. He will contact Mrs Sillery to discuss.

Mr Allen confirmed that he will talk to Mrs Sillery about moving the accounts to Nat West as he may be able to help.

Mr Leary asked that Mrs Sillery include fixed assets with values in the Financial Statement in order to satisfy our external Auditors, commencing from the next meeting.

76/22 Planning applications/updates (if any)

Applications:

1) Fleetwood 19 Gainsborough Road

Proposal: 22/01505/TPO | Works to trees protected by TPO N6 (within G1) as recommended in submitted Tree Survey. Various pruning and height reduction measures to 12 mature trees, including 1 tree felling.

Suggested PC response: Support – Report seems sensible and work will result in improved health and longevity of tree line at rear of property.

2) Dixons Carphone Distribution Centre Long Hollow Way Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/01425/FUL Proposed CSC Offices constructed internally to existing Warehouse Building 2. The Planning Application is for the externally mounted condenser units serving the new Office accommodation.

Suggested PC response: No objection. Response deadline passed (Newark town council and environmental health officers have both stated no objection).

3) The Grove 73 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/01406/TWCA | Cedar Tree - Crown lift to approximately 2-3 metres from ground level, works undertaken to BS 3998

Suggested PC response: No objection – actual request is to reduce height of mature cedar to the front of the building by 20 – 25% to reduce risk of further limb breakage (This was approved on the 9th September)

4) Interchange Filling Station Fosse Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/01186/FUL | Creation of charging zone, including EV chargers, new canopy, sub-station, three jet wash bays and associated forecourt works

Suggested PC response: No objection (we believe that latest A46 plans will not force closure of this service station, although National Highways have requested a 3 month hold on granting approval).

5) Southern Barn Manor Farm Gainsborough Road Langford

Proposal: 22/01530/FUL | Retrospective planning application for permeable surfacing comprising layer of loose hardcore and change of use of section of former agricultural land to storage for trailers

Suggested PC response: Objection (already lodged) on the basis that:

- a) The land and buildings are grade 2 protected and this development is an unauthorised change of use to what previously was meadow land

- b) Historic hedge ways and wildlife have already been uprooted and disturbed, which cannot be condoned
- c) The shared access drive is totally unsuitable for large commercial transporter lorries
- d) We believe there are covenants in place that would prevent this sort of development from being undertaken, and these should be honoured.

Decisions: (Info)

1) [The Cottage 45 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe](#)

Proposal: 22/01352/TWCA | 971 Cypress - Fell 972 Holly - reduce height to end height of 10m
982 Thuja Plicata - Fell 988 Thuja - Fell 969 Thuja - Fell 998 Sycamore - Fell 996
Sycamore - Fell Yews and Laurel along north eastern boundary (up to and including
992) Crown lift trees over driveway to 4m from ground level

Decision: 16/8/22 Approved with guidance notes on civil behaviour and obligations

2) [Vodafone Mast 7635 Winthorpe Service Station Fosse Road Winthorpe](#)

Proposal: 22/01412/TEL24 | Proposed 15.0m Phase 9 slimline Monopole and associated ancillary works

Decision: 16/8/22 Approved as Permitted Development.

3) [The Grove 73 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe](#)

Proposal: 22/01280/LBC | Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations including alterations to the internal layout to create ensuite bathrooms, installation of underfloor heating and installation of an Air-Source Heat Pump to the rear elevation

Decision: 1/9/22 Listed building consent granted with conditions

Appeals: none to report

77/22 Lengthsman Scheme -capture of work required (Mark Kneen)

Mr Smith reported that now the contract (3 years) has been signed and we start to identify the areas of work needed across the Parish so we can to prioritise the work over the next three years. Mr Kneen has produced a spread sheet of potential activities for review. This will be sent to each Councillor and each individual to report back to Mr Kneen with their thoughts. Mr Cammack had suggested that this be tied in with the Health and Safety report. Mrs Sillery to send the H&S report to Mr Kneen.

78/22 Parish Website – feedback on quotes received

Prior to the meeting Mr Smith had sent a lot of information to the Parish Website, but he suggested it would be good to have some kind of steer on which provider to select. Following the NP Working Group this week we have identified somebody in the village who is a professional in website development and we are in the process in getting his view as well, so that should help.

79/22 Correspondence – none to report

80/22 AOB

- The bench which was, unfortunately, stained incorrectly – Mr Smith has spoken to the Cheetham family, and I think they are now happy with the way forward. Nigel Cook (painter) has now taken the bench away to his workshop for stripping and refurbishment with their agreement
- The bench which Nigel missed has now been stained
- The new bench on the village green which Mr Cammack and Mr Smith installed has received some really good comments, but we do need to secure it better. Any ideas? It was agreed to approach Nigel Cook to secure the bench. It was also agreed to arrange a plaque to the back of the bench. The wording to state *“In memory of Councillor Maureen Dobson who faithfully and diligently served the community of Winthorpe from ? to ?”*
- The numbering of the Spinney – Councillor Dales reported that the process for this has started again.
- Mr Smith is in the process of organising a meeting again with Simon Eccleston at the Showground to discuss some of the issues/points which we have in common around the parish at the moment. Mr Cammack volunteered to accompany Mr Smith in order to maintain continuity.
- We have received an e-mail from the Cricket Club Chairman, Paul Matthews. He stated that he is taking legal action regarding the comments made in the June minutes about being abusive to residents. The June minutes were checked and they clearly state that it was a resident that had said Mr Matthews had been abusive. It was decided to take this matter up with Mr Matthews once a date for a meeting had been agreed. Linda Dales reminded the Parish that they have access to Sue Miller (mediator from NSDC) if this was needed.
- The alleyway between Gainsborough Road and the Community Centre – NSDC still need to remove the concrete posts and wire; Mrs Dales will chase this up.
- The trees bordering the Cricket Pitch – Doug Lyne has looked at the work needed and thinks that we will need to submit an application for planning permission. Mr Smith is not entirely sure about this but either way will sort the planning out when he gets back from holiday.
- Councillors thought that the work carried by VIA on the footpaths so far was to a good standard despite it taking a long time to complete.
- The P.C. has identified a risk of Traveller access onto the Community Centre playing fields. Mr Smith met Peter Bateson on site a couple of weeks ago and worked out a possible solution, but it will cost. Linda Dales will chase this up with NSDC who had identified the issue when visiting the village recently.
- Mr Cammack asked Mrs Dales if there was any support towards buying a new laptop for Mrs Sillery as hers was no longer working. She will look into this and report back.
- Mr Farmer will write to Mrs Dales with a plan for funding in order to tidy up the village green.
- Mr Cammack reported that the clerk had not had a pay rise in 6 years. All Councillors agreed on a 10% immediate pay rise on her current monthly salary and this will be reviewed again once membership with NALC was complete.
- Mr Allen thanked Mr Cammack and Mr Kneen, who had managed the flag during the period of mourning.

- Bob McClymont thanked the Councillors for their work on the the Heritage booklet produced for the village.

Meeting closed 21:16