

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

<b>Present:</b>	Mr P Smith (Chair), Mr B McClymont, Mr M Kneen, Miss A George, Mr B Allen, Mr L Cammack and Mr P Farmer
<b>Clerk:</b>	Mrs S Sillery
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr A Leary and Mr B Wright
<b>District Councillors:</b>	Miss E Davis and Mrs L Dales
<b>Visitors:</b>	Mrs S Conning, Mrs S Farmer and Mrs D Day

### **10/23 Declarations of Interest :**

Mr Farmer for 43A Gainsborough Road under planning

### **11/23 To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2023**

The Clerk offered her apologies for the wrong date being on the minutes and also omitting to put Mr Cammack down as present. The closure time of the meeting was also omitted and the Clerk will add nine o'clock to the minutes. All amendments will be made.

Confirmed as a true record by Mr Kneen and seconded by Mr Farmer

### **12/23 Matters arising from the minutes.**

Mr Smith confirmed that broadband would shortly be installed into the Village Hall. There are also plans for a tv to be purchased in the coming months.

Mr Smith confirmed that the Lengsthman Scheme has been added to the agenda under the heading Parish Maintenance and General Works.

Mr Smith informed the meeting that he had not done any more about a new website. He will however push this matter in the new financial year.

Maureen Dobson's plaque is now in place. Many thanks to Abi for arranging this. The bench dedicated to Steven Jackson has his Christian name spelt incorrectly. It should be Steven not Stephen. Abi will arrange a replacement plaque.

Village Flag – a resident has contacted the Clerk with concerns that the flying of the St George's flag may have racist connotations, a view not shared by members of the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Union flag represents inclusivity whereas the St George's does not. Mr Smith has been in touch with the resident to explain that the Union flag is currently damaged, and this is why the St George's cross has been flown so much lately. The Union flag will be repaired and will be flown again. Mr Smith asked the meeting if anyone thought that there was a problem flying the St George's flag and everyone was in agreement that it should be flown until the Union flag was repaired and at any appropriate time thereafter.

Cricket Club – Mr Kneen confirmed that nothing had come up on the planning portal by way of a planning application by the Club.

Mr Smith confirmed that a Warm Space was now in full swing In the Village Hall. The first coffee meeting was held last week with 11 people attending and this was a great start. Funding is currently being sought for the project. This service may not go through the summer as the weather improves.

Dial House – Mr Kneen confirmed that he had visited the property and spoken to the owner. He was very apologetic for not going through the correct planning channels in relation to the structure in his garden. He assured Mr Kneen that he will be placing a retrospective application by the end of the week. Mr Smith suggested he might consider growing his hedge by another foot to shield the building from sight. Mr McClymont pointed out that there are a few buildings in gardens which can be seen from the road, and he didn't see that this was a problem.

Mr McClymont referred to the recent meeting held between the Mr Cammack and Mr Smith and the Showground and the talk of a bus stop at the Showground. He wondered how this could be of use to the village. Mr Smith explained that the bus would go from the village green to the Showground. Whilst this is only one stop, it may be of use to residents wanting to access the showground.

Mr McClymont also raised the question of the re-siting of the lorry park to the Show Ground. He had heard rumours that it was to go where the golf range is. Mr Smith said it was quite likely to happen but at the current time nothing was known for certain. Mr McClymont felt that this would cause a lot of noise. Miss Davis confirmed that if the lorry park does go on to the Showground, the entrance would be on the Starbucks side on the A17. Mr McClymont pointed out that the lorry park had just won an award.

### **13/23 A46 Update**

Mr Kneen confirmed that there was no update. All responses have been submitted to National Highways but as, yet nothing had come back. The Think Again Group are still searching for a new Chairperson.

Mr Smith had circulated an article in today's Advertiser whereby National Highways responded to the concerns of Newark Town Council in relation to the proposed plans.

Mrs Conning said that she had spoken to Mr John McGinty of National Highways, and he is proposing a meeting in the village but as, yet no date has been set.

### **14/23 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Mr Smith has been in contact with Steve Kemp and the plan is virtually there. Mr Kemp is to let us have a date for a working group meeting. Hopefully this will be a meeting to sign off the plan and share it with residents. Mr Smith is wanting to see the plan with the new photos added.

New photos have been given to Mr Kneen for the Design Code work which is being carried out by AECOM.

### **15/23 District/County Councillor Updates**

There has been no contact from Councillor Debbie Darby, and she is yet to attend any of our meetings. Miss Davis informed the meeting that Councillor Darby does not attend any meetings within her patch other than the Bridge Parish where she focuses all her efforts. Mr Smith felt that as Councillor Darby is in a paid role, she should be working for all the parishes and residents that come under her jurisdiction. Mr Smith suggested writing to complain to the Monitoring Officer at Notts County Council. Everybody agreed that this needed to be done.

Mrs Dales informed the meeting that she should have an update on the numbering of The Spinney early next week.

## 16/23 Invoices for approval and any other financial matters

Balances –

Current Account £163.97

Open Plan paid £2000 – Neighbourhood Plan

Gingernut Photography £100 – Neighbourhood Plan

Defib batteries £7.50

New battery for defib £302.28

Clerks Wages £184.00

Willsons – Focal Point printing £242

Via payment for grass cutting of £440 finally received

Holding Account £15964.71

Transfers to Current Account to cover Willsons, Open Plan and Gingernut Photography

Focal Point income

Collingham Supplies £135

Collingham Medical Centre £135

EJ Ward £15

C Smith £81

RAE Edlin £81

The Clerk has paid £2000 to Open Plan in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan at the request of Mr Smith. When the invoice came through it showed VAT. The Clerk confirmed that she had had invoices previously and that she had never paid any VAT. Mr Smith to take this up with Steve Kemp.

Mr Smith said that the Focal Point income is currently good and is sufficient to pay the printing fees. Mr Smith felt that Focal Point had improved a great deal and asked the meeting if everyone was happy with it. Mr Kneen said that we should be very proud of it and that Julie and Michael are doing a great job.

Mr Farmer confirmed that the droning days had gone well. £70 per was charged per day and the Community Centre charged £10 for the use of the toilets. The event went well, and he will send out an invoice asking for payment to be made into the Property Trust Account with Santander. Clerk to check that payment is received.

Clerk has completed all the application forms for the Cater Allen bank accounts. She will get the identification witnessed at the meeting tonight and send them recorded delivery on Monday.

Clerk to claim VAT on 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

The Clerk has received an invoice from NALC in relation to annual subscription commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. The Clerk has not been in contact with them and can only assume that Mr Leary has made contact. Invoice to be paid nearer the time.

## **17/23 Planning Applications/Updates (if any)**

### **Applications:**

#### **1) 43A Gainsborough Road Winthorpe Newark on Trent NG24 2NN**

Proposal: 22/02273/FUL Completion of room above existing garage for use as annexe accommodation to existing house.

Suggested PC response: Object. This structure will be a 2 storey dwelling in front of the main house, within the Winthorpe Conservation Area, with an additional 2-bay oak garage.

It will overshadow the adjacent Wren Cottage and block light and visibility from the low-level side window of Wren Cottage, not alleviated by the proposed high fence 2m from the boundary. It will be distinctly overbearing to the adjacent cottage and highly visible from the main Gainsborough Road.

This proposal is in conflict with previous approval conditions and should not be permitted.

#### **2) ATM Esso Interchange Filling Station Fosse Road Winthorpe**

Proposal: 23/00198/ADV 7M Totem Pole Sign

Suggested PC response: No objection.

#### **3) Lord Nelson Inn Public House Gainsborough Road Winthorpe**

Proposal: 23/00229/FUL Change of use of existing Class E bedrooms and dining area to Class 1 letting rooms with ensuite facilities

Suggested PC response: No objection. This is a formality to the previous application which PC has already stated its support.

### **Decisions: (Info)**

Mr Kneen has responded on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of 43A Gainsborough Road informing them the Parish Council do not support this application.

Clerk to respond in relation to Totem Pole sign at the Esso Garage – the Parish Council are happy to support this application.

The Langford appeal – Mr Kneen will write to re-iterate our concerns as per our original response.

Mr Kneen was due to attend a planning training meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February but was unable to attend. He has however received the power point presented at the meeting which he has found very useful.

## **18/23 Parish Maintenance and General Works**

Mr Kneen has collated the suggestions from residents of works that may be required around the village. He has made a list of initial works and Steve Lord has offered to assist with some of the jobs. Mr Kneen suggested payment of £20 per hour and Mr Lord would need to provide an invoice confirming the work which had been carried out to the Parish Council. Mr Kneen felt that for these small jobs, it was not necessary to get alternative quotes and asked if the Council were happy for Mr Lord to do the work.

Mr McClymont raised the question of whether individuals carrying out the work need to be insured. Mr Kneen said that the Lengthsman Scheme say that any sub-contractors take their own responsibility for insurance.

Mr Cammack felt that Mr Lord should have insurance. There are also risk assessments and method statements that need to be carried out. If a Parish Councillor was doing the work, they would be covered under the Parish Council insurance. Mr Cammack didn't want to seem alarmist, however if someone such as Mr Lord working for the Parish Council were to injure themselves it could be very serious. Mr Cammack felt that this matter needed more consideration.

Mr Kneen mentioned that there are two grit bins as you come into the village. They are not the most aesthetically pleasing items, and it was felt that only one was needed on the site. Mr Kneen will contact the County Council about have the damaged one removed.

A resident has asked whether the walkway down to the Fleet at the side of the Lord Nelson could be turned into a pathway. The general thoughts were that this was common land and as such, are we allowed to do anything to common land? Mr McClymont felt that public footpaths do get muddy, and people should be prepared for this. There are also a lot of big tree roots which would hinder the laying of a footpath. Mr Kneen will contact the County Council to see if they are prepared to improve the pathway as it is a public footpath.

Mr Kneen has today written to the County Council about the road width of Gainsborough Road.

Hargon Lane has two signposts. Mr Smith suggested that the older of the two signs should now be removed as it was unnecessary. Mr Farmer suggested the repositioning of remaining sign, so it is easier to see.

Mrs Pauline Lockwood has suggested that the green area in the middle of Pocklington Crescent could be made more of. In the original plans, the area was designated as a play area for children but that didn't materialise. The "No Ball Games" sign then went up practically forbidding children to use it. Mrs Lockwood feels that the area would benefit from a bench or two or even a picnic table. Mr Farmer will look into funding and the costings of picnic tables and benches.

It was further suggested that this green area where the proposed new defibrillator is to be positioned, should be named. This would assist the emergency services. Miss Davis suggested using "3 words" as this is used by all emergency services. Mrs Conning suggested Lockwood Copse as Mrs Lockwood has put in a lot of work into raising funds for the defibrillator. Mrs Dales said that there was a policy for naming areas. She will check on the ownership of the land.

Village Green – Mr Farmer confirmed that the grant application had been placed for the planters.

An email had been received from a resident with concerns about the small fence which is planned. They felt that the village green had been an open space for many years and could not understand the need for a fence. Mr Smith has responded to the resident in question, and explained the situation and the resident is happier following the explanation.

It was felt that the village should not lose its rural identity and that it should be well kept and safe for residents.

The fate of the oak tree is yet undecided. It may well have died, and time will tell. If another tree is planted in the future, it has been suggested that the soil has been diseased for some years, so we will need to bear this in mind.

Mr Pat Finn has made suggestions for the Jubilee Field. The Council are going not keep to the parkland planting. The planting won't take place until the back end of the year. Mr McClymont mentioned that we need to consider how we are to water the trees.

The Clerk confirmed that the oak trees that she had requested from The Sherwood Forest Trust via NSDC are ready for delivery. Mr Smith said he was happy to have them delivered to his address.

Mr Smith has been in touch with various groups within the village in relation to the bank at the side of the Community Centre. It would seem that the groups are happy to get involved with the upkeep of the area and Mr Smith will organise a meeting to get some ideas and plans in place.

Mr Kneen asked Mr Cammack if he would assist him with dog bins and litter bins for Langford.

Mr Kneen asked Mr Farmer if he would look at the state of the skate park with him with a view to seeing what work is required. The play area needs to be made good and the shelter refurbished. Mr Smith suggested getting the school involved to see what they would like on the skate park.

### **19/23 King's Coronation Celebrations**

Mrs Denise Day has kindly agreed to arrange an afternoon tea to celebrate the King's Coronation. This will be along the same lines as the celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Mrs Day has received £200 funding from Thomas Brewer. The Clerk confirmed that Andy Hardy of NSDC had sent an email in relation to funding and more information will be forthcoming in due course.

The event is purely for residents of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme. If there are spare places, these could then be offered to people outside of these areas. Mrs Day has a team of helpers in place and has contacted the supermarkets who have once again been generous. The event will be free of charge and there will be a raffle with the proceeds split between the Prince's Trust and the Community Centre.

The event will be covered by the Community Centre's insurance. Mr Farmer will contact Newark Community First Aid to see if they can be in attendance. The Parish Council will cover the donation to Newark Community First Aid.

There is also an event the day before on the Saturday in the Village Hall. Up to 28 people will have the opportunity to watch the Coronation with refreshments provided.

There will also be a duck race organised by the Lord Nelson on the Bank Holiday Monday.

Mrs Conning said that she had been talking to Mr Leary about funding. There is a lot of money out there which may be available, and it would be useful to have a list of various areas of funding for the various groups in the village to access.

Mrs Conning also informed the meeting that from next month there are some new groups starting in the Village Hall:-

Board Games Club, Youth Club, Mother and Baby Group, Heritage Group

Mr McClymont said that he felt that whilst the Village Hall needed to cover costs, it should be free for Village events.

### **20/21 Correspondence**

Email received from Phillip Jessop of Newark Community First Aid asking for volunteers and asking the Parish Council to put up a poster in the village and also put the details on our social media.

Email from Andy Hardy of NSDC relating to a grant scheme for the King's Coronation.

### **21/23 AOB**

None

Meeting closed at 9.01 pm.