

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th June 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr P Smith (Chair), Mr B McClymont, Mr A Leary, Mr L Cammack, Miss A George and Mr P Farmer

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Apologies: Mr M Kneen, Mr B Allen, Mr B Wright, Councillor D Darby and Councillor E Davies

District Councillors: Mrs L Dales

Visitor: Mr Rob Cook, Head Teacher at Winthorpe School

Before the start of the main meeting, Mr Cook was given the floor. Basically, he had two topics to discuss. Extending the admission age from 4-11 to 3-11 and the yellow lines outside of school.

The yellow lines have finally gone down following the work of Maureen Dobson and Notts County Council. Clearly, we now want parents to adhere to the parking regulations that come with double yellow lines. The idea was to spread the parking out and make it safer for children entering and exiting the school. Everyone was of the same opinion that it is an accident waiting to happen if the parking situation is not sorted out, hence the double yellow lines were put down.

Mr Cook confirmed that the school are fully engaged with ensuring that the parents adhere to the correct parking and will work with the Parish Council, PCSO's and N&SDC Parking Enforcement. Currently, there three or four parents totally disregarding the yellow lines and are therefore breaking the law. There is a disabled parent with a blue badge who can park there however, Mr Cook would like to be able to offer another solution for this parent. Mr Cook does not want conflict with parents; however, he wants the situation resolved. He also suggested that other visual aids may be necessary.

Mr Smith felt that the Parish Council had done well to get the double yellow lines down and confirmed that if we need to do more the Parish Council certainly will ensure the safety of the children. We will see how things develop over the next few of weeks.

Apparently, the Police do not have jurisdiction for parking offences, this falls under Newark and Sherwood District Council's remit. The Council have been informed about the law-breaking parents and it was felt that it will only take one parent receiving a fixed penalty notice to make everyone think more carefully about where they park. We have done everything right so far and must monitor the situation over the next couple of weeks.

Mr Cook will put an article in the school newsletter and explain that offenders have been reported to the District Council.

Mr Cook will also talk to the PTA and the Chair of Governors to enlist their help.

Mr Cammack asked whether the school had ever thought about using the field to the left hand of the school for parking. Trinity College own the land and it would be worth asking the question. Mr Smith said that the Parish Council would look into this.

Mr Cook asked about the children getting involved in using the speed cameras. Mr Smith will look at some dates and possibly include the PCSO who has previously offered to provide a session on road safety to the children.

Extending Admission to the School

The school's admission policy is currently 4-11 and they are looking to reduce this to 3-11. Three-year-olds get 30 hours free childcare and Mr Cook feels that Winthorpe are missing out. Often children go to preschool and end up staying at that school e.g., Coddington. Mr Cook felt that with the new A46 project, the number of children attending Winthorpe School could well drop, and they need to make plans to counter this. There is no actual financial gain for the school, however securing numbers for the school is a financial gain in itself.

The problem of extra traffic is a concern. However, Mr Cook suggested that new three-year-olds may have siblings at the school anyway, hence there would be no extra traffic in that situation. Staggered drop offs could be an answer.

There is a full consultation process with Notts County Council, the parents etc before a decision will be made. Mr Smith confirmed that in the recent village survey, several comments were made about the need for pre-school facilities which is encouraging.

Main meeting

Mr Smith welcomed our new Parish Councillor Abigail George. He thanked her for taking on the role and hoped she will enjoy being part of the Parish Council.

48/22 Declarations of Interest:

Mr Smith declared an interest in relation to a planning application for his next-door neighbour, 88 Gainsborough Road.

49/22 To Receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th May 2022

Mr Smith said what a wonderful success the Jubilee Celebration was. It was agreed that the Clerk would write and thank Denise Day for her marvellous efforts.

Mr Cammack asked what the current situation was regarding the alleyway off Gainsborough Road leading down to the Community Centre. Mr Cammack felt that the trees belong to the property to the left-hand side of the alleyway, the property being owned by Mrs Margaret Bark. Mrs Bark no longer lives in the property, but her son does. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Mr Bark and ask him to cut the trees back.

The wire fence is still an issue and dangerous. Councillor Dales confirmed that Lee Robinson at NSDC is looking into the ownership.

Councillor Darby has sent a report but was not able to attend the meeting as she was at a Notts County Council meeting. Mr Smith felt that it would be good to have her attend a meeting, and we will wait until the Autumn to see if she has done so.

The Bench for Maureen Dobson has been delivered to Mr Cammack. He asked if we were planning to put it on a base. It was decided that this would be the best thing to do. Mr Cammack and Mr Farmer are going to sort this out. Once in place, we will arrange for a plaque at the next meeting.

A replacement for Duncan Richardson as the internal auditor has still not been found. Another advert will go into Focal Point this month. The new Village Hall Treasurer has resigned. Mr Leary will have a word with him to see if you would like to take on the role.

Defibrillator on Hargon Lane. In relation to the email from Pauline Lockwood about the funds raised at the Festival for a third defibrillator in the Pocklington Crescent. Sue Mascheder has confirmed that the monies will be available for this. However, we don't know at this stage how much will be raised and there is also the question of electrical supply capability to the unit. It was felt that having two defibrillators in a small village was quite sufficient. We will wait until the Festival has been held and see how much money is available.

Minutes proposed as a true record by Mr Farmer and seconded by Mr Leary.

50/22 A46 Update:

Mr Smith had not produced an update as there has not been a great deal happening. Just a couple of points. The way in which National Highways are communicating seems to have changed. Now Mott MacDonald have been appointed as main contractor, they have a group who talk to interested parties such as Think Again, NSDC etc. The feeling is that this group is totally different to the previous one. At the current time they don't appear to be working with interested parties, rather going through the motions to put a 'tick in the box'.

The sound problems with both the A1 and A46 are still ongoing. A meeting with National Highways is scheduled for some time in July.

51/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update:

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group 7th June 2022

Issues raised and thoughts from the meeting:

- The meeting was attended by Mark Brown, Andrew Parkin, Steve Kemp, Bob Allen and Paul Smith
- Points raised at the previous meeting were reviewed

- PS mentioned that the grant application was nearly complete and in addition to general funding for completion of the Plan provision had been made for updating the Village Website, producing the Heritage Trail leaflet and production of the Design Codes
- MB updated the meeting on progress around the development of the Land Ownership/Tenancy Map. Following a discussion on what was known around the parish, Mark and Bob agreed to work together on trying to fill some of the gaps in what we already know
- PS showed a copy of the draft version of the Heritage Trail leaflet which has been produced by a colleague of Andy Leary. The meeting thought that this was great progress and liked the style of the approach. Several points were discussed including: A QR code to take people to the village website for further information, the need to have two possible routes worked up to accommodate both able bodied and disabled people/wheelchair users, leaflets to be held in the Nelson and on the village website. PS agreed to circulate the leaflet to WG members for comment
- Steve Kemp provided a presentation on the proposed structure for the Plan. Although it does not directly reflect the structure of the Focus Groups as we have them at the moment, Steve will take the outputs/Policies and objectives collected so far and work then into the draft plan
- Steve's skill here is to make sure that the structure of the plan when complete meets the requirements of N&SDC and when produced for residents to vote on in the referendum will produce the outcomes we require
- The work of some Focus Groups is now complete for the time being, but other groups are currently continuing to create outcomes. As these come to fruition, completed information should be forwarded to Steve for inclusion
- PS agreed to send Steve's presentation onto all WG members for information
- PS agreed to forward Martin's Active Travel document together with a range of Parish Maps for inclusion in the plan where appropriate
- The first meeting of the Conservation and Built Heritage Working Group will be held on the 9th June where the current (2007) version of the designated area will be considered. *Post meeting Note: This group will also now consider – Non-Designated Heritage Assets and Assets of Community Value*
- PS agreed to provide an inclusion for the next edition of Focal Point to keep people up to speed on Plan progress, covering some of the key points raised during the WG discussion
- The meeting felt that really good progress was being made and that we were currently well on track to meet the timescales for the draft plan to be completed in September
- The meeting ended and PS thanked everybody for a really good meeting, the next Working Group will take place on the 5th July

Mr Smith confirmed that the grant application has now been submitted. The amount applied for is £10k, with a further 6k allocated for Design Code development. This will enable us to pay Open Plan (Steve Kemp) to finish the plan, the grant includes £1000 for the improvement of the website and £500 for the Heritage Trail. Mr Farmer asked if we could use the money for other things such as a Bronze Board for the history of the village on the Heritage Trail. Mr Smith said he has looked into the options available to us and the answer was generally yes but any money spent had to relate directly to the Plan. The board could cost in the region of. Mr Farmer is going to investigate this. Collingham have something similar.

Mr Smith said that the Heritage Trail is coming on very well. The artwork is great, and he will circulate the draft to everyone. There will also be a QR code to connect to the website.

Mr Pat Finn is anxious that the village scrap book be kept by someone. Mr Cammack confirmed that it is held securely in the Community Centre and is perfectly safe there.

52/22 District/ County Councillor Updates

District Councillors report for Winthorpe Parish Council Meeting 16th June 2022

From Cllr Linda Dales and Cllr Emma Davis

APP3030/C/18/3196972 Land to the NW side of Winthorpe Road

Appeals have been dismissed

Inspector was of the view that the current site is inappropriate due to open break and noise despite previous rulings (other cases) of our not being able to meet a need and the implications of families being forced onto the road if and when evicted. Therefore, the site remains unauthorised and harmful and will need to be moved.

Changes to wording required: appeals notice 'ceases use of land as a caravan site' (rather than 'use of land for residential occupation') and allows 12 months for the site to be vacated and 14 months for all hard-standing and paraphernalia to be removed.

Grounds include noise from the A1, harmful effects on the Open Break, and that this will worsen if A46 works go ahead.

Safer Neighbourhood Group Meeting

Re-started, first meeting held 15/6 and Winthorpe was represented by Paul and Chris Smith.

I will forward a report from the meeting separately

A1 Noise

Meeting arranged with Oliver Scott for the homeowners living within the A1 'Important Noise Area' and he will advise on measures that can be taken within those properties to mitigate noise.

Mint Leaf rubbish accumulation

The NSDC reference number for this is 4662471 – no further update

Alms-houses trees:

Quote obtained for £150 for the works. Sandersons map 1835 shows it as part of Dial House. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Doug Lyne to do the work in order to keep the area safe and then Councillor Dales will look to register the land.

Cricket Club funding application

Awaiting verdict

Community Centre - Gainsborough Road alleyway. We are just establishing ownership, there is a suggestion that it is now NCC but confirming.

Holme Lane enforcement – ongoing.

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE DARBY TO WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Please find my report for Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council – unfortunately, I am on other County Council business this evening.

Last month, I was appointed to the Children and Young People’s Select Committee at County Hall. As a mother and grandmother, this is a subject close to my heart. Since the start of the pandemic, there has been a significant rise in free school meal claimants in Newark and Sherwood. 1 in 4 children now claim them as the cost-of-living crisis gets worse. I will use these meetings to champion our local schools across the Collingham Division. I have a meeting with the Service Director for Children’s, School and Families at Nottinghamshire County Council Colin Pettigrew next week. I want to champion our young people, fight for improve life chances and for extra resources for our schools. I will be particularly focusing on ensuring the nutritional value of school meals.

One of the biggest issues residents get in touch with is access to healthcare. The lack of resources at Newark Hospital, opening hours AND the lack of GP surgery in Winthorpe and the impact on residents presenting to the Urgent Treatment Centre.

Three weeks ago, I met with Chief Executive of Sherwood Forest Hospitals Paul Robinson who runs Newark Hospital and King’s Mill Hospital. At this meeting, I raised a number of issues of significant concern to local residents. This included, the lack of 24 hour provision at Newark Hospital. I forcibly made my point that Newark was growing exponentially without the appropriate health infrastructure. I will be convening another meeting with Paul and the Clinical Commissioning Group on Monday, 27 June and have requested statistics on mortality rates in our before the meeting. I have also requested that health bosses look into access to GPs and ambulance waiting times.

Despite the Clinical Commissioning Group agreeing to look again at whether we should return to a full-time A&E at Newark Hospital – at Tuesday’s Health Scrutiny at County Hall – the CCG announced that Newark Hospital’s Urgent Care Centre is to remain closed overnight for another 12 months because NHS managers say it is not possible to safely staff the service. This is incredibly disappointing and I will raising my disappointment at the meeting on 27 June. Whilst I was pleased that health bosses highlighted my health campaign at the meeting at County Hall – compliments don’t deliver better healthcare.

As my previous report said – the state of our broken roads and pavements remains the biggest issue in my postbag. I continue to report problems with our highways to Notts County Council who are responsible. I have designed a highway’s survey that has been going through doors as we try to get to grips with this issue. If you haven’t received yours yet – you will do soon. Every response will be forwarded to the Highway’s Team at Notts County Council together with a demand for action.

My next round of Councillor’s Divisional Funding is now available and if you know of a community organisation in this area that needs financial support then please get in touch.

Don’t hesitate to contact me on 07773149702 if you need anything.

I look forward to attending a future meeting.

Councillor Debbie Darby. Independent Councillor for the Collingham Division.

53/22 Invoices for approval and any other financial matters

Account Balances

Current Account £746.36

Payments

Bank Charges £5.00, Doug Lyne for May grass cutting £948.00, Clerk’s Wages £170, Willsons paid for June printing £270.00, Parish Online renewal £64.80, Refunded £150.00 to Thomas Brewer for Lawn Mower, Refunded £160.20 to Thomas Brewer for funds not needed for the Jubilee Tea Celebrations. Repaid Denise Day for her outlay for the Jubilee tea £239.80

Holding Account £13761.75

Tennis Club and Focal Payments being received – I have asked that TC or FP be put in the reference when sending faster payments so that I can tell what the payment relates to. It is proving a real headache at the moment.

Festival Funds £770.56 and Events Funds £225.97 held within Holding Account

Tennis Club £4971.37

Focal Point £2039.91

Property Trust Fund £6877.60

£1000 transferred to Holding Account for the Youth Club’s contribution to the exercise bikes.

Community Centre rent received £25.00. Cricket Club rent received £35.00

The end of year forms have been submitted to PKF

The amended Constitutions for the Tennis Club and Focal Point have been re-sent to Miles at Santander for consideration.

54/22 Planning Applications/updates (if any)

Applications:

1) Oakdale 88 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe Nottinghamshire NG24 2NR

Proposal: Fell tree numbers 1 - 28 (mixed species) T29 Beech - Crown lift to 6m from ground level

Suggested PC response: Discuss visual impact of removing this many trees in the conservation area. Defer to N&S policies?

2) 8 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe Nottinghamshire NG24 2NN

Proposal: Replacement of Conservatory with Single Storey Extension

Suggested PC response: Support – does not impact anybody else.

Decisions: (Info)

Address - Winthorpe House 47 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe NG24 2NN

Proposal: Retention and alteration of recently created serving hatches within outbuilding

Decision: Application Refused

Appeals:

Site address: Land Off A17 Coddington Nottinghamshire

Description of development: Development of site for distribution uses (Use Class B8) including ancillary offices and associated works including vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking and landscaping.

Application reference: 20/01452/OUTM

Appeal reference: APP/B3030/W/22/3292692

Appellant's name: Tritax Acquisition 39 Limited

Appeal start date: 9 June 2022

Suggested PC response: Re-iterate previous opposition (9/20). Strong opposition from many sources – 193 docs.

55/22 Cricket Club

There have been more instances where ladies walking their dogs have been verbally abused by the Chairman of the Cricket Club. On these occasions, the dogs were off the lead but not on the cricket pitch.

Mr Farmer suggested that the benefit of having the Cricket Club in the village does not make it worth the trouble that comes with it. The level of the abuse is intolerable.

Mr Cammack said that whilst he does not condone the behaviour of the Cricket Club Chairman, he has seen dogs off the lead and witnessed dog owners not clearing up after their dogs. There are two sides to this situation. He also went on to say that we cannot terminate the lease. The Cricket Club has been in the village for years. Mr Smith confirmed that the Cricket Club is important to the village.

Councillor Dales suggested getting some assistance from NSDC. Officers can work with us in relation to anti-social behaviour. Clearly another meeting is needed. Mr Cammack and Mr Leary will arrange this. Mr Farmer will put an update on Next Door.

56/22 Health and Safety Inspections

Following Mr Lord's resignation from the Parish Council, it was necessary to update the health and safety inspections. Mr Farmer agreed to take on the areas which were previously assigned to Mr Lord. Two additional areas were added, the Defibrillator which Mr Cammack has been looking after. They must be checked monthly, and Mr Cammack will continue to do this. The other item is the Flag Pole. This also needs to be checked for safety and the condition of the flags. Mr Cammack will continue to do this.

57/22 Parish Councillor links to other organisations

The list was gone through, and all Council members were happy to remain in their current roles

PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Board of Trustees on Winthorpe Community Centre (2)

Mr P. Farmer and Mr M. Kneen

Winthorpe Allotment Holders Committee (2)

Mr R. McClymont and Mr R. Allen

Winthorpe Tennis Club Committee (1)

Mr A. Leary

Winthorpe Festival Organising Committee (2)

Mr L. Cammack and Mr R. McClymont

Winthorpe with Coddington Cricket Club (2)

Mr L. Cammack and Andy Leary

Village Hall Committee and Board of Trustees (2)

Mr L. Cammack and Mr. P. Smith

Langford Quarry Liaison Committee (2)

Mr A. Leary and Mr M. Kneen

Winthorpe Village Bonfire Organising Committee (3)

Mr L. Cammack, Mr R. Allen, Mr A Leary

Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) (1)

Mr M Kneen

Trustees for the Charity of Thomas Brewer (2)

(Appointed by the Parish Council until 2024)

David Barthorpe and Tish Applewhite

Focal Point Liaison (1)

Mr Andy Leary

58/22 Correspondence

Invite from Newark Healthcare Consultative Group to their next meeting on the 22nd July at 10.00 am at Newark Town Hall. Councillor Dales is likely to attend.

Katy Davis of Alford Storage and Textile Company – suggested fundraising by recycling clothes. Already have this facility in the village.

The Clerk raised the question of inviting Jenny Palmer to a meeting. She wrote to us back in January 2022 to introduce herself as the New Community Relations Officer at NSDC. We have not managed to invite her to a meeting yet and the Clerk asked if we still wanted to do so. Councillor Dales works closely with Jenny, so she already knows quite a bit about us. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Jenny and see how she feels about attending the July meeting.

59/22 AOB

None

Meeting closed 9.10 pm