

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th November 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr P Smith (Chairman), Mr B McClymont, Mr A Leary, Mr B Wright, Mr P Farmer

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Apologies: Mr M Kneen, Miss E Davis, Mr L Cammack, Miss A George and Mrs D Darby

District Councillors: Mrs L Dales

Visitors: Mrs Susie Conning and Mr Mark Brown

93/22 Declarations of Interest

Mr P Farmer – Planning

94/22 To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th October 2022

Mr McClymont raised the issue of the flooding on Holme Lane where a hay barn is being erected and the entrance is being widened. Mr Smith confirmed that the Planning Department are looking at the entrance and we should leave it to them at this time.

Minutes confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mr Farmer.

95/22 Matters Arising from the minutes

Tree trimming at the Cricket Club -Mr Smith will talk to Doug Lyne about this matter. It is not urgent, and it will be a job for spring before the growth. In the meantime, we need to decide if the work warrants needing Newark and Sherwood District Council permission.

Lengthman Scheme – Meeting scheduled for 29th November in the Nelson to discuss the work that we need to prioritise over the next three years.

Mr Farmer still has to talk to Doug Lyne about the low-level fencing on The Green.

Parish Website – the new provider for the Website is ongoing and should be up and running in early 2023. Mr Smith has recently looked at the Collingham PC website and there are a few things that we should include in ours.

Maureen Dobson's Bench – Miss George has ordered the plaque.

Numbering The Spinney – NSDC feel that it is not their responsibility to erect a new sign. Mrs Dales doesn't agree with this, and she wants to have a policy change, which will be considered in January. She feels that it is the right thing to do to have the numbers on a sign. Once we get the sign erected, Mr Smith will write to each resident and request that they put a number on their property. Mr Smith mentioned that Christine Hasman has found a plan of the numbering system which will be helpful.

New footpaths – Mr Smith said he had one or two concerns about the new footpaths. Overall, the work is good, but we just need to report the odd problem.

Laptop – Mr McClymont asked why the Parish Council weren't buying a new laptop? It was explained that if we can get a grant, that would be great. The Clerk had been in touch with Andy Hardy at NSDC and he had not been able to offer any grant monies. Mrs Dales is looking into whether there are any laptops going spare at NSDC.

The Merchant Navy flag was due to be flown. Mr Smith will ask Mr Cammack if he has managed to find the flag.

NALC -membership to be applied for in the new tax year.

Woodland's property with a large pile of garden waste close to the river. Mr Farmer has been to have a look. The waste is close to the river but is on the property owner's land. Need to keep any eye on this.

Signage at the Community Centre – it was agreed to contribute to the dog and rabbit signs on the playing field. Mr Smith understands that the 'No Dog' signs have been vandalised by a dog walker who does not agree with the sentiment of the sign. Clearly without actual evidence, there is not much we can do about this. It is hoped that the new signs won't suffer the same fate.

Holme – there is a possibility of an interest by a Holme resident to become Chair. The resident has been put in touch with Mrs Dales.

Chapel Lane street lighting – Mr Smith is going to raise his with Councillor Darby. He has a few matters he wants to discuss with her and would like to arrange a meeting. It was suggested that residents in Chapel Lane might know whether the road is adopted or not.

Mr Cammack, although not at the meeting, has confirmed that he responded back to the Cricket Club in relation to their planning application. Assistance could be provided in relation to the actual planning application.

Quarry Liaison – Mrs Dales showed interest in chairing the meeting. Mr Leary expected them to contact her directly.

PKF – Clerk has made contact to ask about the problem with the dates as per their final response on the AGAR.

96/22 A46 Update

Mr Leary updated the meeting. There is a meeting with National Highways on Monday 21st November 7.30 in the Village Hall. Mr Leary is collating views/questions to put forward a Parish Council response to the consultation.

The Think Again Campaign have two village meetings on the 23rd of November at 1,30pm and 7.30pm.

Mr Smith attended the Community Centre event with National Highways and felt that there was really good clarity and he got proper answers which he would like to see in writing. Items such as the 50 mile per hour limit, footpath/cycle ways around the village, the farm vehicle track and the proposal for a new bus stop at the Show Ground.

There were very positive messages and there was no doubt that the funding would be available, and the project would go ahead.

Notts CC, NSDC, the Show Ground, Community Groups and Parish Councils need to work with the school, landowners etc going forward to get the best out of this project and to ensure that the impact on the village during construction is managed well with the minimum of impact on the Parish. Access to the school and the pub need to be considered so that the impact on their normal operation is minimised

An Active Travel Group is being set up between NSDC and National Highways in relation to footpaths, cycle paths and buses.

97/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update

There was no meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group this month as work is progressing behind the scenes to compile the first full Draft version of the Plan. Open Plan, who are the consultants we are using to help develop and complete the Plan are currently pulling together a lot of information from discussions over the last few months, together with a range of policies developed from resident feedback.

The next meeting of the working group will be held on the 6th December, and it is planned that this will focus fully on the draft plan. It will provide the opportunity to review the current content and /format, together with discussions over how to progress to the next steps.

We have asked a local photographer to capture images of a variety of locations around the Parish so that we can use in the Plan. They will be forwarded to Open Plan so that they can use them to illustrate the final version. Most of the photographs are now available and they will also be used to support the new Parish Website and Social Media outlets which are currently used by The Parish Council.

We have also instructed a consultant (AECOM) to develop a 'Design Code' document which will support the finished Plan and help us to complete the content. The Design Code when complete will be a set of simple, concise, illustrated design requirements which will cover different aspects of design across the Parish. When complete and agreed by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group it will become a formalised planning document which will provide guidance and parameters for any future building construction undertaken in the Parish. Its intention is to ensure that the current style and nature of the parish is maintained and unaffected by any possible future development supported by the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan.

As soon as a finalised Draft Plan is completed (expected in the next couple of months) it will be shared with all Parish Residents for comment and feedback and we will continue to keep everybody up to date on progress through Focal Point, Twitter etc

98/22 District/County Councillor Updates

Mrs Dales confirmed that the Police Beat Surgery is being rescheduled and she will talk to Mr Kneen about this as he is now heading up Neighbourhood Watch.

Mrs Dales confirmed that the Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Consultation document is out. This is very important and there are important steps regarding traveller areas which need to be facilitated. There are specific challenges to face. Villages like ours are at risk. We need individual responses to the consultation and also a Parish Council response. Mr Smith will put the details of the consultation in Focal Point so that villagers are aware of how to respond.

Mrs Dales has asked NSDC about unused lap tops that they may have available and possible funding.

99/22 Invoices for Approval and any other financial matters

Balances

Current Account - £198.97

Expenditure

September Mowing £836.40 and October mowing £474.00

Willsons Focal Point Printing for November £270

Open Plan payment £2000

Village Hall Rent - £252 Parish Council Meetings, £58.00 Neighbourhood Watch and £14.50 Cricket Club Meeting

PCC's of Winthorpe and Langford £150 each and Focal Point £750

Clerk's Wages £184.00

Holding Account - £19,716.32.32

Expenditure

£270 transferred for Focal Point printing

£500 transferred to top up current account

£2000 transferred for Open Plan payment

Income

£15.00 Focal Point receipt for S Smith

£60.00 Focal Point receipt for Hargreaves Dairy

Focal Point balance - £1463.03

Tennis Club Balance - £5256.37 unchanged

Property Trust Account - £6877.60 unchanged

Speed Gun grant from NSDC £85.50 received

Via Grass Cutting funding applied for but not yet received.

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Cater Allen about the issue of Trustees and that it was not necessary to have trustees and that Parish Councillors can be signatories. It was agreed that we should transfer our banking to Cater Allen with the Clerk, Mr Smith and Mr Allen being the signatories. Clerk to complete the necessary application forms.

100/22 Planning Applications/updates if any

Applications:

1) Woodleigh, 90 Gainsborough Road

Proposal: 22/02167/TWCA. T8 Beech: Remove - Fell for safety this tree has had extensive colonisation with *Meripilus giganteus* at the stem base for many years.

Suggested PC response:No objection – will be led by NSDC Tree Specialists.

2) A1/A17/A46 Junction Services Fosse Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/02161/TEL25. Upgrade of existing telecommunications base station comprising the removal of the existing telecoms monopole tower (approx. 18m high including headframe) and replacement with a 17.5m high monopole (height including headframe), associated 6 no. antennas, radio units and ancillary works (upgraded radio equipment to be housed within the existing cabin)

Suggested PC response:No objection.

3) The Lodge 49 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/02112/HOUSE. Demolition of garage. Replacement garden wall.

Suggested PC response:Support – the continued deterioration of the wall due to the ingrowing sycamore needs addressing. The proposed solution of demolition by hand and sympathetic rebuilding using existing materials where possible, plus replacement gates, will be a good outcome.

4) Tall Trees 25 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/02101/TPO. Undertake works to trees protected by TPO N373 identified in order as T1 Acacia T2 Sycamore
Acacia - Reduce the limb that is over neighbour's garden at 6m in height to the South West, which has over extended the natural canopy line back by 6m to the large branch union
Sycamore - selectively reduce over extending canopy over client's property by a maximum of 4m. Crown lift the tree to 6m over the neighbour's garden

Suggested PC response:No objection.

5) Lord Nelson Inn Public House Gainsborough Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/02074/ADV. Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building

Suggested PC response:Support – Proposed signage is in keeping with the building and replaces / refreshes existing signage and lighting.

6) Lord Nelson Inn Public House Gainsborough Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/02047/LBC. Proposed internal alterations to create ensembles to letting rooms, plus blocking up 1no external doorway and creating an internal lobby to stairwell on ground floor

Suggested PC response:Support – Given written assurances in the application that historic fabric and appearance will be protected / preserved. The Nelson is a central part of village life and deserves support to maintain its viability for future generations.

7) Woodleigh 90 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/01990/HOUSE. Remove garage. Two storey side and single storey side and rear extensions, new porch, Juliette balcony and render existing house.

Suggested PC response:Support. The application is a major development of the existing property and not dissimilar to an application approved in 2009. The site is large in size and this development will deliver significant improvement to the dwelling, not out of character with nearby properties.

8) The Grove 73 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe

Proposal: 22/01931/HOUSE & 22/01932/LBC Extension and alterations to pool outbuilding

Suggested PC response:The application is a significant development and extension to the existing pool outbuilding plus provision of an outdoor jacuzzi. The new structure will not be visible from the public roadway, nor will it detract from the character of The Grove itself. No objections provided the usage of the facilities remains domestic only, not commercial.

Decisions: (Info)

1) Winthorpe House 47 Gainsborough Road

Proposal: 22/01447/TPO | Undertake works to tree protected by TPO 116 identified as part of Area 1 Fell 1 No. Sycamore Tree

Decision: Refused 7th November 2022

2) Woodleigh, 90 Gainsborough Road

Proposal: 22/01827/TWCA | T1 Oak - remove one horizontal low lying limb running west from the trunk approximately at 3 meters height T2 Sycamore - remove T3 Yew - lateral reduction of 1.5m to 2.0m and removal of any lower branches growing below 4m above ground level T5 Yew - remove T7 Yew - targeted lateral reduction of 2m to 2.5m T10 Yew - remove T12 Sycamore - remove T23 Elm - remove T32 to T35 Sycamore - remove.

Decision: Approved 7th November 2022

3) 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

Decision: Refused 2nd November 2022

Appeals:

It was suggested that Mr Smith, Mr Farmer and Mr Kneen visit 73 Gainsborough Road as they have had three applications in quick succession. It would be prudent to get the full facts on what is planned for the property before we respond to the latest planning application.

Mrs Conning asked how the Parish Council felt about infill. Properties with large gardens building additional properties on their land. Mr Smith said that the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan (currently being drafted) is very clear about future development across the Parish. Through Parish surveys, residents have expressed that minimal development should be entertained over the next 10 years, but that where this happens then it should be for properties which could provide accommodation for older residents wishing to downsize and to encourage younger families into the Parish. Mrs Dales said that infill related to building on fields not garden building and that every planning application is looked at on its own merits.

101/22 Correspondence

Email received from Administration Services at NSDC in relation to a Planning Training Session being held on the 6th of February 2023 via Teams. Clerk to resend this email.

102/22 AOB

Mr Farmer had been looking at planters for the Village Green. He has found New Forest Planters at £450 + VAT. He still needs to talk to Doug Lyne about the fencing. It was suggested trying the N&SDC Community Fund early in the new year for funding.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm