

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19 January 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

01/23 Declarations of Interest: None

02/23 To Receive and Accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th of December 2022

Mr Smith outlined a slight change in the way we deal with the previous meeting's minutes. The minutes now go out earlier, within a few days of the meeting. Any comments people have to make on the minutes should be forwarded to the Chairman or Clerk before the next meeting. This will save time during the meetings. There were no objections to this.

There was a small typo in 105/22, spelling of Doug Lyne – Clerk to amend.

Mr Farmer had given his apologies for the December meeting. Clerk to amend the minutes.

Minutes confirmed as a true record, proposed by Mr Kneen and Seconded by Mr Allen.

03/23 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Lengthman Scheme – we need to decide what work is done over the next three years. Mr Smith raised the question are we going to do anything before the end of the financial year. Mr Kneen had received four responses to his article in Focal Point. He had not wanted to get any work underway until residents had had the opportunity to respond to the article. One was that the path at the side of the Nelson be tidied. Mr Kneen suggested that everyone needs to identify things that need doing and get them done. We have an amount of money to use before the end of March. Mr Kneen will get a few jobs underway and coordinate tasks.

Mr Cammack asked if we were going out to tender? Mr Kneen responded that we do not need to go out to tender. We should use our knowledge of local tradesmen. We need to get a receipt on payment. Before and after photos are ideal but not a necessity. We also need to agree a reasonable daily rate of pay. Mr Smith felt that £200 per day for a skilled worker, £150 for semi-skilled and £100 for labourer. Mr Cammack will talk to Doug Lyne about his daily rates when he talks to him about grass cutting prices.

Website – Mr Smith confirmed that nothing has been done as yet in relation to a new provider. Two residents had shown concern about the transferring of data from the old to new providers. We have to ensure that changing providers is the right decision and that the data is safe.

Maureen Dobson's plaque – Miss George confirmed that the plaque is now in place.

Numbering of The Spinney – Mrs Dales confirmed that she is waiting on a call from Mark at NSDC to arrange a meeting.

Merchant Navy flag – Mr Cammack has located the flag. It was suggested that the ideal time to fly it would be the 1st of September. Mr Smith confirmed that the Union flag is damaged, and Mrs Smith is repairing it. The Notts flag is too small. To buy a new flag of the bigger size would cost £220.

Planters – Mr Farmer is chasing up a quote from Doug Lyne.

Cricket Club – The Club intend changing their planning application in relation to the Club House. Mr Matthews is asking for another meeting with Mr Cammack and Mr Leary.

Sherwood Forest Trust – Mr Smith reported that Lynn Preece had visited the Jubilee field again and is working out a planting suggestion for parkland planting, including small tree planting along Jubilee Walk.

Mr McClymont commented that the Jubilee Field gets very wet, and some trees might not survive. Mr Smith said that a survey would be done prior to planting.

Mr Kneen suggested clearing the skate park and marking it up for a children's play area with hopscotch etc. It would be good to ask young families what they would like to see in that area. It had been suggested to move the basketball ring and shelter up to the Community Centre, but Mr Peter Bateson, Chair of the Community Centre is not interested in this idea. It was felt it was a better idea to retain the basketball ring where it was especially if we are improving the skate park.

Register of warm space – Mr Smith has confirmed to NSDC that the Village Hall will be a warm space every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4. The WI are going to run it and tea and coffee will be available for people to come together for a chat. Mrs Conning is looking into arranging Wifi and possibly a television.

04/23 A46 Update:

Nothing has really changed. Sarah-Jane Page has resigned as Chair of the Think Again Campaign. No replacement has yet been found.

Mr Smith and Mr Cammack have had another meeting with Simon the Showground CEO. The meeting was positive, and the Showground and the Parish Council are on the same page. There were discussions about footpaths to the Showground. A bus stop would be good for both the Showground and the village.

The traffic congestion during events was discussed. Mr Kneen suggested that the Showground must know what good traffic control looks like and this should be passed on to the people holding the events. Mr Cammack said that the Showground do this and encourage the organisers to work to their suggestions which some do. The Auto Jumble is a problem because everyone turns up at the same time to get the cheaper tickets, apparently.

If there are two events on the same day, Simon confirmed that they use both entrances and when there is just the one event, they try and use the airfield entrance. There is no charge for parking at any of the events. It was felt that there was a lack of signage when multiple events were being held.

The Bowls Club are folding. The Showground will be looking for new tenants. The prospect of the lorry park coming up to the Showground is a big concern. This subject will be picked up at the next meeting on the 20th February 2023.

05/23 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Working Group has not yet met this year and because of unavailability of some members and to provide a chance to ensure as much feedback on the draft plan is received we are looking at moving the first meeting of 2023 to February, but a firm date will be communicated to all WG members soon.

We are currently working with Steve Kemp from Open Plan on reviewing the latest version of the Draft Plan. Steve has received feedback from some members of the working group but is still open to any comments which WG members may have.

Having reviewed the content of the draft as it stands it's fair to say that we are nearly there in terms of a workable plan. Apart from the obvious formatting and spelling errors there are still some elements of the plan which need more supporting information and detail adding.

The two main areas which Steve is now working on are adding in some maps and diagrams where necessary and placing relevant photos throughout the document. This will then transform the plan into something which is attractive to read as well as having substance. We have asked the photographer to take some additional photos and as soon as these are available they will be forwarded to Steve

We are still working to the timescales for delivery of the plan as agreed towards the end of last year, but we will obviously review this at the February meeting of the WG.

We have been contacted by Locality, the organisation administering the grant funding to see how things are progressing. They confirmed that assuming we spend all the grant money in this financial year then we will have in the region of £3,800.00 remaining of our grant to spend in the 2023/4 year.

The Design Code work being carried out by AECOM is nearing completion and as soon as work is complete the final version of the document will be shared with all PC and WG members.

Mr Leary said that he had not heard from Steve Kemp as to whether he needs any additional information from us. Mr Smith will contact Mr Kemp before he goes away to check that he has all the information he needs to keep us on course for the plan to be completed by the end of February.

Mr Wright said that he had read that a Parish Council similar to us had a Neighbourhood Plan in place for five years and that it had turned out to be worthless. Mrs Dales said that neighbourhood plans are the first reference in relation to planning decisions and would prove very worthwhile.

06/23 District/County Councillor Updates

A Safer Neighbourhood meeting had been held and we are hosting the next one on 26th April. We are also holding a Beat Surgery on the 30th of March in the Village Hall.

Notts County Council have £200k to help with rural crime. Mrs Dales will keep us informed on this as the funds are directly available to residents.

Miss Davis confirmed that she had arranged for One stop in Collingham to provide milk for meetings and will liaise with Mrs Conning.

07/23 Planning Applications/updates (if any)

Applications:

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

Proposal: 22/02100/LBC / 22/02099/FUL Conversion of barn/stables into ancillary accommodation

Suggested PC response: Visit owner, Mr A Gorman, to discuss rationale for application and overall intentions for the site.

This is the third planning application for The Grove in recent months – which collectively constitute a major change to the character of the site. PC did not object to the first two applications but are becoming concerned.

The planning application would turn the stables and barn into a 3–4-bedroom domestic property occupying the same footprint.

Note: NSDC Planning Consultation objects to the application and states:

The proposed development would cause harm to the significance of a curtilage listed building and harm to both setting and significance of various Listed Buildings and the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. This would be contrary to the provisions of s.16, s.66 and 72 of the Act. With reference to the planning policies, this would be 'less than substantial harm' (par.202 of NPPF and DM9 of the local development framework). There is no clear and convincing justification provided for this level of harm (par.200 of NPPF) and there would be no heritage-related benefits arising from the proposal which would balance or outweigh this harm (par.202 of NPPF). In addition, the proposal would be contrary to the design principles of the 'Conversion of Traditional Rural Buildings SPD'. Therefore, we object to the proposal from a conservation perspective and recommend it is refused.

2) [Tridax Distribution Warehouse, land off A17 \(Coddington\)](#)

Proposal: 22/02427/RMAM Reserved matters application pursuant to application 20/01452/OUTM Erection of one distribution building (Use Class B8) together with ancillary offices, plot access, car parking and landscaping.

Suggested PC response.

Object. The proposed site is in open countryside and there is no identified need for which this development would benefit the local community. The additional roundabout will add to an already congested single carriageway road.

Parish Council have been made aware that this application is only the first step, with a further 6 buildings envisaged – this is an unnecessary and excessive development which should be refused. We add our objection to the significant number of objections to the original application.

(Original application was refused, then went to Appeal and was allowed to proceed under specific conditions. Date of appeal approval: 29 Nov 2022.)

Decisions: (Info)

1) [22/01931/HOUSE and 22/01932/LBC Extension and alterations to pool outbuilding](#)

PC supported, but application has been withdrawn – “consent not required” for LBC record.

N&S Heritage Consultancy had recommended application should be refused.

Appeals:

1) [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: Application refused 2nd November, 2022.

Appeal lodged Dec 2022 (20 pages); deemed to be valid and appeal start date set as 21st Dec. Interested parties must submit comments to the inspectorate by 6th Feb 2023.

N&S Technical Support are main respondent to the Appeal.

PC previous objection still holds (according to Linda Dales) – no need for further correspondence unless we feel new material facts have emerged.

Mr Cammack raised the building of what looks like a home office in the garden of Dial House. Normally this would come under permitted development, however, Dial House is a listed property in the conservation area. Mr Farmer, who previously lived in Dial House, said that listed building consent would be required. Mrs Dales will take this matter up with Chris Briggs at NSDC. It was agreed that the Parish Council should have an informal chat with the Dial House resident and Mr Kneen will do this after Mrs Dales has spoken to Mr Briggs.

Mr Cammack also raised the question of the land off Holme Lane. He thought the permission was probably over three years old and no work had been started, so would the planning be out of date? Mr Cammack will have a look for the application on the Planning Portal.

The owner of the Dial House has raised concerns about the trees that border his property that had the ivy taken off might still be dangerous. Mrs Dales will have a word with NSDC and ask them to have another look.

Mr Leary raised the question about the NSDC Development Plan and had we responded to this as a Parish Council? Mr Smith confirmed that he had responded and had included the following in his response:-

- Concern about the traveller encampment which if put in place would have 14 pitches.
- Concern about the danger of being so close to the A1, pollution, noise etc.
- Roundabout and slip road is close to the site.
- Site is illegal and National Highways have had to take this site into account which may have created additional cost.

Mr Smith will circulate his response by email to all the Parish Councillors

Mr Farmer confirmed that the fence at his property, The Cottage, Gainsborough Road had been seen by the Planning and Tree Officer. The fence may require staining, but the officers were happy. All the trees on the site have also been catalogued.

08/23 Correspondence: None received.

09/23 AOB:

Mrs Day and Mrs Conning asked if the Parish Council were planning anything by way of celebration for the King's Coronation? Nothing had been discussed as yet. We have a few projects ongoing which could be named to mark the Coronation. Thought will have to be given to this quickly as the Coronation is the 6th of May.

Mr Smith asked if Councillors would let him know in the next couple of weeks whether they will be standing for re-election. If we have vacancies, we will need to advertise them. Clerk to contact NSDC about a possible election and the required process. PC can have up to 7 members for Winthorpe and 2 for Langford.

Meeting Closed 9.00pm