

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at The Village Hall on Thursday
19th May 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm**

Present : Mr B Allen, Mr M Kneen, Mr A Leary, Mr B Wright, Mr P Smith and
Mr P Farmer

District Councillor : Mrs L Dales

Clerk : Mrs S Sillery

Visitor : Mrs D Day

1/22 Apologies : Mr L Cammack and Mr B McClymont

2/22 Declarations of Interest : None

**3/22 To receive and accept the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting
held on the 20th May 2021 as attached herewith :**

Proposed as a true record Mr B Wright and seconded by Mr A Leary

4/22 Matters Arising from the Minutes : None

5/22 Chairman's Report

Annual Parish Meeting – 19th May 2022 – Chairman's Annual Report

This has been a particularly busy year but also a sad year for the Parish Council.

The Council was sad to learn of the death of Councillor Maureen Dobson. Maureen had been a great supporter of our parish with both her knowledge and financial support. I, personally, will miss the support she gave me when I first became Parish Council Chairman.

The Council has made great strides with the work on the Neighbourhood Plan. I would like to pay special thanks to Paul who has chaired the work on this and without his effort and determination, I am sure we would not be in such a good place as we are now.

The Council has had to deal with many challenging issues on the planning front. I cannot remember such a time with so many controversial issues being discussed at length that have involved many members of the village attending Parish Council meetings.

On a positive front, we will be holding the village festival this year after an absence of two years. Whether or not we revive the annual bonfire remains to be seen.

We have purchased a speed gun and installed two adult exercise bikes at the Community Centre.

We also have a new editor of Focal Point in Julie Hill who will add to the excellent work that Lizzie Wakefield carried out for the last two years. Many thanks to Lizzie for her efforts as editor.

I would like to thank the following, for without their support, the task of Chairman would be much harder:

- Sally, for continuing to carry out a superb role as our Parish Clerk and giving me comfort that all our finances are in order.
- Linda, our District Councillor, who give the Parish Council valuable support, advice and assistance.
- Duncan Richardson, for his continued work in auditing the accounts.
- All of you as Parish Councillors for giving me support, advice and making the meetings enjoyable and amusing.

Finally, as you are aware, I have decided to stand down as Parish Chairman after undertaking the role for seven years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role but I now find that I am unable to give it the commitment it deserves going forward so it is a good time to step aside. I wish my successor all the best going forward.

Lee Cammack

Chairman – Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

Mr Allen said that Mr Cammack had done a terrific job as Chairman over the last 7 years and will be sorely missed. He hoped that Mr Cammack would still contribute his experience to the Parish Council as a Councillor. Clerk to draft a letter of thanks to Mr Cammack and Mr Lord who has left the Parish Council.

It was also suggested that we could possibly have a roll of honour of past Chairman or some other way to commemorate their service.

6/22 Langford Matters

Mr Wright said that there was nothing really to report and things were running smoothly. Mr Allen did say that the traffic does back up to Langford when there are events on at the Show Ground. The recent Dog Show was a case in point when it took Mr Farmer half an hour to get out of the village. The

Newark Show however which was on last week was totally different and no problems were experienced. This just shows the difference when car parking is managed correctly. Mr Smith said he would drop a line to Simon at The Show Ground in this regard.

7/22 Presentation of the Winthorpe Parish Property Trust Accounts for 2021/22 and the Parish Council Accounts for 21/22

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 were presented at the April meeting and were agreed upon. The Clerk has circulated the end of year forms for the external auditor PKF as requested. No-one had any queries or comments, and it was agreed that the Clerk should duly submit them.

Mr Leary confirmed that Mr Richardson, the Internal Auditor had suggested the following:-

Completion of an Income and Expenditure list

VAT, ensure all receipts show Winthorpe and Langford Parish Council on them

Utilise a year end Check List

Keep the Asset Register up to date

Ensure a budget calculation is completed or the Precept

Ensure all Statutory Requirements are completed

8/22 Election of Officers

Following the resignation of the Chairman Mr Cammack, it is necessary to elect a new Chairman. Paul Smith put himself forward for the role, this was proposed by Mr Allen and seconded by Mr Wright. Mr Allen confirmed his intention to remain as Vice Chairman.

The Clerk confirmed that she had received an application to join the Parish Council following the resignation of Mr Steve Lord. Miss Abigail George of The Spinney has put herself forward and was unanimously voted in and was duly co-opted in. Clerk to arrange the necessary forms for Abigail to complete.

AGM closed at 7.30

