

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Apologies: Mr L Cammack, Mr B McClymont, Councillor D Darby and Councillor E Davies

District Councillors: Mrs L Dales

Visitor: Mrs D Day

Before the main meeting started, Mrs Day updated us on the arrangements for the Jubilee Tea. Mr Farmer has completed the Event Management Plan and will forward this to Mrs Day along with a Risk Assessment and details of the Parish Council's insurance policy details.

Mr Cammack, Mr Farmer, Mr, and Mrs Day are down as emergency contacts.

Everything is going to plan. Mrs Day asked if Mr Cammack had contacted the Fire Service in relation to the lighting of the Beacon? Mr Farmer will talk to Mr Cammack about this matter.

Mr Leary asked if there was a contingency in case extra people turn up? Mrs Day responded to say that there was no room for extra people, however if they wanted to bring their own picnic and sit on the grass this could be done at their own risk.

Mrs Day confirmed that she was preparing a table plan with all the guests on it. She is keeping all the receipts. She has decided to use Ocado for the bulk of the shopping. She has had lots of donations from local supermarkets. Emma at the Lord Nelson had also been very supportive. Mr Smith thanked Mrs Day for all her efforts.

38/22 Declarations of Interest: None

39/22 To Receive and Accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st of April 2022

Parish Council meetings should be finished at 9.00 pm at the latest.

Councillor Dales confirmed that the ownership of the alleyway between Gainsborough Road and the Community Centre field is being investigated. It could be owned by Notts County Council rather than the District Council.

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

40/22 A46 Update:

Report from Paul Smith - Not a great deal of movement on the A46 this month but here are a few points worth picking up:

- The latest scheduled meeting with National Highways, took place next Tuesday (17th) May at 6pm via Teams.

- Tom Sanders is the new point of contact for these meetings, and he will organise the meetings going forward.
- The meeting featured a discussion around the Active Travel report produced by Martin Shapley.
- Another item of business was noise surveys currently being conducted by National Highways. Questions included:
 - (1) How have the points of measurements been determined and are they confident that they cover all noise dynamics in the village? Villagers have been in touch with Sarah Page regarding the specific dynamics of noise in their garden (e.g., where A1 and A46 noise meet at a certain point on Gainsborough Road). Are we sure the points of measurement are sufficient?
 - (2) Measurements around the village have been taken at different times. Given the leaves have greened up significantly in recent weeks, how is this being accounted for in the methodology? (3) What are the noise measuring points for the Bridge Ward?
 - (4) What will be produced as a result of the noise analysis? Will the report be made public, and if so, will that report be in a digestible format?

Unfortunately, as I was on holiday at the time, I don't know the outcome of the discussions around the noise surveys or indeed any further discussion held at the meeting, although other members of the PC who may have attended the meeting may be able to provide an update?

Also, worth mentioning that residents at the Newark end of Gainsborough Road, are in separate discussions with National Highways around noise mitigation measures along the A1. Works carried out by WPD and National Highways over the last couple of years have resulted in the removal of many trees and shrubs which has increased the sound level being experienced, particularly in winter.

So far it is clear that hard barriers such as fencing are unlikely to work and following a meeting on site with Sean (Tree specialist from N&SDC) and Linda Dales it was felt that new tree planting was the best option. However, this will of course take significant time to grow and is therefore not the ideal solution. Through discussions with NH, it looks as though funding may be available for this work to be undertaken but it may need an application to be submitted by the PC as they will not accept individual applications. Further discussions are to be held with NH on the 24th May to look at other possible solutions.

During the meeting, Mr Smith confirmed that Sarah-Jayne Page had independently spoken to National Highways about the increased noise due to the loss of the trees. When Sean the tree specialist from NSDC was in the village, he looked at the area in question, at the end of Gainsborough Road, and felt that a noise barrier would not work. The only way is to plant trees but clearly this is a slow process. Sarah-Jayne is to set up a meeting with Highways to discuss a solution.

Funding may be available for tree planting, but the application may have to come from the Parish Council. This is not specifically an A46 matter, however there is clearly a link. It was suggested that as a Parish Council, should we be having this discussion at the next meeting with Highways? Councillor Dales felt that the end of Gainsborough Road needs to be dealt with regardless of the A46 outcome.

41/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group 3rd May 2022 Issues raised and thoughts from the meeting:

- The meeting was attended by Mark Kneen, Mark Brown, Andrew Parkin, Steve Kemp, and Paul Smith
- Points raised at the previous meeting were reviewed
- PS stated that he had now completed the end of year funding review and submitted the report to 'Groundwork' who manage the grant on behalf of the Government
- The Parish Clerk has now returned the underspent funding to Groundworks
- PS stated that he was now pulling some thoughts together for the 2022/23 grant application period and asked for ideas to be included. Two areas thought to be significant and would be progressed were the development of the Village Website and support for the Heritage trail. Any other ideas should be forwarded to PS before the end of May
- MB provided a breakdown of the results from the recent Parish Business surveys. Full outputs from the surveys will be provided to all WG members in the next couple of weeks. The surveys have been helpful and have underlined the key thoughts and issues which will enable the business aspects and objectives of the plan to be structured
- The land ownership/tenancy map of the Parish is currently under development with a number of landowners identified so far, however there are some gaps which need to be filled
- A discussion took place on the Heritage Trail which everybody thought was an important initiative and output from the plan development. Some ideas suggested were as follows: advertising the trail in Focal Point and possibly local press? Social Media references, Obtain the involvement of the school, possibly get the children to walk the trail? Erection of the trail route and simple history of the village on the green etc
- Steve Kemp led a discussion on next stages of plan development. Building on the progress at the last WG he will now complete templates for each section of the plan based on the focus groups which each FG lead will then complete. PS agreed to look at the general material, intro etc and any other input or information from WG members was requested.
- Good progress has been made in some working groups since the last meeting and four/five groups are now in a position to pull together key thoughts on these topics and create plan objectives. These groups are Business, Environment and Ecology, Housing, Conservation and possibly Active Travel as Martin Shapley has completed a significant document which may help progress this group to completion. The work of the History group is largely complete and their work together with the information held on the village website should be sufficient to complete the history/heritage aspects of the NP
- In line with other Focus Groups the Environment and Ecology Group is narrowing down on objectives. However, all ideas which have emerged will be given consideration even if not included in the main plan
- It was agreed that PS would provide an update for the Focal Point on NP progress so far and include information on all the focus group areas and their respective leads
- Considering some of the discussion items during the meeting it was agreed to look at what possible funding may be available from local government to support this. PS agreed to contact our local councillors
- The Housing Needs FG has produced some draft objectives for the plan and a discussion took place on what else needed to happen regarding future housing. The meeting felt it was now the right time to involve AE.COM again, this time to start to look at the design codes covering what possible housing should look like if anything were to be constructed. PS will contact AE.COM

- 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
- The meeting ended and PS thanked everybody for a really good meeting, the next Working Group will take place on the 7th June

During the meeting, Mr Smith confirmed that he had held a meeting with the Assistant Parish Clerk of Collingham. As a result, Collingham are using our model of management for the development of their plan.

As Mr Smith has now taken over a Parish Chair, he asked if someone would consider leading the Neighbourhood Plan as his workload would now increase.

42/22 District/County Councillor Updates

District Councillors report for Winthorpe Parish Council Meeting 18th May 2022

From Cllr Linda Dales and Cllr Emma Davis

Winthorpe House – application is refused

Mint Leaf rubbish accumulation

As this is private land, this has been referred to NSDC Senior Enforcement Officer – the site has been visited, we are now in the process of contacting the land owner. The NSDC reference number for this is 4662471

Alms-houses trees:

In summary: NSDC tree officer concludes that the trees do not need chopping down to fence level, they just need to be ring-barked to kill off the ivy which is the cause of the problem in creating extra wind load and increasing the likelihood of failure. Ringbarking at 1 metre will kill the ivy above and also allow further inspection of the tree state. Clerk to obtain a quote from Doug Lyne for this work.

The problem remains of who owns the trees/land and thus who pays. If WPC could get a quote for the work in the first instance, then I will continue to discuss with NSDC re ownership and payment.

Establishing land ownership: we have been asked to check the archive for maps circa 1800 (Paul) We need to be able that all reasonable attempts have been made to contact the landowner and I think we have done just about everything except for this.

NSDC can put a charge on the land (if NSDC pays for it, as above) which would mean that any future sale of it would require repayment to NSDC. Either way, we also need to decide whether we want to register it as village green.

Tree Officer advice at A1/Low Wood – NSDC tree officer was happy to advise Sarah and Paul on planting options for optimum noise and pollution reduction. **Cricket Club funding application** is being submitted this week.

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. Re the latest photo sent into Enforcement, they have confirmed that there is permission for a stables next to the existing hay barn (in the foreground of the photo). It is the extension to the hay barn that is not authorised, and work there has paused since contact with the owner when first raised. Owner's options are to remove the new element or apply for planning permission. Enforcement are in the process of requesting an update

Winthorpe Stables G&T: NSDC have been chasing an update from the hearing, email received from the Inspectorate is that the decision is likely to be with us before the end of next week. As soon as we have it we will forward it to you

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE DARBY Winthorpe and Langford.

Please find my report for Winthorpe and Langford Parish Council – unfortunately, I am on babysitting duties this evening.

Last week, 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 want to champion our young people, fight for improve life chances and for extra resources for our schools. I have particular focus on ensuring the nutritional value of school meals.

I am meeting with the Chief Executive of Sherwood Forest Hospitals who run Newark Hospital and King's Mill Hospital on Tuesday. I am also meeting with Lucy Dadge and her team at the Clinical Commissioning Group to talk about access to GPs and other health care service.

I continue to get reports of broken roads and pavements it remains the biggest issue in my postbag. I continue to report the problems with our highways to Notts County Council who are responsible. Over the next few weeks, you will receive a highway's survey through your door as we get to grips with these issues.

My next round of Councillor's Divisional Funding will be available from May and if you know of a community organisation in Winthorpe or Langford that needs financial support then please get in touch.

Do not hesitate to contact me on 07773 149702

The Council requested that the Clerk ask for an update on the double yellow lines from Councillor Darby. Also, to ask her for sight of the NCC Three Year Plan. The Clerk was asked to invite Councillor Darby to all Parish Council meetings.

Traveller's Site – Councillor Dales said a decision is imminent.

Clerk to write to Councillor Darby and ask if we can have a permanent speed indicator installed, preferably at the entrance to the village or even better at both entrance and exit.

43/22 Invoices for Approval and other financial matters

Finance Update for AGM 19th May 2022

Balances

Holding Account	£15774.65
Current Account	£284.16
Focal Point within the Holding A/c	£1709.91
Tennis Club within the Holding A/c	£4901.37
Property Trust	£6817.60

Payments are being received for Focal Point and the Tennis Club. These have been redirected to the Holding Account rather than the Current Account as it makes life slightly easier to manage.

Focal Point printing for May £256 to Wilsons

Current Account expenditure

Glasdon for the new dog bins £240.38 and post clips £14.99. Dog bins in place thanks to Mr Lord.

New Bench £379 paid for by Clerk via debit card – cheque to reimburse

Doug Lyne £788.40

Refreshments for Neighbourhood Plan meeting £35.00

End of year paperwork completed and ready to send to PKF. As no-one had any questions/comments around the PKF paperwork, it was agreed that the Clerk should submit it.

The Cricket Club have yet to pay their rent. Clerk to chase.

Our application to increase the Precept has been agreed - £9k per annum. First payment received.

Clerk has purchased a bench in memory of Councillor Maureen Dobson. The cost is £379, and it will be delivered in June. The maintenance of the existing 8 benches is going ahead with Nigel Cook cleaning down and re-staining the benches for £390 including materials.

We are still looking for a replacement for Duncan Richardson as internal auditor. Nina who is treasurer of the Community Centre is not interested in the position. Mr Smith to put something in Focal Point asking for a volunteer.

Clerk to amend the Constitutions of Focal Point and the Tennis Club, in relation to the number of signatories and the ability to carry out faster payments. The Constitutions will be resubmitted to Miles at Santander for further consideration.

44/22 Planning Applications/Updates

Applications:

Address - Pennywise House 59 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe Nottinghamshire NG24 2NR

Proposal

T1 - Poplar - Fell

T2 - Pine - Reduce by no more than 1m to reshape

T3 - maple - reduce away from pine

T4 - Plum - reduce away from pine

G1 - western red cedar and 1 magnolia - re reduce to previous height, approximately 1m regrowth

Address - Lord Nelson Inn Public House Gainsborough Road Winthorpe Newark on Trent NG24 2NN

Proposal

T1 Walnut to be reduced by no more than three metres all round as it is located in the pub garden and needs to be kept at a certain size for light issues and to ensure good maintenance on the tree itself given its location

Decisions:

Address - Winthorpe House 47 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe NG24 2NN

Proposal Proposed change of use to events venue, erection of a marquee and portable toilet block, new parking area and associated works.

Decision

Application Refused – **Please see separate Decision notice from N&SDC Planning**

Mr Kneen is to take over as the lead on planning following Mr Smith's election as Chair. Mrs Dales confirmed that there is planning training being held in Collingham if Mr Kneen is interested in attending.

The Pennywise House and Lord Nelson applications look fine, no issues.

Winthorpe House has been refused but there will be an appeal. As it is going to appeal, no enforcement can be carried out at the moment.

45/22 Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email from Pauline Lockwood asking if the proceeds of the Village Festival would be used to purchase a third defibrillator for the Hargon Lane/Pocklington Crescent/Branston Close area. Clerk to write to Sue Mascheder and ask the question.

Mrs Lockwood also suggested that a collection from the village should be organised for Lizzie Wakefield, the former editor of Focal Point as she had done such a wonderful job. The Parish Council

echoed Mrs Lockwood's thoughts on what a great job Lizzie had done, however they felt that the letter of thanks they had sent, and the offer of a reference was sufficient. Clerk to inform Mrs Lockwood.

The Clerk had received an email from Emma Satchell, Highways Liaison Officer at Via East Midlands. The email spoke of a Lengths-man Scheme administered by Notts County Council. This allows Parish Councils, with the funding provided and their corresponding match funding, to employ a Lengths-man who would complete tasks around the area or cluster. Such tasks would be grass and vegetation cutting, ensuring visibility of traffic signs, maintaining heritage and non illuminated signs, clearing drains, ditches and storm debris, tidying roadsides, painting of traditional signs and ironwork.

The Parish Council felt that this was a good idea, however wanted to know if there was a cost to joining the scheme. Clerk to respond and ask this question.

46/22 AOB:

Alternative walk around the Cricket Pitch – Mr Cammack was not at the meeting so an update on this issue was not available. Mr Smith will have a word with Mr Cammack about this. Mr Kneen stressed that this would be an additional walk and not a replacement to the cricket field.

Speed Camera – no-one has come forward to request the use of the speed camera. Mr Smith will write out with a reminder.

Mrs Dales confirmed that a bus stop at the Show Ground would have to be authorised by Notts County Council (Roger Jackson)

It was agreed that letters should be sent to Mr Cammack and Mr Lord thanking them for their service on the Parish Council.

Mr Kneen confirmed that he is having a Ukrainian family staying with him. Another family is due shortly to relocate to the village.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm