

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th October 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr P Smith (Chairman), Mr B Allen, Mr B McClymont, Mr A Leary, Mr L Cammack, Miss A. George, Mr B Wright, Mr K Kena and Mr P Farmer

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Apologies: Mr M Kneen, Miss E Davis and Mrs D Darby

District Councillors: Mrs L Dales

Visitors: Mrs Denise Day and Mr Mark Brown

Prior to the commencement of the main meeting Mr Smith welcomed Mrs Day and Mr Brown to the meeting. Mr Brown raised the situation of the development on Holme Lane. Mr Smith confirmed that planning was submitted 4 years ago for exactly the work that is being carried out. The question was whether after 4 years it was still valid. Mrs Dales confirmed that so long as they had made a start within 3 years even if it was laying a brick, this was in order. There was nothing on the original application about the entrance and Chris Briggs of NSDC is taking this matter up with Notts County Council Highways. Mr Brown is worried about water flow in the ditch under the new access driveway.

Mr Brown also mentioned the trees being pulled down at the South end of the village and concern about the about noise as a result. Having read the notes written by the planning officer, suggesting that the removal of trees would bring with it more noise. Mr Smith said that NSDC are of course focussed on maintaining trees, so if they are agreeing to trees being removed, there must be no material reason not to.

81/22 Declarations of Interest: Mr Farmer in relation to a Planning Application

82/22 To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th September 2022

Mr Smith thanked Mrs Michele Cammack for stepping in to take the minutes in the absence of the Clerk for the September meeting.

Amendment to the minutes in relation to the Cricket Club with the removal of the words "very negative"

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

83/22 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr McClymont raised the point that the trees on the edge of the cricket field are not close to the boundary rope. It was explained that the rope had been moved because of the trees. Mr Smith felt that there was only minor treatment needed of the trees and didn't think that planning application

would be necessary as suggested by Doug Lyne. Mr Smith will talk to Doug about this matter and explain exactly what we want done.

Lengthsman Scheme – Mr Kneen has produced a schedule of works which need to be carried out. We need to identify what we want to do over the next 3 years. Mr Smith suggested a separate meeting to work out a list. The Village Green may need some work. Emma Binch from the Lord Nelson has asked for planning permission to erect a sign on the Green. This will take a while to come through so we have plenty of time to decide whereabouts it might go. Mr Farmer suggested low level fencing around the Green could come under the Lengthsman scheme and he will get a quote for this from Doug Lyne.

A meeting to discuss the Lengthsman Scheme will be arranged before Christmas. No response has been received from the article in Focal Point asking for ideas of work required.

Parish Website – a decision has been made in relation to this and Mr Smith will contact Uxello to terminate the current contract.

Maureen Dobson's Bench – This just needs securing and Mr Smith will talk to Nigel Cook about this. Abi agreed to arrange a brass plaque, which should weather well. Abi will just check the dates of Maureen's tenure on the Parish Council and then get the plaque ordered.

Mrs Dales confirmed that the numbering of the houses in the Spinney is ongoing. Mrs Dales will organise the sign at the top of the Spinney confirming which numbers are on each side. As for the houses actually putting numbers on the property, it was felt that a letter from the Chairman of the Parish Council to the homeowners would be the best way forward.

Mr Smith and Mr Cammack had a meeting with the Showground earlier today. Another good meeting and it was agreed to have dialogue every two months. Lots of items discussed particularly relating to the A46.

Update on the alleyway off Gainsborough Road, the wire has been removed and tape has been put across. The posts are coming out shortly and this will make it wider, brighter and safer to use the alleyway.

Gainsborough Road footpaths -no negative comments. It would seem that the new oak tree has suffered some damage, however it is still alive.

There is some concern about travellers gaining access to the Community Centre. This has been classed as a risk site by NSDC. Ben Stacey has said that the area is vulnerable. The entrance needs to be able to be closed. Mr Allen suggested a maximum height entrance gate. There has been one erected at Appletongate car park and the Bowls Club on the Showground has one too. Mr Farmer and Mr Cammack suggested that this might be an eyesore. Mr Bateson, Chair of the Community Centre is on board with protecting the area. There still has to be access for the caravan clubs that rent the site. Mr Farmer asked if the pub car park was vulnerable? It was suggested not as it is a busy area and open areas are more of a target. Any ideas for securing the area would be appreciated.

Mrs Dales is still working on funding for a new laptop for the Clerk.

Mr Smith confirmed the new Nottinghamshire County flag he purchased looks rather small despite costing £60. It was also suggested flying the Merchant Navy flag prior to Remembrance Day. Mr Cammack will arrange this.

84/22 A46 Update:

The Think Again Group are running two meetings in the Community Centre on the 22nd November 2022 inviting villages to discuss proposals. The Consultation period runs from the 26th of October to 12th December 2022.

The proposed official version of the road is similar to the Think Again proposal on the south side of the A46. There will be a hamburger roundabout coming off the 1133 which will affect Thomas Brewer and Showground land. There are concerns as to how the traffic lights will work and whether preference will be given to the A46 and not traffic coming off the A1133 and Drove Lane. There is also going to be a ground level roundabout next to the dog kennels on the other side of the A1.

Concerns still remain about the noise level for the village and how Highways are going to tackle this. Robert Jenrick MP has a meeting with Highways on the 21st of October to discuss the current lack of mitigation.

Mr Smith suggested that the Parish Council need to become more directly involved during the consultation and delivery phases of the project. The Think Again campaign has done really well to get a design which is best for the village. We now have to think about how the village will cope before, during and after construction. We should include other parishes such as Collingham and Coddington. Having NSDC, Notts CC, The Showground and perhaps Newark Town Council part of the collective would be ideal. We need to ensure that the village is not land locked during construction. Children need to get access to the school and people need to be able to get in and out of the village freely.

Mr McClymont felt that the development provides no solution for the traffic coming off the A1 to go down the A17/A46.

A discussion took place around footpath/cycle way access, and it was pointed out that a pedestrian bridge is no longer an option, but that National Highways are currently working on ideas to re connect the existing Winthorpe to Coddington footpath. A link with the Showground and footpaths from Newark are also being worked on but nothing firm exists at present. The meeting felt that it would be important for the Parish for these Active Travel routes to be developed as part of the A46 construction work.

85/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update:

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The last meeting of the Working Group took place on the 4th October which was another good discussion. We talked through plan Progress so far but given that we are now beginning to make real progress on the plan, Open Plan (Steve Kemp) suggested that we had a meeting to purely focus on the current content of the draft plan and during the discussion, identify the following:

- That it says and does what the group wants it to.

- We are able to justify it adequately through the evidence (data, information, opinions....) that has been assembled.
- The group is happy with what will be presented to the wider community; and
- There is logical differentiation and connection between the policies and the community aspirations.

To enable this an additional Working Group meeting has been organised for the 19th October.

Update – meeting attended by Messrs Leary, Smith, Farmer and Richardson. Draft plan looking really good. It needs photos and Mr Smith has got a local photographer who has a list of sites to photograph. This also gives us a bank of photos for the website and twitter which will prove useful. The Plan is hoped will be in place by Spring 2023.

We also talked through and agreed with Open Plan, a programme of delivery and completion of the plan which has been identified as follows:

- Dec 2022 Completed version of the Design Codes
- End of 2022 Final version of Plan content is complete and agreed by the Working Group
- Jan/Feb 2023 Finished version produced and delivered to N&SDC
- Mar/Apr 2023 Reg 14 Referendum
- Spring 2023 Plan published

We agreed that in addition to maps and diagrams to support the content we should also have good quality professional photographs taken of various elements of the Parish which we can use for the plan, but we can also use for other purposes such as The Village Website, Twitter etc. Andrew Parkin suggested a photographer who has been contacted and briefed. An outline list of sites has been discussed and provided.

In Addition, the following points were also discussed during the meeting:

- Paul Smith and Mark Kneen met with AECOM on the 8th September. This visit included a full walk around the Parish to enable them to gather information on the nature and style of properties across the villages. It is intended that the Design Codes document to support the plan will be complete sometime during December
- We agreed that the next edition of Focal Point should feature plan progress etc but also to identify listed properties and NDHA's so that people are then aware.
- Lee Cammack and Paul Smith will be meeting Simon Eccleston Chief Executive of the Showground on the 20th Oct to discuss Plan related points and some general Parish issues
- Martin Shapley is currently looking at flood risk in the village and we are also in contact with STW over identifying sewerage plans and pumping house capacity
- Andrew Parkin has put together some information on wildlife and has now been incorporated into the draft plan
- Phil Farmer has written to Robert Jenrick re solar panels on commercial roofs and it is clear that there are limitations (roof strength, economic viability etc) but the meeting felt it was important to pursue this with RJ as this could be a real benefit for the community

86/22 District/County Councillor Updates:

Mrs Dales confirmed that all her items had been covered off during the meeting.

87/22 Invoices for Approval and other financial matters:

Accounts

Current Account – balance as at 11.10.22	£323.57
Payments – Focal Point Printing	£270
BHIB Annual Insurance premium	£225.67
PKF fee	£240.00
Dog Bin Contract	£374.40
Clerk’s Wages	£184.00
Receipts VAT Refund	£850.65
Holding Account – balance as at 11.10.2022	£23825.82
Receipts Precept	£4500.00
Interest	£4.05
Focal Point – balance as at 11.10.202	£848.03
Receipts Katie Joynes	£24.00
Liz Hobbs Group	£60.00
Payments Willsons printing	£270.00

Tennis Club balance as at 11.10.2022 unchanged at £5256.37

Clerk confirmed VAT had been requested and paid up to 30.9.2022 in the sum of £850.65

PKF had confirmed the final accounts. Assets issue raised

Invoice put into Via for grass cutting payment £400.00

The Clerk confirmed that she had received three invoices in relation to the hiring of the Village Hall:-

Neighbourhood Watch £58.00, Cricket Club Meeting £14.50 and Parish Council meetings for the period May 2021 to October 2022 £252.00. Clerk to arrange payment.

Speed Gun payment due shortly from NSDC of £85.50

The Clerk confirmed that payments to Langford and Winthorpe PCC's are due for £150 and also the £750 donation to Focal Point – Clerk to arrange payment.

The Clerk confirmed that she had given the Chairman the details of current and savings accounts with Cater Allen, a subsidiary of Santander who offer accounts to organisations like ourselves. Mr Smith confirmed he had read the information and felt that they offered everything we needed, and he was happy to make application with them. Mr Leary raised the point that the paperwork talks about Trustees. Parish Councillors are not Trustees, this is a different role with different responsibilities. Clerk to contact Cater Allen and ensure that the accounts don't have to be Trustee accounts.

The final response from the external auditors PKF Littlejohn has been received. The question was raised of the fixed assets owned by the Parish Council which had not been accounted for in the AGAR. A new Asset Register has been written by Mr Leary. It will be possible to put a value of some of the assets such as the lawnmower, exercise bikes etc. However, it will not be possible to value land. Upon disposal of any land, the value would be reflected in the Council's accounts. The Asset Register was approved, and the Clerk will add the values where appropriate. PKF asked that when submitting the 2022/23 AGAR, the 2021/22 comparative figure should be added to box 9 for consistency and comparability.

PKF also queried the date of approval of Section 1, saying it had been incorrectly recorded. Clerk to take this up with PKF as it was unclear why the date was incorrect.

88/22 Planning Applications/Updates

Applications:

1) [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.

Suggested PC response:

Request arboreal report showing location of referenced trees.

2) [The Cottage, 45 Gainsborough Road](#)

Proposal: 22/01779/HOUSE | Proposed oak framed open garage and store, removal of fir tree

Suggested PC response:

Support – provided tree line along Gainsborough Road is maintained to partially restrict view of proposed garage and store.

3) [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

Suggested PC response:

Defer to Newark & Sherwood planning dept for impact of removing TPO tree.

4) Stables being re-built on south side of Holme Lane plus broader access point

Proposal: 18/00183/FUL | Change of use from agricultural to the keeping of horses,

erection of a hay store (Retrospective), erection of 3 No. stables and a tack room and construction of an area of hardstanding for Horse Box. | Land At Holme Lane Winthorpe. Planning permission was granted on 25/4/18 despite objection from Winthorpe with Langford PC at the time.

Suggested PC response:

This item has arisen again because the access to the paddock area has been widened and curved paving edgings fitted, quite out of character with the surrounding country road.

Request that N&S investigate the situation and determine if conditions of approval have been breached.

Decisions: None since the last meeting

Appeals: None since the last meeting

89/22 Meeting with the Cricket Club

Attended by Mr Paul Matthews and Mr Craig Pickles representing the Cricket Club and Cammack and Mr Leary on behalf of the Parish Council.

- The Cricket Club offered to support the use of the cricket field for dog walking off the lead subject to the clearance of dog mess and excluding the cricket wicket, from 1st October to 1st March. Signs could be put up in this regard and the information could go on the website, twitter and Next Door.
- Potholes have formed on both the highway access to the Cricket Club and immediately on the entrance. Mr Cammack and Mr Leary agreed to investigate and both report to the pothole line with NSDC in respect of the highway and seek a solution with the Parish Council in respect of the entrance way.
- Cricket Club have been successful in the grant funding application. They have further proposals for additional amendments to the Club House building. This will include a permanent mower garage and possibly a shade veranda. Mr Cammack and Mr Leary agreed to raise the question of funding with the Parish Council and also assistance with the planning application. It was noted that the permanent mower storage may allow for further field apron cutting, potentially reducing the PC bill for grass cutting. The meeting felt that if the same material were used in any extension, they were happy with the proposal. In respect of funding, it was felt that the Cricket Club had their own funds.
- There are regular articles placed in Focal Point and on the website which is great to see.
- Mr Matthews and Mr Pickles asked about engaging with the village and Mr Cammack suggested the Village Festival might be a way forward. Mr Matthews and Mr Pickles expressed an interest in a Cricket Club representative joining the organisation committee.
- Rabbits are a problem at the ground. Peter Kirk suggested as a contact. The PC having used him before.

90/22 NALC:

Mr Leary raised the issue of joining NALC. There is a lot to gain from being a member. Assistance with creating an Asset Register, Legal Advice, Best Practice etc. It was agreed that at a joining fee of £154.50, it was a good investment, and it was agreed to join at the start of the next financial year.

91/22 Correspondence:

The Clerk had received an email from Margaret Joyce of Hargon Lane. Mrs Joyce was concerned about a large pile of garden waste as the rear of a garden on the Woodlands which was beginning to slide into the river. Mr Farmer confirmed he will go and look at this and report back.

An email has been received from Michele Cammack on behalf of the Community Centre. The rabbits are causing a problem again on the Community Centre field. It is a concern that a member of the public might suffer an injury if they trip over a rabbit hole. The Community Centre don't believe any sort of treatment will ever solve the rabbit problem however, they suggested that signage be put up to warn the public of the holes. The Community Centre wondered if the Parish Council would contribute to the cost? The dog signs have also been vandalised in the area and need replacing.

It was agreed that the Clerk should reply and ask the Community Centre to get quotes for the cost of both the rabbit and dog signs and let the Parish Council know.

92/22 AOB

Mrs Dales informed the meeting that the Chairman of Holme Parish is sadly poorly and unable to carry out the role at the present time. Nobody has so far come forward from the village to step in. Mrs Dales felt that it was important that the village still had its meetings and asked if we as a Parish would be willing to support by the Clerk and Chairman getting involved. Both the Chairman and Clerk agreed to this. Mrs Dales asked the Clerk to send any correspondence that might be of interest to Holme directly to her.

Mr Leary confirmed that he had attended the Quarry Liaison Meeting at Langford. Mrs Maureen Dobson used to chair this meeting and it was hoped that Mrs Dales would take up this role. Mrs Dales confirmed that she was happy to do this.

The quarry are considering a planning application to extend to the north side between the quarry and the A1133 and we as a Parish should be mindful of this.

Mr McClymont raised the issue of poor street lighting on Chapel Lane near Rectory Court. There was a question as to whether this road has been adopted. Mr Smith will look into this.

Meeting closed at 9.13 pm