

Winthorpe - with – Langford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th June 2015
in the Village Hall, Winthorpe, at 7-30p.m.**

Present: Mr D.W.T.Aldridge, Mr R. B. Allen Mr L.Cammack, Mr R.P.McClymont, Mr B.Wright .

Acting Clerk: Mr S.N.Jackson.

Present also: Mr A.Leary, Mr G.Thompson.

23/15. Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor and District Councillor Mrs M.Dobson..

24/15. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda were received..

25/15. Election of Chairman . The Acting Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chairman for 2015/2016 or for the meeting. Following some discussion Mr McClymont proposed Mr L.Cammack as Chairman for the present meeting only. Seconded by Mr Aldridge and approved unanimously.

26/15. Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 21st May 2015.

Minutes of the last meeting, copies of which had been circulated with the papers for the meeting, were taken as read and approved as a correct record. Prop: Mr Wright. Sec: Mr Aldridge.

27/15 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

28/15. Finance.

The following invoice was approved for payment:-

- 1) D.Lyne – grass cutting - £1,150. 38p.
- 2) Current Accounts for Consideration –

It was confirmed by Mr Aldridge that the outstanding accounts had now been settled.

A statement of the accounts as they stood at the present time was circulated and considered. It was confirmed that the Annual Return was now virtually ready for sending to

the to the external auditors in early July. Work on clearing up the accounts was continuing however and would be available for the July meetings.

The accounts were duly noted.

29/15. Planning Applications.

NO applications had been received.

30/156. Co-options to Membership of the Parish Council .

At this point Mr Leary and Mr Thompson left the meeting for the duration of this item and discussions.

A Report on Co-opted membership to the Parish Council had been circulated to all Members and was considered. Five (5) applications for the four (4) vacancies had been received.

The Report recommended a paper ballot and this was unanimously agreed. Following some discussion a ballot was held and the following were appointed to serve as co-opted Members of the Parish Council until April 2019:-

Mr Phillip Farmer, Dial House, Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe.

Mr Mark Kneen, Ringwood House, 11, Woodlands, Winthorpe.

Mr A.Leary, Pine Cottage, Hargon Lane, Winthorpe.

Mr Gary Thompson, 57, Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe.

At the conclusion of this item Mr Leary and Mr Thompson returned to the meeting.

31/15. Correspondence.

None.

32/15. Any Other Business

a) Winthorpe Youth Club – Annual Report.

Mr Thompson gave a verbal report on the past years activities and financial position of Winthorpe Youth Club.

Average membership currently stood at 24, with 8 volunteer leaders/workers plus a further 3 additional/specialist leaders who could be called upon when necessary.

Various activities were outlined including proposals for the future which included

possible participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The Club was also

co-operating closely with Winthorpe School with a view to attracting future/new members.

The financial position was good. The Club currently carried a float of £100, and a sum of £6,300 in a Reserve Account plus a further £4,000+ in a Savings Account.

It was recognised however that participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme would require funding for equipment etc which it was estimated would cost around £3,000+.

Mr Thompson was thanked for his report which it was confirmed would, in future years, be given at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

b) Telephone Kiosk at Langford.

Mr Wright raised the matter of the kiosk at Langford which was now being vandalised.

Whilst the kiosk had been offered to the Parish Council by B.T. some years ago for £1 the "de-commissioning charge" had amounted to around £350 !

It was suggested that the resident who had expressed concern about this should contact BT direct to try to resolve this matter (or there was the very real possibility that the whole process of offering this to the Parish Council would be repeated yet again and no progress would be made).

c) "First Response" Team for Winthorpe and Langford.

Efforts to acquire a defibrillator and supporting equipment for the two villages were supported.

d) House Numbering.

It was noted that a number of houses in the village still did not display a house number. This made it extremely difficult for the Emergency Services (Ambulance, Fire and Police) to find the right address quickly. It was agreed to raise this matter with the District Council to clarify just what the legal position was.

e) Proposed alterations to the Articles of the Thomas Brewer Charity.

The Parish Council had been contacted on the proposed alterations to the Articles of the Thomas Brewer Charity and members of the Parish Council had now read these through.

It was felt that these were of importance and it was agreed to agenda this item for the next meeting together with the election of Parish Council representatives to the various village organisations which had been deferred from the previous May meeting.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8-26m p.m.