

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 15th October 2015 in the Village Hall, Winthorpe commencing 7.30 pm

Present – Mr L Cammack, Mr A Leary, Mr R McClymont, Mr P Farmer, Mr B Wright, Mr M Kneen, Mr D Aldridge, Mr G Thompson,

County Councillor/District Councillor – Councillor M Dobson

Clerk – Mrs S Sillery

45/15 – Apologies for Absence – None

46/15 – Declaration of Interest – Mr Wright expressed an interest in the Thomas Brewer Charity.

47/15 – Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th September 2015

Minutes of the last meeting, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved as a correct record. Proposed by Mr McClymont and seconded by Mr Kneen.

48/15 – Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Cammack confirmed that both the Cricket Club and the Community Centre have decided to have future invoices from D Lyne made directly to themselves and not through the Parish Council (See Finance Committee Minutes 15/10/2015).

Mr Leary said that he had been to look at the mole infestation on the Burial Ground but found it to be nothing more than you would expect for a rural area.

In relation to the request for an additional dog bin, Councillor Dobson has been told that we already have two dog bins at the Skate Park. Councillor Dobson suggested that a site visit be arranged to decide what type of bins are really required, whether it is a dog bin or a bin for cans. Mr Chairman asked Mr McClymont will have a look and report back accordingly.

Councillor Dobson is also enquiring about obtaining a grit bin to be located around the Village Hall area and will be talking to Mr Keeling from N.S.D.C about this. The village currently has grit bins at the entrance to the village, at Woodlands and Hargon Lane.

Thomas Brewer Charity – Mr Kneen had paperwork in relation to this and passed it over to Mr Cammack to look at and report back.

Mr Cammack confirmed that he had responded in relation to the Wind Turbine.

Mr Cammack had sent letters to both Mr P Farmer and Mr W Smith in relation to the overhanging trees. He had received a response from Mr Farmer but not from Mr Smith. Councillor Dobson stated that if Mr Smith does not respond to let her know as the County Council will get involved if the Parish doesn't get a response.

Mr Cammack had written to request the bags of salt.

Skatepark Report – Mr Cammack reported that there was nothing untoward in the report that needed immediate action. Mr Aldridge stated that the slope needed to be look at.

The Community Centre playground report has been passed to Mr Thompson.

The Gulley Sucker has been out to Chapel Lane.

In relation to claiming for verge cutting, Councillor Dobson confirmed that we had not claimed for last year but she will find out who we apply to.

Public Liability – new certificate received and passed to Clerk for filing

49/15 – Invoices

Doug Lyne has invoiced for grass cutting dated 30.9.2015 - £756.00. To be paid and letter to confirm that any invoices from 1st October onwards for Community Centre and Cricket Club are to be sent directly to them.

50/15 – Planning Applications

Elm Tree Farm Gainsborough Road, Langford – erection of a new wooden fence. Mr Aldridge to go and have a look at this and report back before a decision is made.

200kw Solar PV array on unused currently available ground at Newark Show Ground, Lincoln Road, Winthorpe – No Objections raised.

Framework Plan received from Newark and Sherwood District Council – Mr Cammack to look at this and report back.

Temporary closure of the Level Crossing at Langford between 18th and 19th November 2015

51/15 – Embankment Clearance

Letter received from Steve Jackson confirming that he wants to plant 2000 bulbs and asking for a 50% contribution from the Parish Council. Cost is £160 per thousand. The Council were happy to support this. Councillor Dobson is to pay for the lime chips out of her Council funds. Parish Clerk to write to Councillor Dobson asking her to contribute to the lime chippings and the poo bin (or whichever bin it is agreed we need) at an overall cost of £350.

Letter to be sent to the Probation Service to thank them for their work on behalf of the Parish Council

52/15 – Correspondence

Letter received from Ian Wilson with various comments.

- The bench opposite Fleet Cottage asking if this could be relocated. Mr Thompson will look at the bench to see if it is possible to move it.
- The Cricket Field Gate, the post is in need of repair, Clerk to email Bob Allen to look at this.
- The Memorial Bench, Mr Thompson to see if this could be refurbished by the Probation Service.

Letter received from Adrian Pailing regarding the Post Office confirming that the closure is temporary and would the village be interested in an alternative site for the Post Office. Clerk to write to Mr Pailing asking for more information. The Post Box is still operational despite being in a private garden.

Letter from Dr Andrew Parkin regarding the speeding of a Black Range Rover through the village. Councillor Dobson suggested the Radar Trap Scheme. Collingham village has a speed gun which they would lend to us and we could trial it although we would need volunteers. Mike Munro, the PCO for the area, would come along and train the volunteers and this should be mentioned in Focal Point. Mr Farmer asked if it was possible to have a 20 mile an hour limit outside the school but Councillor Dobson said that this would be difficult, however she would ask the County to reconsider it. Mr Farmer said it represented a substantial risk.

Letter received inviting the Chairman to Remembrance Sunday – Mr Farmer to attend to represent the Parish Council.

A text had been received from Councillor David Clarke asking why he is not invited to the Parish Council Meetings. Mr Cammack told the meeting that the Clerk had responded to Mr Clark asking him for his full details so that we could include him and put him on the website.

Mr John Wilson of Branston Close has trees in his garden overhanging the Burial Ground and wonders if he is allowed to trim them. Mr Aldridge to go and have a look.

53/15 – Any Other Business

Safety Audit – 15 items – Mr Cammack will email this out to everyone confirming who is responsible for what areas.

Mr Leary brought up the topic of traffic congestion at the roundabout, particularly during the Auto Jumble. The road is the responsibility of Highway Agency and not the County Council. It was agreed to write to Adrian Johnson the Chief Executive of Newark Showground to ask if in future, money could be taken at the inner gate rather than the outer gate in order to ease the amount of traffic queuing and thereby reducing congestion.

Street Lights are still out on Hargon Lane numbers 5 & 10. Clerk to go on Notts County website and report the lights out.

Meeting closed at 8.30

ACTION LIST

1. Mr McClymont to carry out site visit at Skate Park to look at what bins are required.
2. Councillor Dobson to look into obtaining a grit bin for the top end of the village
3. Thomas Brewer Charity – Mr Chairman to look at this and report back
4. If no response from to Wes Smith regarding trees, clerk to let Councillor Dobson know
5. Playground Report – Mr Thompson to look at the slope to see if repairs are necessary
6. Invoices for Verge Cutting – who to send invoices to – Councillor Dobson to
7. Pay Doug Lyne and confirm that all future invoices for the Cricket Club and Community Centre should go direct to them – Parish Clerk
8. Planning request, Elm Tree Farm, Langford – new wooden fence – Mr Aldridge to visit site.
9. NSDC Framework Plan – Mr Chairman to read
10. Letter to Councillor Dobson requesting funding for lime chippings an poo bin – Parish Clerk
11. Bench opposite Fleet Cottage, can it be moved – Mr Thompson

12. Write to Probation Office to thank them for their work on the Embankment –Parish Clerk
13. Cricket Field Gate – post in need of repair – email to Bob Allen to look at this – Parish Clerk
14. Memorial Bench – can it be refurbished possibly by the Probation Service – Mr G Thompson
15. Write to Adrian Pailing re Post Office situation – Parish Clerk
16. Radar Trap Scheme – Put in Focal Point a request for volunteers – Mr Chairman
17. John Wilson Branston Close request to cut back trees overhanging Burial Ground – Mr Aldridge
18. Safety Audit – to be emailed to everyone – Mr Chairman
19. Write to Chief Exec of Newark Showground re traffic congestion – Parish Clerk
20. Report street lights out on Hargon Lane 5 and 10 – Parish Clerk
21. Claim VAT for first half of the year – Parish Clerk