

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th December 2015 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Mr L Cammack, Mr M Kneen, Mr G Thompson, Mr B Wright, Mr R McClymont, Mr R Allen and Mr D Aldridge

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

63/15 - Apologies : Mr A Leary, Mr P Farmer and Councillor Mrs M Dobson

64/15 – Declaration of Interest – Mr B Wright has declared an interest in the Charity of Thomas Brewer as his son is a tenant

65/15 – Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th November 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 Wright and seconded by Mr Thompson.

66/15 – Matters arising from the Minutes

Mr Cammack asked Mr McClymont for clarification in relation to the bins at the Skate Park. The general bin is ok and there are two dog bins on the site. Therefore, it was decided that no further bins of any type were required.

Mr Cammack has received a written response from Peter Foden (Trustee) in relation to the Charity of Thomas Brewer Charity. The suggested change of constitution has been sent to the Charity Commission and a response is awaited. Next year is the 400th anniversary of the Charity and the Trustees hope to have an amended scheme in place by then.

Repair to the slope at the Skate Park – Mr Thompson confirmed that this was ongoing.

Repair of the cricket gate and the trimming of the willow tree – Mr Allen said that the work had hopefully been done by Pip North and he would check this before any payment was made.

Post Office – Mr Cammack has spoken to Frances Kelly regarding using the Community Centre as a “outreach” Post Office. Mrs Sillery had seen Mrs Kelly and she confirmed that she had spoken to Adrian Pailing from Post Office Limited and was waiting to hear from the Post Mistress from Lincoln Road who would be running the service to see if it would go ahead.

Traffic problems at the Showground roundabout – Having received a response from the Chief Executive of the Showground, Mr Cammack has written to the Highways Agency and we await a response.

Brown Garden Bins for the village – This has been raised in Focal Point detailing the Local Authority's intentions.

Affordable Housing - Mr Cammack has been in correspondence with Miles King of Midland Rural Housing. They, in conjunction with Newark and Sherwood District Council, are looking at whether affordable housing could be accommodated in the village. Mr King wants to attend a Parish Council Meeting and also send a questionnaire to residents. It was suggested that the Parish Plan has identified that there should be no further development. Mr Wright said that he thought the village needed such properties as the previous council houses have all been privately bought and that it would do no harm in hearing what he has to say. Mr Cammack is to invite him to the February meeting.

Radar Gun – Clerk still trying to get hold of Councillor Clarke.

Elmtree Farm – Councillor Dobson looking into this matter

67/15 – Invoices

The Parish Council has received an invoice from Newark and Sherwood D.C. charging us for the election in May in the sum of £130.51.

The accounts as at the 30th November 2015 were circulated. It was agreed that we would sort out the precept for 2016/2017 at the January Finance Meeting.

Mr Cammack confirmed that receipts from the bonfire and the Defibrillator Disco had been paid into the Events account. The Festival account has a balance of £611.77 which is kept in reserve to be used to cover any losses from the annual summer festival. It is considered that the balance is more than sufficient to cover potential losses.

Mr Leary has been in touch with the External Auditor in relation to the second Santander Account and this matter is in hand. Mr Leary has also talked to Duncan Richardson about him continuing to audit the accounts and Mr Richardson is happy with this and he will be invited to the January Finance meeting

Mr Kneen asked about donations for the trees on the Community Centre Embankment and it was confirmed that Mr Aldridge is co-ordinating this.

68/15 – Correspondence

We have received a letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission relating to changes in the amount of County Councillors in Nottinghamshire. Mr Cammack confirmed that this did not affect the village.

Mr Cammack had sent an email out to committee members asking if they would like to attend a service at Collingham to meet the new Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham on the 13th December.

A letter from N.S.D.C. was received confirming that planning for the Solar Farm at the Showground has been approved.

69/15 – Any Other Business

Mr McClymont confirmed that the drains were still blocked on Gainsborough Road and Chapel Lane. It was suggested that all the drains in the village need to be looked at. The Parish Clerk is to write to N.S.D.C.

Mr Aldridge confirmed that the trees on Jubilee Walk, near the cricket field on Holme Lane, need to be cut. He is to talk to Peter Kingsley about this matter

Mr McClymont said that there was a problem with the draining vents running from the Community Centre to the Cricket field to the Community Centre – Mr Cammack to talk to Frances Kelly on this matter. It was also pointed out that the hand rail on the new steps is precarious.

Resident, Mr Andy Clarke, had asked the Clerk to raise the matter of the condition of the road on Hargon Lane. It was agreed that a survey of all the roads in the village was needed and the Clerk is to write to N.S.D.C. Mr Cammack is to find a contact point within N.S.D.C.

The street light outside the Village Hall is not working despite being fixed by the Council; the Clerk is to contact Mike Keeling about this.

Mr Thompson suggested that there might be some building work being carried out at the Old Post Office although no planning applications have been submitted to the Parish Council. Mr Thompson has agreed to investigate this.

Meeting closed at 20.01