

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30pm**

**Present** – Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr P Farmer, Mr R McClymont, Mr B Wright, Mr R Allen, Mr D. Aldridge and Mr M Kneen

**Clerk** – Mrs S. Sillery

**District Councillor** – Councillor Mrs M. Dobson

**01/16 – Apologies** – Mr G. Thompson

**02/16 – Declaration of Interest** – None

**03/16 – Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

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

**04/16 – Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Mr Aldridge commented on item 66/15 saying that the area in discussion regarding the bins is not just classed as the Skate Park.

The Chairman confirmed that the Minutes of the meetings are placed on the village website.

The Chairman confirmed that he had not received any response as yet from the Highways Agency regarding the traffic problems A46/Show Ground Roundabout but he would chase this up.

Mr McClymont suggested that there should be Police Officers managing the traffic on the roundabout during big events at the Show Ground. The Chairman confirmed that this would come at a cost and who would pay it. Regrettably we do not have the power to force the owners of the Show Ground to cover the cost or indeed open more gates to allow easier access.

Post Office – The Chairman has spoken to Mrs F. Kelly and she has confirmed that it is likely that the Post Mistress from the Middleton Road Post Office will be running the “pop up” Post Office in the village. It will be in the morning for one day per week. The Post Office will pay for permanent Wi-Fi to enable the internet to be used for transactions. The Post Office will pay the Community Centre a nominal rental fee and which is being resolved between Mrs Kelly and the Post Office. It is unclear exactly when this service will start and for how long it will run. Ultimately, it will depend upon the usage within the village.

The Post Box is now on private land but apparently it is going to be turned around so that the private land is not accessed when using it.

Radar Gun – The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Councillor Chris Allen and he is more than happy to help us. He needs to carry out a Risk Assessment with The Chairman so contact will be made to arrange this. He suggests we have four volunteers as two are required at any one time. High viz jackets will be required. It is intended that we use Collingham’s gun for which a donation will need to be made. Councillor Dobson reaffirmed that if the trial usage is a success, she is happy to purchase a gun which could be shared between Winthorpe, Coddington and Barnby.

Mr Farmer suggested the use of mobile boards which show the speed at which people are travelling. They use these in Aubourn and Mr Farmer will try and find out some details about them, i.e. cost etc.

In relation to the request for surveys of both the drains and the roads in the village, the Clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with Mr Meek of Nottinghamshire County Council. It is not possible to have surveys conducted. Both roads and drains are inspected annually unless the road is a bus route in which case they are inspected monthly.

Any problems with drains must be reported using the normal channels, via the internet, as and when they occur and then these will be dealt with.

In relation to the roads in the village, the next road due for resurfacing is the Woodlands although a date could not be given. Hargon Lane is on the list but with no timescale. It is unlikely that Chapel Lane will be resurfaced due to the small amount of houses that are affected.

Trees on Jubilee Walk – Mr Aldridge has been unable to talk to Mr Kingsley as he has been away – this matter remains ongoing.

Building Work at the Old Post Office – it would appear that only the asbestos garage is being replaced and planning would not need to be sought for this.

## **05/16 – Invoices**

Two invoices have been received for payment from Doug Lyne for payment in the sums of £430.38 dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 and £90.00 dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – The Clerk is to pay these via the faster payment method.

Mr Aldridge suggested that we seem to be paying a lot for grass cutting. The Clerk confirmed that since June we had paid £6,752.28. It was agreed to conduct a review of grass cutting and The Chairman and Mr Aldridge will carry this out.

Invoice received from Pip North for the repair of the cricket field gate – cheque to be sent for £204.48.

The Chairman and Clerk are to resolve the invoicing with N.C.C. regarding the Parish verges.

The Precept for 2016/2017 was discussed and it was agreed by the Parish Council to increase the application to £8,569.00 to allow for increase costs in grass cutting, insurance premiums, etc. The Chairman and Clerk are to submit the application to N.S.D.C.

## **06/16 – Correspondence**

The Chairman has received a communication in relation to Phase 3 of Langford Quarry. Tarmac is undertaking a “Scoping Study” and asked if the Parish Council had any issues that they wanted adding in the study. The new proposals will extend the existing quarry by 40 acres and will extend its life by 10 years. Although the proposal will bring the quarry nearer to Holme, Councillor Dobson confirmed there were no concerns for Winthorpe or Holme as Tarmac were making every provision to screen the site off.

The Chairman raised the question of Midlands Rural Housing asking the question whether we still wanted their representative to come to our next meeting. Councillor Dobson confirmed that Winthorpe is a SP3 village based on its facilities and the fact that it is a one way village. Newark and Sherwood D.C. have allocated the job to Midlands Rural Housing to survey villages for their opinions. It was agreed to listen to what their representative has to say at our next meeting and therefore the invitation stands.

The Chairman has received a letter and booklet from Paddy Tipping, the Police and Crime Commissioner, on rural policing. These were passed out at the meeting for information only.

Councillor Dobson confirmed that we have a new P.C.S.O. called Katie. Councillor Dobson is asking her to make contact with all the Parish Council Clerks to introduce herself. Katie will also talk to the editor of Focal Point about putting an article in the village magazine.

Councillor Dobson also updated the committee regarding Elm Tree Farm Langford. Adrian Adams has visited the property and confirmed that planning would be required to remove the hedge.

Councillor Dobson requested that the Committee look on the Notts CC website at a presentation by the Chief Executive in relation to Devolution. She requested everyone's thoughts on this subject at the next meeting.

### **07/16 – Any other Business**

None

Meeting Closed – 8.35 pm

### **Actions**

The Chairman is to chase the Highways Agency in response to the A46/ Winthorpe traffic congestion.

The Chairman is to contact Chris Allen regarding the Radar Gun

The Chairman and Mr Aldridge are to review grass cutting in the village.

The Chairman and Clerk are to pursue the Grass Verge Cutting invoices with Notts C.C.

The Clerk is to pay invoices (Doug Lyne and Pip North)

The Chairman and Clerk are to submit the Precept for 2016/17 to N.S.D.C.

The Chairman is to email everyone with the link for Langford Quarry

All to look at the Devolution presentation on the Notts CC website

Mr Farmer to find out information of mobile speed signs at Aubourn

Mr Aldridge to talk to Mr Kingsley about Jubilee Walk