

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 p.m.**

**Present** – Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr P Farmer, Mr R McClymont, Mr B Wright, Mr B Allen and Mr D Aldridge. Mr Miles King from Midlands Rural Housing and Mr R Drury (visitor)

**08/16 -Apologies** – Mr M Kneen, Mr G Thompson, Mr A Leary and Councillor M Dobson

**Clerk** – Mrs S Sillery

Prior to the parish meeting commencing, Mr Miles King of Midland Rural Housing made a presentation to the Council.

Mr King's talk to the Parish Council was about the possibility of building affordable housing in the village, if indeed, there was a need. Midlands Rural Housing is an independent organisation who works with Newark and Sherwood District Council (N.S.D.C) and Nottingham Community Housing Association (N.C.H.A).

Subject to Parish Council approval, a survey is posted to each household in the village to ascertain if there is a need within the village for affordable housing. This is aimed at people within the village who are on low incomes and cannot afford to buy or rent in the village. If there proves a need, and with the consent of the Parish Council, Midlands Rural Housing will look for land within the village to build the required amount of properties. Land is usually used at the boundary of the village on plots which might not normally get permission.

The houses built would reflect the need of the village either starter homes, bungalows or family houses. The build is funded by N.C.H.A who receives grant funding from the Government. The houses are for people in the village first and foremost and there are covenants placed on them to ensure this happens.

Mr King pointed out that if the village doesn't want the houses, then the process will end. The Chairman raised the issue of access on to the A1133, which is the only entry and exit for the village, and is considered a "black spot" as there have been numerous accidents at this junction. Mr King confirmed he was not aware of this situation.

The Chairman thanked Mr King for attending the meeting and said we would discuss it in greater detail our next meeting when all councillors had been given the opportunity to read and study the information provided by Mr King. Mr King said that if we decide to go ahead with the survey it would not be until the autumn so there was no immediate rush. It was confirmed that the topic would be mentioned in Focal Point.

**09/16 – Declarations of Interest – None**

**10/16 – Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

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

**11/16 – Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Mr Cammack confirmed that he had written again to the Highways Agency with reference to the traffic congestion relating to the Show Ground.

Mr Cammack confirmed that he had had a meeting with Councillor Chris Allen from Collingham Parish Council in respect of use of their radar gun. The meeting went well and Councillor Allen is happy to train our 4 volunteers. This will take place when the clocks go forward at the end of March. A risk assessment has taken place to determine the best locations to operate the gun safely. The gun does not take pictures and only records speeds. The operatives need to record car details and registration numbers and this information is sent to the Police for them to make the decision whether to take the matter further.

If it proves successful, Councillor Dobson has offered to assist in the purchase of a gun. Hi-viz jackets will also need to be purchased.

The Council were informed that the following had expressed interest in volunteering to assist in this matter – Des Aldridge, Russell Munn, Andrew Parkin and Alan Whitmore.

Review of grass cutting – this has not yet been undertaken by Mr Cammack and Mr Aldridge but will be completed before the end of the financial year.

The Chairman has sent the e-mail to councillors regarding the extension to Langford Quarry and will send Mr Wright a paper copy. He felt that there were no concerns for the village

Councillor Dobson had requested that everyone look at the proposed Devolution plans. Mr McClymont gave an overview that the plan was for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire to merge which would create 19 councils. The merger would create seventy seven thousand new homes and investment would be provided for roads and bridges. There would be a joint transport fund and a co-ordinated transport system with an Oyster card type system. There would be support for businesses and more apprenticeships. The journey time to London would be less than 90 minutes.

Mr Farmer confirmed that he had attempted to make contact with Aubourn regarding the mobile speed signs but has, as yet, had no response. He will try again.

The Clerk confirmed that her attempt to get a refund of the last four years grass cutting from Notts County Council was still ongoing. The last payment we received was for 2011.

The Precept application has been submitted with a slight inflationary increase on last year.

Mr Aldridge has spoken to Mr Kingsley about the trees on Jubilee Walk and he would like a meeting with both Mr Aldridge and Mr Cammack. This is to be arranged in conjunction with the grass cutting survey.

The Chairman confirmed that we have a large balance in the current account and need to find projects to spend it on and would welcome any suggestions.

Mr Allen suggested that Jubilee Walk could be re stoned. He also said he had a meeting set up with Amanda to look at the bank and this may lead to works being carried out.

Mr McClymont suggested repairing the hand rail at the Community Centre – Mr Farmer sits on this committee and will bring this up at the next meeting.

It was suggested that an invitation was sent to Frances Kelly (Chair of the Community Centre) to the next meeting – Action Clerk

Mr Farmer asked if there was any repair work required at the Skate Park – he will talk to Mr Thompson about this.

Mr Allen also suggested that the park equipment may be in need of repair and although this is the responsibility of the Community Centre, we would be prepared to go 50/50 on the cost.

The Chairman provided an update on the defibrillator. He has asked Richard Radford (Villager) to source out the best type for the village. Mr Radford has experience in this field through his work. The Chairman mentioned the possibility of purchasing a second defibrillator but it was agreed that we should see how the first one works.

Mr Aldridge suggested a bench in memory of Mr Stephen Jackson (Former Parish Chairman) with a plaque. The Chairman proposed this and Mr Aldridge seconded it and all were in favour. Mr Aldridge is to source the bench. Ken Barks bench also needs repairing – it was suggested that we ask the Probation Service to look at this and Mr Allen will make contact.

### **12/16 – Invoices for approval and other financial matters**

The only invoice for payment is the annual fee for the management of the website to Uxello for £144.00. It was agreed that the Clerk would pay this via faster payment.

The Clerk went through the accounts and copies were given out of all four accounts. The current account has a balance of £4,988.60, holding account £6,242.39, events account £1,152.05 and festival £611.89

### **13/16 – Correspondence**

Invite received from the Mayor Newark to a memorial service to mark the 75 anniversary of the bombing of Ransome and Marles on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2016.

Email received from Collingham and District U3A asking for details of their association to be put into any local magazine. The Chairman is to mention it in his piece in Focal Point. The Clerk is to confirm to them that this has been done.

Powergen – Mr Aldridge had met with Powergen and gave approval to allow them to cut down any trees that were interfering with power lines in the vicinity of the new burial ground. This work is at no cost to the Parish Council.

Parish Plan – The Chairman sent this out as a matter of interest – Mr Allen confirmed that it was not up to date and that he would correct it. The Chairman will resubmit it for comments.

An email had been received from Matt Duckworth of Notts County Council (N.C.C) regarding highway matters. He referred to the drainage issue at the junction of Gainsborough Road and Chapel Lane. This is due to vegetation growing from adjacent properties namely 45 and 47 Gainsborough Road and overhanging the road/kerb edge. Water is flowing down the hill, missing the gully, and ponding nearby. Enforcement notices have been served to the owners and one has carried out the works and the other should happen before the end of the month. He said that they may need to re-profile the carriageway or add an extra gully, but that they were unable to commit to anything financially until the vegetation is cleared as this may solve the problem.

In relation to the roads and footpaths, he confirmed that the N.C.C. aim to maintain the County's roads and footpaths so as to provide safe and effective movement of people and goods. Inspections range from monthly, quarterly and annually depending on the route. The condition reporting range is Good, Fair and Poor.

If there is any damage suffered to roads and paths due to winter conditions, frost, prolonged periods of rain or dry weather, these should be reported in the usual way.

The Clerk had received a Register of Electors for the Parish from Newark and Sherwood DC which she will hold for future reference.

#### **14/16 – Any Other Business**

The Chairman confirmed that the flag has been raised in the village as and when it was required. This normally relates to Royal Birthdays and dates of national interest. However, we do not have a St George's Cross. Mr Allen proposed the purchase of a flag and Mr Wright seconded it.

Mr McClymont raised the matter of the little field on Holme Lane – opposite the allotments. The fence is broken and the land needs tidying. It was suggested that the field was still owned by the Suttons – Mr Aldridge to look into this matter and make contact with the owner.

Mr Aldridge enquired as to whether the Santander account was now setup correctly. The Chairman confirmed he had transferred all monies from the Closed Issue Back Book account to the Business Savings Account. Both accounts remain open and at the end of January 2016, there is £7,395.56 in the Business Savings Account. Now that he now had Mr Allen's photo ID, this would be sent off to Santander. He confirmed that there would be a full update on the Santander accounts at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9pm

#### **ACTIONS**

Midlands Rural Housing proposal to be discussed at the next meeting and the matter put into Focal Point – The Chairman

The Chairman and Mr Aldridge to look at the grass cutting in the village before the end of the financial year and also talk to Mr Kingsley about trees along Jubilee Walk.

The Chairman is to send paper copy of Langford Quarry proposal to Mr Wright

Mr Farmer to try and make contact again regarding the speed signs in Auboun

Clerk to invite Frances Kelly to next meeting

Mr Farmer to mention the repair of the hand rail at the Community Centre at their next meeting

Mr Allen to report back on his meeting with Amanda re the bank

Mr Farmer to talk to Mr Thompson about repairs at the Skate Park

Mr Aldridge to source a bench in memory of Mr Stephen Jackson

Mr Allen to contact the Probation Service about repairing the Ken Bark bench

Clerk to pay Uxello invoice

Mr Allen to update Parish Plan and the Chairman is to re-send it out to the council

The Chairman is to organise the purchase of a St George's Cross flag

Mr Aldridge to contact the Suttons in relation to the little field on Holme Lane

Clerk to continue with claiming refund of verge grass cutting costs

Mr Allen to look at the possibility of re-stoning the Jubilee Walk

The Chairman to send off Mr Allen's photo details to Santander Bank