

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17th of March 2016 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 pm

Present – Mr R Allen (Acting Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr B Wright, Mr D Aldridge, Mr M Kneen and Mrs F Kelly on behalf of the Community Centre

County/District Councillor – Mrs M Dobson

Clerk – Mrs S Sillery

14/16 - Apologies – Mr L Cammack, Mr R McClymont, Mr G Thompson, Mr P Farmer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Mrs Frances Kelly gave an update on the planned “Pop Up” Post Office and also details of work being undertaken by the Community Centre which the Parish Council may be able to assist financially with.

The Post Office facility is planned for each Thursday morning between 09:00 -12:00, in the bar area of the Community Centre. However, this is dependent upon BT being able to connect a power supply. The work is planned for the 6th of April so if all goes well, the service will start during the first week of May. Mrs Kelly requested us not to publicise the date just in case the connection proves difficult. She did state that the residents of Winthorpe need to use the new facility otherwise it will not last. An article is to be put in Focal Point to that effect.

The Outreach Officer will give Frances some publicity material which will require distributing. Sunita, who is the Post Mistress at the Middleton Road PO, will be running the facility and she has availability on a Thursday morning. Normal Post Office transactions will be available. The Community Centre is providing the facility at a zero rent and is not taking any responsibility for the service.

Mrs Kelly also talked about the various work being carried out at the Community Centre which the Parish Council could become involved with.

Amanda has been poorly so Mr Allen has not been able to meet her but this will be rescheduled. The hand rail is a priority and we need to source the materials, tanalised hard wood timber seemed to be the preferred option. It was suggested using the Probation Service for this project.

The re-stoning of Jubilee Walk was discussed. Frances is concerned that people are falling over the drainage pipes. The slabs need to be levelled and a site meeting with Amanda needs to be arranged. The finance is to be shared jointly between the Community Centre and the Parish Council.

The Community Centre has received a legacy of £2,000 from Ron Bradshaw and they will use this towards the repair of the bank and also a bench for Mr Bradshaw. The Parish Council are also planning a bench for Mr Steven Jackson and it was agreed that both benches should be of a similar design.

The Community Centre is increasing the rental charges due to them not currently breaking even and having to dip into their reserves. The Community Centre is very grateful for the help of the Parish Council.

A site meeting to be arranged to see exactly what work is required and then sort out the funding thereafter

15/16 – Declarations of Interest – None

16/16 – Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 18th February 2016

Minutes of the last meeting which had been circulated were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

17/16 – Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Aldridge has been in touch with the Suttons in relation to the ownership of the little field on Holme Lane. Apparently it was sold to someone with the surname of Allen. Mr Aldridge had spoken to Tom Crosby who thinks it had been sold on and he will try and find out to whom. He will also try to mend the fence.

Grass Cutting Review – Mr Allen and Mr Cammack have still got this action to complete and Mr Kneen has requested to join them.

Trees on Jubilee Walk – Mr Allen to talk to Doug Lyne about trimming these.

Illuminated speed signs – Mr Farmer had been looking into obtaining these similar to those used in Aubourn. Councillor Dobson pointed out that Aubourn comes under the Lincolnshire County Council and we have to work under the guidance of Notts County Council.

Councillor Dobson will ask the new Police Support Officer to talk to the Smith family about their speeding through the village. Clerk to email her to remind her.

Skate Park – no update - this item to remain on the minutes.

Mr Aldridge is to bring ideas and costs of benches to the next minutes, working in conjunction with the Community Centre. Councillor Dobson suggested looking at Hill Holt Wood. It was agreed to look at all options.

Ken Bark Bench – ongoing.

Uxello (website fee) paid

Parish Plan – ongoing

The Clerk confirmed that after lengthy communications with the Notts County Council, invoices for the last four years of grass cutting had been submitted.

Santander Account – the Shot Gun Licence for Mr Allen was not on Santander's list of suitable identification, so this matter is still ongoing.

Mr Leary confirmed that Norma Breedon had contacted him about the trees on the Burial Ground. The Council have confirmed that there is no disease in the trees and therefore there is no reason to take them down.

Midlands Rural Housing – Mr Cammack had asked that a decision be reached, in his absence, on the matter of whether or not the Parish Council should support the look for affordable housing in the village. However, it was felt that there were too many Councillors absent from the meeting and that it should be discussed when more were present. Mr Kneen said that he was concerned that the housing wouldn't be affordable and for the right people. Councillor Dobson said that Nottinghamshire Housing would not allow anything untoward.

18/16 – Invoices for Approval and other financial matters

Mrs Sillery confirmed that the defibrillator had been purchased at a cost of £990.00, including VAT, which had been paid by way of a faster payment direct to the company Imperative Training Limited. The £990.00 is paid from the events account from monies raised as part of the Defibrillator disco. A Cabinet is also being ordered from Safety TEC at £485.85 including VAT.

Mr Cammack requested a transfer of funds from the main current account to the events account of the VAT monies from the bonfire (£397.38). This will cover the cost of the Defibrillator and Cabinet purchase until VAT is reclaimed.

When the VAT is reclaimed, for the cost of the defibrillator and the cabinet (£165.00 and £90.85), this will be credited back into the events account.

Current Account – Payments during March – Clerk's Wages £154, Reimburse to Mr Cammack for cost of St George's flag £73.95 and the transfer to the events account £397.38. Balance as at 16th March 2016 - £4,219.27

Events Account – Defibrillator payment £990.00 and transfer in of £397.38 – Balance as at 16th March 2016 - £559.43

Holding Account – No debits. Interest credited on 4.3.16 of £1.08 – Balance as at 16th March 2016 - £6,243.47

Festival Account – No debits or credits – Balance as at 16th March 2016 - £611.93

The Santander Parish Property Trust accounts were distributed as requested at the February meeting. Business Savings account balance £7,395.56 and Closed Issue Back Book Account – nil balance

19/16 – Correspondence

A planning request has been made by Newark Motor Auctions to replace old timber perimeter fence with green anti climb fencing and electric security and new surfacing to part of car parking area. The parish Council are in agreement with the proposal but suggestion that the hedge had been pushed out to get maximum ground and it needed some attention.

Mr and Mrs Farmer's planning application had been approved by N.S.D.C.

Planning application for Mr Cuene-Grandidier, 20 The Spinney Winthorpe. This involves the demolition of existing rear single storey extension and proposed rear storey extension and first floor side extension over existing garage. – The plans were agreed subject to the use of sympathetic materials.

Planning was agreed by N.S.D.C. for tree works at Trent Cottage, Holme Lane

An invitation has been received Councillor Ivor Walker to attend his Civic Service at Elston Church on 17th April 2016. Clerk to reply that we are unable to attend.

Letter received from Jackie Insley the Chief Officer of Citizens Advice asking for Grant Aid – It was agreed that the Parish Council does not give to charity and it would have a preference to support the Collingham Advice Centre run by John Pitchforth. The Clerk to respond to confirm that due to a tight budget, we are unable to help.

20/16 Any Other Business

Mr Allen confirmed that the Brewer Trust's change of format had been approved by the Charity Trust and was now up and running.

Mr Kneen suggested that daffodil bulbs be planted as you come into the village as the bulbs that used to flower have been killed off by aggressive grass cutting. Everyone thought that this was a good idea. Councillor Dobson suggested getting the school children and the Probation Service involved.

Mr Kneen said that we needed some new initiatives for the village. We need to think what does the village really need.

Update on the Lord Nelson. The lease had been published £43,000 per annum over 5 years with estimated takings of £497,000. It was suggested getting together as a group however it would require Enterprise to release tenancy.

Queens 90th Birthday – There is a coin to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. Mr Cammack asked the Clerk to raise the issue of purchasing them for the children in the village. The matter was discussed and it was felt that it was a difficult situation as the majority of the children that go to the school do not live in the village and the project would be difficult to police. It was decided not to go ahead with this.

Councillor Dobson suggested lighting the beacon to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday.

Festival – It was suggested that with the village festival coinciding with the Queen's birthday, what plans have been made so far for the Festival? Would it be a good idea for our Festival Representative to contact Sue Mashedar and Tish Applewhite in this regard?

Meeting Closed 9.15 pm

ACTIONS

- Grass Cutting Review – Ongoing – Messrs Cammack, Aldridge and Kneen
- Mr Allen to arrange a meeting with Amanda regarding the work required on the bank
- Mr Allen to talk to Doug Lyne about trimming the trees on Jubilee Walk
- Councillor Dobson to ask the new PSO to visit the Smith family and talk about the speed they drive through the village. Clerk to remind Councillor Dobson of this action
- Skate Park – ongoing
- Refurbishment of Ken Barks Bench
- Mr Aldridge to bring bench costs and ideas to next meeting
- Santander Account – identification for Mr Allen still ongoing – alternative id to be sought
- Midlands Rural Housing – Discussion to take place when more councillors in attendance
- Clerk to reply to NSDC re planning applications for Newark Motor Auctions and Mr Cuene-Grandidier
- Clerk to reply to Mrs Jackie Insley at Citizens Advice
- Clerk to respond to invitation from Councillor Ivor Walker
- Mention the proposed Post Office facility in Focal Point – “USE IT OR LOSE IT”