

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Guests** - Mr John Nelson, PSO Katie Hyde, Mrs F. Kelly

**County/District Councillor** – Mrs M Dobson

**Clerk** – Mrs S Sillery

**21/16 – Apologies** –Mr G Thompson, Mr B Allen and Mr B Wright

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Mrs Frances Kelly gave an update on the “Pop Up Post Office”. She requested that posters were placed on the village notice boards together with consultation documents. The Post Office are carrying out consultation within the village from the 14<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> May to obtain any views from the village. However, the Post Office should hopefully be open before the 26<sup>th</sup> May. The Open Reach Engineer has confirmed that there is a line to the Community Centre in place for internet use.

Mrs Kelly has a meeting with the Project Manager on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April and hopefully a definite opening date will be forthcoming. She requested that a mention of the consultation in the Focal Point. The Post Office is purely for Winthorpe not Langford or Holme. Mrs Kelly reiterated that the Post Office must be used in order for the facility to continue.

**22/16 – Declarations of Interest** – None

**23/16 – Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Minutes of the last meeting which had been circulated were taken as read and approved as a correct record. These were proposed by Mr Kneen and seconded by Mr Leary

**24/16 – Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The Clerk confirmed that we were unlikely to be able to claim the back dated grass cutting fees from Notts County Council for the years 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, however she is hopeful

that the fee for 2015/2016 will be forthcoming. The Clerk is to confirm to Councillor Dobson who she has spoken to.

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Yvette Wellard, the Clerk at Barnby about grass cutting. They have recently changed their contractor from Doug Lyne. They obtained three quotes, one from Doug Lyne, N.S.D.C. and Town and Country.

The Council were the cheapest but they were concerned about the quality of the work and as a result decided to go with the next priced Town and Country who they had seen good references for. It was decided that we should do likewise and contact N.S.D.C. and Town and Country and also give Doug the chance to requote. The Clerk is to arrange this.

The Chairman and Mr Aldridge had undertaken a review of the grass cutting in the village, they felt that the last cut undertaken by Doug Lyne was of a better quality. It was felt that the grass cutting was important for the look of the village.

They also confirmed that the trees on Jubilee Walk are at eye level and could be a danger and therefore need cutting back. – Clerk to arrange for Doug Lyne to quote for this.

Mr Allen was not present at the minute to discuss the arrangements for the Bank and whether he had had a meeting with Amanda.

Skate Park – The skate park was discussed and it was agreed that it was looking somewhat shoddy. Councillor Dobson suggested converting it to a multipurpose facility for football, basketball etc. It was felt that this might attract younger families to use the facility. Mr Farmer and Mr Thompson are to look into this and the ramp that requires maintenance.

Ken Bark Bench – Mr Aldridge bought details of benches. However, Councillor Dobson suggested a visit to Hill Holt Wood on Potter Hill as they are local and in keeping with what would be appropriate. Mr Aldridge and Mr McClymont are to pay a visit together.

Santander Property Trust account. Mr Cammack is still trying to arrange suitable ID for Mr Allen which the bank will accept. However, this delay is not affecting the use of the account,

Midlands Rural Housing – There was much discussion as to whether to allow the village to decide if there was a need for affordable housing within the village via a questionnaire. Councillor Dobson suggested holding a public meeting rather than circulate the questionnaire. The Chairman felt that it was the Councils duty to open it up to the residents. Mr Kneen was concerned that this would put Winthorpe on the map for future development.

Councillor Dobson had a further suggestion that we invite Jill Saunderson, a Housing Officer with N.S.D.C to the May meeting, to talk to us about affordable housing and its impact. This was agreed and Councillor Dobson will arrange this with Jill. The Clerk to write to Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing to say that the matter is still under discussion.

Katie Hyde, the new PSO, came to the meeting to introduce herself. She has replaced Harriett having transferred from Worksop. She is in charge of all the rural villages north of Newark. She confirmed that speeding is a personal hate of hers and she is very keen to help in our attempt to slow people down in the village. She has been working with Chris Allen of Collingham Parish Council and is happy to get involved with our work with the speed gun when we get up and running. She confirmed it is a really worthwhile exercise and it is effective in slowing people down. We explained that we had a few very fast drivers in the village who need to deal with. We need to send our Risk Assessment paperwork to Katie and details of any speeding cars to Katie.

Katie confirmed that crime in the village was down at the present time. Part of her job is supporting victims of burglary with new locks, alarms security cameras etc. She said that they had a few issues with off road bikers at present that she was working on.

The mobile speeding signs were raised again but Councillor Dobson confirmed that we cannot buy them as they are not within our jurisdiction in Nottinghamshire.

Mr John Nelson raised the question of the congestion on the roundabout during last weekend Auto Jumble. It took him 30 minutes to get out of the village and he felt that this had gone on long enough and something must be done about it.

The Chairman explained that he had written to the Highways Authority three times without reply and we had also written to the Chief Executive of the Showground, Mr Adrian Johnson, who is as frustrated as we all are. Mr Cammack told Mr Nelson that the Parish Council had done all they could within their power at the present time.

Councillor Dobson informed the meeting that the Highways Agency have very little money and until something is done about the two roundabouts before you get to the village i.e. a Flyover, the situation could not be improved. She is canvassing for this and our M.P. Mr Robert Jenrick is looking into the design of this. However, this could take a number of years. Councillor Dobson suggested that Mr Nelson write personally to Mr Jenrick.

An email has been received from Jeremy Hutchinson of N.S.D.C. in relation to a complaint by Mrs Susan Crosby regarding bees being kept on the allotments. Mr Hutchinson confirmed that no licences or permission was required from the District Council and that the decision was for the Parish Council to make. Mr David Barthorpe has apparently spoken to Mrs Crosby and reassured her that the bees are being well kept and that there is no cause for alarm. The Clerk is to write to Jeremy Hutchinson in this regards.

## **26/16 – Invoices for Approval and other financial matters**

£90 invoice from Doug Lyne to be paid via Faster Payment

£18.00 Winthorpe Community Centre – Safer Neighbourhood cheque number 101125

£382.20 Newark and Sherwood District Council – Dog Bin Contract – cheque number 101126

Account details – covered in Finance Meeting

Current Account – balance £4,219.27

Holding Account – balance £6,243.47

Events Account – balance £73.58

Festival Account – balance £611.93

## **27/16 – Correspondence**

Planning Application from N.S.D.C. – The Old Dairy, Gainsborough Road – No Objections.

Minutes received from the meeting of the Langford Quarry Liaison meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Councillor Dobson confirmed that this is an exciting scheme and has been well thought out. There is nothing for the Parish Council to be concerned about whatsoever.

Mr Cammack confirmed that it is now mandatory to register to use the Local Council Tip. This is easy to do and he will put a piece in Focal Point and on the village notice boards.

Letter has been received from Peter Foden asking for a donation to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to cover the cost of producing the newsletter. It was agreed to give £50 to cover the cost of paper and ink.

Letter received from the Friends of Newark Orchard School asking for a donation towards the purchase of a wheelchair adapted minibus. This was discussed and put to a vote and a majority agreed to give £100.

Letter received from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils asking if we wanted to become members. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not wish to join. The Clerk is to respond.

Mr McClymont brought up the question of the bank behind the Community Centre; apparently the lady from the Dolls House is helping with this

Meeting closed 9.05 pm

## ACTION LIST

Post Office consultation – put piece in Focal Point – The Chairman

Arrange for Grass Cutting Quotes – Clerk

Ask Doug Lyne to cut trees on Jubilee Walk – Clerk

Skate Park – Look at the repair of the ramp and consider changing it to a multipurpose use facility – Mr Thompson and Mr Farmer

Santader Property Trust Accounts – Continue to sort out Mr Allen as a signatory – The Chairman

Midland Rural Housing – Invite Housing Officer Jill Saunderson to next meeting – Councillor Dobson

Write to Midland Rural Housing with update – Clerk

Ken Bark Bench – Visit Hill Holt Wood – Mr Aldrige and Mr McClymont

Bees – Reply to Jeremy Hutchinson of N.S.D.C. – Clerk

New requirements for using local N.S.D.C. Tip – put piece in Focal Point – The Chairman

Write to:

- Peter Foden – Neighbourhood Watch - Clerk
- Newark Orchard School - Clerk
- Notts Association of Local Councils - Clerk