

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th June 2016 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 pm

Present – Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr B Wright, Mr A Leary, Mr B Allen

Guests – Jill Sanderson (Newark and Sherwood District Council)

Mr Tom Crosby (Resident)

County/District Councillor – Mrs Maureen Dobson

Clerk – Mrs Sally Sillery

35/16 – Apologies – None

Mrs Sanderson had been invited to the meeting to discuss the proposal by Midlands Rural Housing to carry out a survey in the village in relation to the need for affordable housing. Below are a summary of the points she raised:

- She works within N.S.D.C. in Strategic Housing.
- Her department works in partnership with Midlands Rural Housing and Nottingham Community Housing Association.
- She felt that the application to survey the village should have come from N.S.D.C. and not Midland Rural Housing.
- If a survey is carried out, and as a result shows a need for housing, the Council will work alongside the other partnerships. An example of this is six cottages being built in Caunton.
- Last house in the village that became available for rent was in 2012 and this attracted 29 bids. The last available bungalow in 2013 attracted 44 bids. These could well have been people from outside the village. Mr Leary asked if there was a way of finding out how many of the people who bid for the properties were from the village. Mrs Sanderson said that she could drill down and find out the figures.
- Councillor Dobson said that the consensus of opinion is that any new housing should be for people already in the village and not necessarily supported housing. The aim is to get younger people into the village as the current population is an older one.
- Mrs Sanderson said that there will be no pressure from N.S.D.C. to carry out a survey.
- Land would have to be sought. This is usually land that landowners are willing to sell at a reduced price, i.e. not top building land prices but higher than agricultural land. This land would not otherwise get planning permission to build on. Need a benevolent landowner.

- Currently building 15 houses in Walesby and projects in North Muskham and Elston are being looked at.
- If a survey were to show a need, it would be a long term project probably taking years to complete.
- If a Parish Council is not happy with proposed building, it would not go ahead. There are no compulsory purchases.
- A section 106 agreement can be used to ensure that any houses that were built were for the occupancy of local people.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Sanderson for attending the meeting.

Minutes of the main Parish Council meeting:

The Chairman asked Mr Crosby about his reason for attending the meeting. He said that he had come in place of his wife and that he was very interested in what goes on at the meeting and would like to get involved. He asked about the minutes of the Parish Council meetings being on the website and it was explained that they were always one month behind as they had to be checked and approved at the next Parish Council.

Mr Crosby did touch on his wife's comments at the previous meeting, and Mr Leary reiterated the suggestion that Mrs Crosby create a list of problem areas with the allotments and possible ways to resolve them and give this to the Allotment Committee. Mr Crosby felt that the Allotment Committee was working well with them at the present time.

The Chairman reiterated that any problem that were brought to the Parish Council would be referred to the Allotment Committee

Mr Crosby suggested that Focal Point should be online rather than in paper form.

36/16- Declarations of Interest – None

37/16 – To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the last meeting 19th May 2016

Proposed by Mr B Wright and seconded by Mr A Leary

38/16 – Matters Arising

MUGA – ongoing action as Mr Thompson and Mr Farmer were not present

Pop Up Post Office Sign – ongoing action for Mr Thompson

Trees and Grass Cutting – The Chairman reported that he had had a very useful meeting with Doug Lyne. The Chairman asked Mr Lyne about the entrance to the village which continues to look a mess. This is not Parish Council land and gets two cuts a year funded by Notts County Council. The Chairman felt that it would be better to have the entrance to the village well maintained and that the Parish Council should pay extra to keep it in order. Mr Lyne is happy to cut this area and would only make a nominal charge as he currently cuts the grass in that vicinity. Mr Lyne suggested around £10-£20 extra per cut. Mr Leary said

that we needed to set some parameters as we do not want to be overcharged. Councillor Dobson asked to be informed of the proposed cutting dates well in advance and then she could arrange with the Highways to cut around those dates.

The Council had talked about looking at alternative firms for grass cutting, but on reflection it was felt best to stay with Doug Lyne. Coddington Parish Council, who has recently changed from Mr Lyne, is unhappy with the standard of workmanship of the new contractor.

Santander – Mr Allen is to go into Santander in person to sort out his identification for the account.

Ken Bark Bench – Mr Allen reported that the Probation Service will rub down and repair the bench.

Mr Allen reported on the Grass Bank at the Community Centre. This work is on the list of the Probation Service after the work at the Village Hall has been finished. It has been suggested that the bank be grassed with some wild areas. Amanda (Probation Service) is looking into this and is aware that any invoices need to be addressed to the Parish Council.

The Probation Service cannot fit the new railings adjacent to the steps due to health and safety concerns. Mr Allen suggested getting a few volunteers together and doing it ourselves. The Parish Council is responsible as it is our land however we may be able to split the cost 50/50 with the Community Centre. Councillor Dobson is to discuss this with Mrs Frances Kelly from the Community Centre. The Chairman also offered to obtain a quote to undertake these works.

Focal Point – The Parish Council received a letter from Annie Wynne (Editor) thanking us for the increased funding.

Survey Monkey – Strategic Priorities – The Chairman confirmed that he had completed the survey.

Speed Camera – No update as Mr Farmer not present

Village Sign – No update as Mr Thompson not present

39/16 – Accounts and Invoices for Approval

The accounts as at 1st June 2016 had been emailed prior to the meeting. The Clerk went through the accounts confirming the balances as follows:

Festival Account - £612.04 - £0.04 pence interested credited

Events Account - £73.58 – no change

Holding Account - £10,529.38 - £1.41 interest credited

Current Account - £2,847.09 – Credit of £440.00 from Notts County Council for grass cutting and debits of £375.00 for Focal Point, £444.78 Doug Lyne for Grass cutting and Clerk's Wages of £154.00

The only invoice to be paid is for Doug Lyne invoice number 13349 for £450.00 – agreement to make a faster payment for this.

Mr Leary asked if Sue Masheder had provided a proposal of what they intend to do at the Festival and an idea of costings so that we know that we are comfortable with it. The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with the Festival Committee and was satisfied with their proposals.

The Chairman confirmed that no costings were discussed other than the £250.00 for the bunting which had previously been agreed. Events that were planned were a Marching Band, Bouncy Castle and Firework Display. However, he was to request RAMS for the event and an estimate of proposed spend.

The Chairman said that he was keen for the festival committee to run the event and preferred that the volunteers arrange it. It was pointed out to Sue Masheder that any expenditure following the event needed the agreement of the Parish Council.

40/16 – Correspondence

Letter received from the Ministry of Defence in relation to the flying of Armed Forces Day Flag. It was felt that it was too short notice for this year but would consider it next time. Councillor Dobson suggested that the Clerk talk to Karen Ballantyne the Collingham Clerk for information about flags.

Information had been received from the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils about training courses for New Clerks and New Councillors. It was not felt necessary at this time.

Safety Neighbourhood Group – the minutes had been received for the last meeting and it was felt that we needed a representative for the next meeting at Girton. Clerk to find out date of meeting and the Chairman will attend.

Letter received from the Post Office confirming that the Pop up Post Office is now up and running.

Letter from H.S.B.C. informing changes to Business Banking Terms and Conditions.

Paul Matthews (Winthorpe with Coddington Cricket Club) has sent an email advising of dates when caravans would be on the cricket ground. This is the 28th to 30th July and 7th to 9th October. The Chairman asked Mr Matthews, due to previous noise problems, that he has a chat with the organisers and ensure that noise levels are kept to a reasonable level and a time of 11:00pm being for the music to cease.

Leaflet received from Hags re play equipment

Planning Correspondence

The Chairman had responded to N.S.D.C. that the Parish Council had no direct objection to the Hatchery on Stephenson Way however it will increase traffic around the McDonalds roundabout which is already a congested area.

No items on the Planning Committee meeting that affect the Parish

Application by Mr and Mrs Blyth of Low Wood Gainsborough Road to convert outbuildings and link them to the main dwelling. The Parish Council had no objections subject to the sympathetic use of materials.

41/16 – Any Other Business

Mr Wright said that he had seen a new bench at Collingham which was really nice and would be ideal for the village. Councillor Dobson suggested that this would have been from either Hill Holt Wood or Men in Sheds.

Mr Crosby brought up the idea of having security cameras on Holme Lane and the entrance to the village. They take photos and may help with burglaries and vandalism. Mr Crosby is happy to fund this project and will send an email to the Chairman with the full details.

Close of Meeting 9.05 pm

Actions

- “MUGA” – Mr Thompson and Mr Farmer to report on this
- Sign for Pop up Post Office – Mr Thompson
- Santander Account – Mr Allen to produce copy of HGV Licence with photo for the bank
- Ken Barks bench and others – Mr Aldridge
- Embankment near Community Centre – The Chairman to get quotes for the hand rail
- Speed camera- Mr Farmer to coordinate with Collingham P.C.
- Village Sign – Mr Thompson to contact Max Neil from the art club
- Village Festival – The Chairman is to request budget details and RAMS from the Festival committee for the next meeting
- Parish Council to discuss the affordable housing survey