

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21st July 2016 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

Present – Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr R McClymont, Mr P Farmer, Mr M Kneen and Mr G Thompson

Guests – Mr Mark and Mrs Jackie Zylinski – Resident at the former Post Office building on Gainsborough Road

Clerk – Mrs S Sillery

42/16 - Apologies - Mr B Allen, Mr D Aldridge, Mr B Wright and Councillor M Dobson

Before the main meeting, our guests Mr and Mrs Zylinski were asked to speak about their reasons for attending the meeting.

Mr and Mrs Zylinski have made an application to N.S.D.C. for a change of use to their property. The property was previously the local Post Office and shop. This application was received by the Parish Council, via N.S.D.C, and was duly supported.

The Local Authority has advised them to put their application on hold whilst more information is gained about the effect on the village from the loss of the Post Office/shop facility. They have come to the meeting tonight to see if the Parish Council can help them gain the information they need, i.e. how long the property was for sale and how viable was it as a commercial venture. It would appear that anecdotal evidence would be sufficient. It was agreed that the property was for sale for in excess of five years however it is hard to confirm its viability. However the previous Post Master did suggest, via Focal Point, that the business was indeed not viable.

The Chairman suggested, to Mr and Mrs Zylinski, that they write to the Parish Council via himself or the Clerk and set out their request for information and the Council will respond accordingly and this response could be sent to N.S.D.C.

43/16 – Declarations of Interest

Mr Phil Farmer highlighted his interest in the topic of tree felling on Gainsborough Road.

44/16 – To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the last meeting 16th June 2016

These were accepted and agreed

45/16 – Matters Arising

MUGA – This matter is ongoing and Mr Farmer is working on this. Mr Farmer and Mr Thompson agreed that the Skate Park had “had its day” and was not fit for purpose. Mr Farmer asked how much funding the Parish Council would be willing to put into the project. A figure of £2,500 was suggested. He will start to look at options but needs to know how much external funding there will be. The Clerk confirmed that safety inspections of both the Skate Park and the Play Area are scheduled.

Sign for “Pop Up” Post Office – Mr Thompson was unaware of this action but will sort this matter out. A notice with the times is required at the entrance to the Woodlands.

Santander Account – Ongoing – Mr Allen is to take his ID into the bank

Ken Bark Bench / Bench in recognition of S. Jackson – Ongoing – Mr McClymont will have another look for suitable benches. The benches at Hill Holt Wood were not suitable.

Embankment Area near Community Centre – The Chairman has received a quote from local builder, Carmalor Construction, for £2,767.93. He originally thought this was quite expensive but having seen the amount of work that needs to be done in order to make the area safe and the need for everything to meet current standards, it probably isn’t too bad. He has sent the quote to Mrs Frances Kelly, Chairperson from the Community Centre, for her observations, as this expenditure would be split 50/50 with the Community Centre. It was suggested that a couple more quotes are obtained and the Chairman is to deal with this.

Mr McClymont said that the gully’s on the path were sticking up as the path slopes down. The Chairman believed that this was a Community Centre responsibility and he would mention it to Mrs Kelly.

Speed Awareness – Mr Farmer confirmed that a Training Day had been arranged with Chris Allen on the 18th of August 2016 to meet at 4pm at the Nelson for a 4.30 start. The Chairman will put this information in Focal Point.

Village Sign – Mr Thompson confirmed that Max Neil from the Art Club is willing to do the sign for us. Mr McClymont will cut the hedge so that the sign is visible.

Village Festival – The Chairman confirmed that there was no budget plan as such but he had received assurance from the organiser, Mrs S. Masheder that funds were in place to cover the event. There is minimal outlay for the First Aid, Community Centre hire, Marching Band and Ukulele Band. Mr Leary would have preferred to have had costings however Mr Thompson said that he, Mr McClymont and the Chairman are on the committee and are actively involved with the festival.

46/16 - Midlands Rural Housing (MRH) Survey –

The Chairman confirmed that he wanted a decision to be reached as to whether we were going to proceed with the survey or not. Much discussion ensued.

Mr Farmer suggested that he preferred not to have an outside agency such as Midlands Rural Housing involved as he didn’t want the village to lose control.

Mr Leary suggested that we do not need to do the survey at this current time.

Mr McClymont felt that we should not close the door on it completely.

Mr Thompson said that have got to keep it in the back of our minds are our children cannot afford to buy in the village.

Mr Kneen said that the fact the Midlands Rural Housing approached us and not N.S.D.C. is a concern.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to MRH and say that we do not want to proceed with a survey at this time. It was suggested that we contact Jill Saunderson from N.S.D.C., informing her of our decision and invite her to another meeting and discuss what other options we have as a village.

47/16 – Standing Orders and Code of Conduct – Update June 2016

This matter has been moved to the September meeting as there was some confusion and not everyone had read the paperwork. The Clerk is to resend the Standing Order and Code of Conduct documentation together with the new Constitution for the Youth Club.

48/16 – Invoices for Approval

The only invoice was for Doug Lyne for grass cutting in the sum of £516.00. It was agreed to pay this via faster payment.

On the question of grass cutting, Mr Leary raised the point that on Hargon Lane, Doug Lyne cuts a track and leaves two feet uncut and he couldn't understand it. The Chairman confirmed that the Hargon Lane area came under the Notts CC cutting regime.

Mr Kneen stated that he thought we were looking at other tenders for the grass cutting. The Chairman explained that following the experience of Coddington Parish Council, who have just changed suppliers and are not happy with the outcome, and the fact that Mr Cammack had had a good meeting with Doug Lyne and he appeared to have upped his game and the cutting appeared to have improved, we had decided to keep things with Doug Lyne at the present time. However, it was agreed to revisit this matter in the non-growing season to see if alternative quotes could be obtained.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to prepare a comparison of Doug Lyne's costs for 2015 and 2016 for the next meeting.

49/16 – Planning Applications

N.S.D.C. had sent details of an application to erect a 2.6 metre fence to the car parking area at the Newark Motor Auctions. No objections were raised.

Confirmation from N.S.D.C. that planning had been agreed to remove a tree at The Academy on Gainsborough Road due to severed roots.

The Chairman has received an email from N.S.D.C. regarding plans from Moy Park to build additional office buildings on the opposite side of the A1 to Know How. His response was that there were no objections other than increased traffic on an already poor road network.

50/16 – Correspondence

An email had been received from Doug Lyne about a dead tree on Jubilee Walk. Doug is willing to dismantle and remove it for £175 plus VAT. It was agreed to go ahead with this – Clerk to contact Doug.

Email received from Michael Knapton who is a Property Surveyor for Enterprise Inns. It would seem that a tree adjacent to the Lord Nelson pub has caused some damage to the roof of the property and he wonders if it is on Parish Council land. It is difficult to tell from the village plan so the Chairman will carry out a Land Registry search to see if this confirms ownership. The Chairman is to contact Tallents Solicitors to see if they can confirm which parcels of land are in Parish Council ownership.

Notification received from Notts CC that the Level Crossing on Holme Lane will be closed on Sunday 21st August between 00.01 and 08.00 hours.

N.S.D.C. has written to various residents on Gainsborough Road in connection with the problem that the double decker buses are having gaining access to the village due to the overhanging trees damaging the buses. The Local Authority will carry out a survey and will then report back as the trees may have preservation orders on them. They will then let residents know the outcome via a group quote and then arrange to shut the road to carry out the work. The Chairman is to mention this in Focal Point. Ian Sharpe had contacted the Clerk about carrying out the work and she will inform him of the position.

N.S.D.C. sent a letter about their five year Housing Plan. The Chairman has taken this correspondence away and will bring it up at the next meeting.

An email was received from Mr Tom Crosby about his idea of having trail cameras in the village to try and cut down on vandalism etc. This is to be discussed at the next meeting as it was felt that we needed Councillor Dobson's guidance in this matter.

51/16 – Any Other Business

Mr Kneen raised the issue of the resurfacing of the Woodlands. We know that it is on the list to be done but he wondered if we could get a definitive date from the Local Authority. The Clerk is to investigate this with the help of Councillor Dobson.

Mr McClymont raised an issue at The Spinney. The road forks to the right and left and delivery drivers are finding it difficult to know where houses are. It would be helpful if at the fork of the road was a sign which showed the numbers of properties on either road. It was felt that any such sign would have to come via the Council. Clerk to look into this.

Mr McClymont said that people were still using normal waste bins for dog waste. The Chairman will put something in Focal Point in this regard.

Meeting closed 8.40

Actions:

Response to Mr and Mrs Zylinski – The Chairman

MUGA options – Mr Thompson and Mr Farmer

Sign for Pop up Post Office and village sign – Mr Thompson

Village Benches – Mr McClymont

Santander ID – Mr Allen

Community Centre bank quotes – The Chairman

Inform Midlands Rural Housing of Parish Council decision– Parish Clerk

Send Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to councillors – Parish Clerk

Alternative grass cutting quotes – The Chairman to pursue at the end of the season

Response to Enterprise Inns on tree affecting the Lord Nelson – The Chairman

Parish Council ownership of land – The Chairman

5 year housing plan update – The Chairman

Resurfacing the woodlands update – Parish Clerk

Signs for the Spinney - Parish Clerk

Dog bin usage – The Chairman