

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th October 2016 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 pm

Present – Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr B Wright, Mr B McClymont, Mr D Aldridge, Mr M Kneen, Mr A Leary, Mr B Allen and Mr P Farmer

County/District Councillor – Mrs M Dobson

Clerk – Mrs S Sillery

Apologies – Mr G Thompson

62/16 – Declarations of Interest – None

63/16 – To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the last meeting 15th September 2016

Proposed by Mr B McClymont and seconded by Mr A Leary

64/16 – Matters Arising

Signs for the Spinney – The Chairman confirmed that he had not put this in Focal Point but will do so for the next edition. Mr Kneen produced a plan of the Spinney which shows that some properties do have numbers but not all. The Chairman will suggest, in Focal Point, that all houses are numbered for the benefit of the residents.

Pop up Post Office Sign and Village Sign – Ongoing with Mr G Thompson

Village Benches – Mr McClymont reported that he had spoken to John Nelson but that he did not think that they would be able to make a bench. The Probation Service only use pine and we want a hard wood bench. There are various on the internet including a 2 seater from Windsor at £199.00. Mr Farmer said he would look on the internet and send round an email with various options including pictures. Councillor Dobson suggested checking with the officer Parish Councils as to where they buy their benches from.

Go Kart – Councillor Dobson confirmed that there is only permission for Go Karting on the site. The owner is currently in Australia but she will talk to him on his return.

Fireworks – The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Matthews (Chairman of Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club) about the use of fireworks and that 11.00 p.m. is the agreed “cut off” point. There are three caravan rallies planned for May, August and October. He also said that R.H.P. are wanting to play at Winthorpe and this was to be encouraged as it would be great to have cricket played in the village. They want to put a

container for storage which they will supply and site which does not require planning. All were in agreement.

The Clerk confirmed that according to the Newark and Sherwood website, no fireworks are permitted between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Play Inspection Report – the report has been received and forwarded to Mrs Frances Kelly (Chairperson - Winthorpe Community Centre). There are some items listed as advisory items. Mr Leary expressed his concern over the site said that he would not allow his daughter to use it.

MUGA update – Mr Farmer has had a meeting to discuss the MUGA and the process behind it. It is apparently better to have multiple funders which could include the school, Tigers FC, Youth Club, etc. HAGS have provided various drawings and option 1 looks the best. It will allow the playing of football, cricket and will also enable disability use.

It will be located on the same site as the current Skate Park and the total cost is circa £42,000. £10,000 of that cost is to re tarmac the area and Mr Farmer wondered if we could get that part done separately at a lower cost, bearing in mind there are people in the village who are in the business. It was also suggested contacting Tarmac as they are based locally. Councillor Dobson said that we should go through Derbyshire Environmental Fund and she will e-mail Mr Farmer their contact details.

Mr Farmer said that there is a lot of funding out there via Wren and Veolia and we should only need to raise circa £4,500 towards the overall cost.

Mr Farmer suggested setting up a Facebook page to see if donations might come that way. The Chairman will write out to the following organisations in relation to donations:-

- Youth Club – (Mr Thompson)
- Winthorpe School – (New Head Mr Cook)
- Winthorpe & Coddington Tigers FC – (Richard Radford)
- Cricket Club – (Paul Matthews)
- Mastercare
- Langford Hall
- Newark Showground

Deadline for application for funds 22nd February 2017

The Chairman thanked Mr Farmer for his great efforts in moving this matter forward.

Audit Report – The notice informing the residents that the audit report is available has been posted but as yet no enquiries have been received.

Grass Cutting Comparisons – The Clerk went through her findings and confirmed that an excel spreadsheet had been sent out prior to the meeting. For the year April - November 2015, £3,100.10 was spent and out of this, £222 was for non-mowing purposes leaving the true cost of mowing at £2,878.10. For the year 2016 April – September 2016, £3,439.98 has been spent with £421.20 being for non-mowing leaving mowing costs at £2,980.83.

Octobers invoice is still to be presented but from the figures the true mowing costs have not increased significantly.

Bottle Bank – Clerk has arranged for these to be emptied.

Parish Council attendance at Allotment Meetings – Mr Aldridge and Mr Allen are the representatives and the next meeting is due on the 27th October 2016.

Festival Funds – The Chairman has spoken to Sue Mascheder regarding the Councils concerns over the amounts given to various groups and charities. Sue will talk to the Parish Council before she makes decisions on the amounts paid after next year's event.

65/16 – Invoices and Accounts for Approval

NSDC Annual Playground Inspection £104.40, Clerk to pay by Faster Payment. Clerk to talk to the Community Centre as they pay half of the cost.

Doug Lyne £540.00 for September mowing – Clear to pay by Faster Payment

Accounts had been prepared and distributed prior to the meeting as at the 13th October 2016.

Current account - £1,559.52

Festival Account - £608.86

Events Account - £297.73

Holding Account £12,815.72

£2,000.00 has been transferred from the Holding account to the Current account but this is the first transfer of the year. Expenses for September were Clerk's wages, grass cutting, the payment to Grant Thornton the Auditors of £120 and renewal of the insurance with Anon of £237.82. Focal Point was also paid during September. The Festival monies have been shared out as per the minutes of the last meeting. The Clerk asked for details of the PCC payments for both Winthorpe and Langford Churches and these cheques of £150 each were written out on the night.

66/16 – Planning

The planning documentation in relation to the development at Mastercare had been responded to by The Chairman with the concerns of the Parish Council being raised. Mrs Dobson confirmed that the time to add further correspondence had been extended to Tuesday 25th October. Mr Allen raised issues that had been highlighted previously which could lead to flooding in the village as the water comes up via the Fleet.

Planning application received from Mr and Mrs Cuene-Grandidier for a single storey rear extension and a two storey side extension. At this point in the proceedings, Mr Kneen confirmed a declaration of interest as he is friends with the applicants. The plans were discussed and supported.

Mr and Mrs Zylinski from the Old Post Office, 13 Gainsborough Road, has made another application for change of use of the unused shop to residential use. This was discussed and supported.

Mrs Applewhite of the Old Dairy, 76 Gainsborough Road, has made an application for a single storey extension to form a garden room including demolition of a section of an existing wall, removal of a door and a window to form access to the extension. This was discussed and supported.

The Clerk sent confirmation of the above to Newark and Sherwood D.C.

The Clerk had received a letter from Notts C.C in relation to an application by Lafarge Tarmac Limited together with a CD. Mrs Dobson said that all was in order with the application and no further action was necessary.

67/16 – Correspondence

Email received from Tanya Grimes of Notts Association of Local Councils offering training for Parish Council employees. This was not felt necessary at the present time.

68/16 – Any Other Business

Mrs Dobson confirmed that she and the Clerk attended a meeting at Kelham Hall about devolution. She said that it was not suitable for such small Parishes such as ourselves and that the meeting was generally a waste of time.

Mrs Dobson asked The Chairman to talk to Steve Jones at Besthorpe Parish Council about ways of getting a defibrillator free of charge.

The condition of the pavement through Thoroughfare Lane was brought up by Mr Farmer following an enquiry from Mr Cook (new School Headteacher). The lane is not adopted and Mr Farmer will report this information back.

The question of extending the crossing outside the school was raised. Mrs Dobson suggested that Mark Smith contact her to discuss this matter.

Mrs Dobson suggested it would be a good idea for her to visit the school with a view to discussing road safety and parking. She has done this before and she will introduce herself to the new Head Teacher in due course.

Mr McClymont raised an issue about the Fishing Board having been vandalised with graffiti suggesting that there should be no more Asians or Poles. Mrs Zylinski had apparently seen it and had cleaned it off. This is clearly unacceptable behaviour and The Chairman will put a notice in Focal Point to this effect.

Mr Leary brought up the issues of the dreadful traffic situation when trying to exit the village. This matter has been discussed previously and the frustration was felt by all but there is little that can be done by the Parish Council.

Mr Aldridge raised that rumour that land near the kennels had been purchased for use as a gypsy site. Mrs Dobson confirmed that she had not heard anything but she was pretty certain that Western Power would not put electric on the site.

In relation to Mrs Crosby's attendance at meetings, it was agreed that as per rules, she must send confirmation of anything she wants to raise at a meeting through to the Clerk prior to

the meeting. Any grievances she has about the allotments should be directed to the Allotment Committee.

Mr Crosby's suggestion that we have a trail camera installed was discussed but it was felt that it was not required in the village at the current time.

Meeting Closed. 9:00 p.m.

Actions

- Clerk to check with other Parish Councils where they purchase their benches from.
- Mrs Dobson to give Mr Farmer the contact details of Derbyshire Environmental Fund.
- The Chairman to write out to local organisations in relation to the proposed MUGA.
- Clerk to request 50% of the cost of the Annual Playground Inspection fee from the Community Centre.
- Clerk to write to NSDC regarding planning applications
- The Chairman to put a piece in Focal Point about the recent hate graffiti.
- The Chairman to write in Focal Point about house numbering in the village.
- Mr Farmer to report back to Mr Cook regarding Thoroughfare Lane being un-adopted.
- Mr Farmer to provide details of Benches for discussion at the next meeting.
- Mrs Dobson to visit the school re road safety

