

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th November 2016 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 p.m.

Present : Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr B Wright, Mr A Leary, Mr M Kneen, Mr D Aldridge, Mr B Allen and Mr G Thompson

County/District Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Clerk : Mrs S Sillery

Visitors : Mr T. and Mrs S. Crosby

Apologies : Mr B McClymont and Mr P Farmer

The Chairman asked Mr and Mrs Crosby if they had any comments to make before the Parish Council meeting commenced. Mrs Crosby apologised for not attending the last meeting. She confirmed that she had sent various correspondences, via email, to the Clerk relating to the allotments in relation to the quick thorn hedge whippings. She had also raised this with Mr D. Barthorpe, Chairman of the Allotment Association. The Chairman had also been in touch with Mrs Crosby, by email, on this matter.

Mrs Crosby confirmed that she feels that she has hit a brick wall about the hedging. The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Barthorpe and that this hedge will fill out over time. Mrs Crosby was informed that whole hedge was taken out and replanted four years ago at the cost of the Allotment Association.

The Chairman also confirmed that he had seen the email that a neighbour of Mrs Crosby had sent. The people in question have now left the village so there is little that can be done now.

It was confirmed that Mr Bob Allen attended the last Allotment Association meeting. Both Mr Allen and Mr Aldridge represent the Parish Council on this committee.

The Chairman that although the Parish Council owns the land, as long as the Allotment Committee run it within the parameters set down by the Parish Council, they will not interfere with the day to day running of the allotments.

Mrs Crosby reiterated that the Allotments are an eyesore, an opinion which Mr B Allen totally disagreed with. He went on to say that nothing will change whilst the allotments are run within criteria. Mr Allen said that Mr Barthorpe was concerned that Mrs Crosby is unhappy and does everything he can to ensure that the allotments are kept tidy and run correctly.

The Chairman, mindful of the time that this item was taking, informed Mrs Crosby that she kept "going over old ground" and would not continue discussions on this matter.

69/16 – Declarations of Interest – None

70/16 – To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the last meeting 20th October 2016 –

Proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mr Leary.

71/16 – Matters Arising

Benches – The Parish Council are still undecided about benches. Mr Farmer had circulated details of a bench available via the internet and the Clerk had received information from other Parish Councils, but it was felt that it was preferable to see what we are buying. The Chairman asked for a firm recommendation by the next meeting to finally sort this matter out. Mr Leary and Mr Allen agreed to take on this task.

Go Karting – Councillor Dobson has tried to contact the owner on four separate occasions regarding the use of motorbikes on the track and has left messages but no response has been received. She can only assume that the owner is still in Australia. This action to remain for Councillor Dobson to pursue.

MUGA – The Chairman has had a meeting with Frances Kelly (Chairperson of the Community Centre) and she has suggested that the proposed MUGA be sited next to the football field. This will hopefully enhance the Community Centre and they are willing to provide financial help. It was suggested that the Skate Park be removed. Mr Leary said that he had seen a MUGA in Keyworth and had been impressed with it.

The Chairman confirmed that the Village School and Tigers Football Club were all in favour and, in Mr Farmer's absence; he will move the matter forward.

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Centre had paid their half of the Playground Inspection fee.

Graffiti – The Chairman confirmed that he had not put this item in Focal Point but would do so this month. Thankfully no further problems have been reported.

House Numbering – Mr Peter Foden is championing this cause on behalf of properties on the Spinney. Councillor Dobson asked to be kept informed of progress.

Thoroughfare Lane – this is an un-adopted road and Councillor Dobson will talk to Mr Cook (New School Headmaster) about this matter.

Councillor Dobson is arranging to go into the school to discuss road safety.

72/16 – Invoices and Accounts for Approval

The Clerk confirmed that there were two invoices for approval – Doug Lyne £240.00 for October mowing and Party Time £2,218.98 for fireworks.

The Clerk went through the accounts:

Current Account – Balance as at 9/11/2016 - £1,488.62
Events Account – Balance as at 9/11/2016 -£297.73
Festival Account – Balance as at 9/11/2016 -£608.88
Holdings Account – Balance as at 9/11/2016 -£11,815.72

The Bonfire had an income of £3,326.50 and outgoings of £2,154.48 giving a profit of £1,172.02. It was agreed to donate the funds as follows:-

Winthorpe Primary School £150
Newark Community First Aid £100
Collingham Young Farmers £150
Chris Perkins was owed £204.07 for items purchased
The balance goes to the Youth Club once VAT is recovered on fireworks

The 70's disco held to raise funds for the purchase of another defibrillator had an income of £1,172.00 and outgoings of £301.00 leaving a profit of £843.00. This, together with the £200.00 received from the Village Festival gives a total of £1,043.00. It was agreed to pay the disco £150.00 which is included in the outgoings.

73/16 – Planning

The Chairman has written to the Planning Department about the proposed Know How extension and to confirm that the Parish Council is unhappy with the proposals as it doesn't address potential flooding problems to Winthorpe Village.

Wirtgen Ltd wants to erect a three storey building to accommodate vehicle/plant servicing and repair workshop on the A17 near the Friendly Farmer. The Council objected to the proposal on the same basis as the objection to the Know How development.

Confirmation received that the following planning application had all the below have been passed:-

- Reduce height of a horse chestnut tree which is decayed at 20 The Spinney
- Change of use from Shop to Residential – Mr and Mrs Zylinski 13 Gainsborough Road
- Cutting back of branches overhanging highway at 54 Gainsborough Road – Mr B Wareing
- Cutting back of branches overhanging highway at 48 Gainsborough Road – Dr A Parkin

74/16 – Correspondence

A letter was received from N.S.D.C .regarding Newark and Sherwood Community Infrastructure (CIL) – Councillor Dobson explained that this assists with businesses but does not relate to our Parish.

A letter was received from Steven Adams the Notts CC Broadband Engagement Officer introducing himself. There is no change as the village is already connected.

Transparency Fund – This is a fund that we can claim monies from instead of using our own funding. The Chairman is to research this and see if our Parish would benefit.

An email was received from Richard Tomlinson trading as Dickies Property Services asking if he could advertise his business on the Parish Notice Boards. The Clerk is to respond giving him the contact details in Focal Point as advertising is not allowed on our notice boards.

An email was received from Caron Ballantyne the Clerk at Collingham asking about burial fees. Councillor Dobson will respond directly to Caron.

Minutes were received from the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting held on 19th October 2016. The next meeting is to be confirmed and anyone from the Council can attend.

Advance Roadworks Bulletin – Closure of Winthorpe Level Crossing between 23.45 and 5.25 on 29/30th November 2016.

An email was received from David Barthorpe from the Allotment Association asking for permission to erect a metal shed at the far end of the allotments. The shed is required to house a ride on mower that they now have. The Parish Council were of the view that this was a permanent structure and by a majority decision, it was decided that permission should be denied.

75/16 – Any Other Business

Mrs Frances Kelly (Chairperson) is looking to reduce the number of Trustees that the Community Centre currently has. The Parish Council currently have two in place and Mrs Kelly has suggested that this is reduced to one. It was agreed that, as the Parish Council own the land, it is important to maintain our presence and therefore two trustees should remain and at least one should attend every meeting. It was suggested in having a substitute in case the current trustees, Mr Farmer and Mr Thompson, could not attend to ensure that the Parish Council is always represented.

Besthorpe are running a Pie and Mash/Quiz evening on the 10th of December to raise funds for the Hall. All are welcome; numbers are required by the 1st December 2016.

Mr Kneen brought up the situation of the street lights on the Spinney and that some residents considered the lights to be too far apart and more lights were needed. Councillor Dobson asked him to email her the details and she would take the matter forward. However, she doubted that additional lighting would be provided.

Mr Thompson raised the issue of the Youth Club. There are insufficient members currently to keep it open and it is temporarily closed. Mr Thompson suggested that the dynamic of the Club should be rethought and he proposed a meeting of the Youth Club Committee including the Chairman to discuss its future. The finances of the Club are very healthy but the problem is the lack of usage. If the Club were to close, the monies could go to a nominated scheme involving children in the village. The current committee are not set up to cater for younger children but with new volunteers this may be possible. Councillor Dobson suggested canvassing opinion within the village.

Mr Allen reported back following his attendance at the recent Allotment Committee meeting. The Allotments are running nicely. However, the allotment fees have been raised. There is currently one free allotment but it is expected to be taken next year. They have yet to receive a water bill and are a little concerned about this. It was pointed out that Severn Trent have never put a meter on the allotment so it would be difficult to determine past usage.

The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be on **Wednesday 14th December 2016** due to the run up to Christmas.

Meeting closed 8:40 p.m.

ACTIONS

- Mr Leary and Mr Allen to source a suitable bench to purchase and bring the details to the next meeting so that we can get this matter resolved
- Go-karting – Councillor Dobson to contact the owner – Ongoing action
- The Chairman to progress the MUGA in Mr Farmers absence
- The Chairman to raise the problem of graffiti in Focal Point
- Thoroughfare Lane – Councillor Dobson to talk to Mr Cook
- Clerk to draw cheques for the donations following the bonfire.
- Clerk to pay in Allotment rent cheque into the Santander Property Account
- Clerk to send in objection to N.S.D.C re Wirtgen Limited plans to build on the A17
- The Chairman to look at the Transparency Fund to see if the Parish Council would benefit.
- Clerk to write to Richard Tomlinson giving him contact details of Focal Point
- Councillor Dobson to contact Caron at Collingham regarding Burial fees
- Mr Kneen to email Councillor Dobson regarding the street lights in The Spinney
- Mr Thompson to arrange meeting of the Youth Club Committee and the Chairman to attend