

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 pm**

**Present :** Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr B Wright, Mr D Aldridge, Mr R Allen and Mr R McClymont

**Apologies :** Mr P Farmer and Mr M Kneen

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

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**01/17 – Declarations of Interest – None**

**02/17 – To Receive and Accept the minutes of the last meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mr Aldridge

The Chairman asked if anyone would prefer to receive a paper copy of the minutes for future meetings. Mr Wright already receives the minutes by paper copy. Mr Aldridge requested the same.

**03/17 – Matters Arising**

Steven Jackson Bench update – Mr Leary is to visit Gills to see what they can offer and also contact Collingham Parish Council as they have a bench which looks ideal.

MUGA – The Chairman has had a meeting with Matt Higginbottom from AXO Leisure Limited who has come up with a revised layout plan. The MUGA could be sighted at a 90 degree angle to the tennis courts with swings and slides next to it. By doing this the grass football pitches will not be impacted on. AXO Leisure is to come up with a revised quote for this work.

The Chairman is to meet Paul Peacock from Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire for assistance with funding and is to talk to Winthorpe Community Centre to gain their views and support.

Transparency Fund – funding has been received in the sum of £669.14 to buy a new laptop for the Clerk. The Clerk is to have a look at the options available.

Youth Club – As previously minuted under the Finance Minutes, a meeting is to be arranged with the trustees of the Youth club (Jan and Gary Thompson and others) with Mr Leary and the Chairman to discuss the future of the Youth Club. Councillor Dobson has also requested to be included in the meeting. If it is to be disbanded, any funds held by the Youth Club should be passed back to the Parish Council for them to hold until such time as they are required should the club restart. The advanced rent that has already been paid to the Community Centre should be refunded and also kept by the Parish Council.

New Street Lights – Councillor Dobson confirmed that the new LED lights will be fitted during 2017 but could not give a specific date. The new lights will have a better flow of light which will improve the light in The Spinney.

House numbers on the Spinney – The Chairman has written to the residents of the Spinney suggesting that the use of house numbers would be of great benefit particularly in relation to the emergency services locating a property. Peter Foden is in favour of this. Councillor Dobson confirmed that the Post Office allocates the numbers and the Chairman has the numbers and will forward them to Councillor Dobson. These can be used when making a sign for the entrance to the Spinney

#### **04/17 – Invoices and Accounts for Approval**

The Clerk confirmed that the invoice for Uxello who look after the web page had been paid in the sum of £144.00 by faster payment.

The Chairman produced an invoice from Joe Thornton-Ford for the wiring up of the new defibrillator box on the Village Hall wall in the sum of £29.36. The Clerk is to pay by faster payment.

The Clerk confirmed that a cheque was required for £198.00 to pay for the notice board for the Langford Bus Shelter. The Chairman suggested having such notice boards for the two bus shelters in Winthorpe as well. Councillor Dobson will attempt to get a discount for the purchase of three and therefore the Clerk is to wait to hear from her in this regard before sending payment.

The Clerk went through the accounts. Balances held as follows :

Holding Account - £11,816.86 - £1.14 interest in December

Current Account - £1,421.76 – Payments of Clerk’s wages for December and January and Doug Lyne for November invoice of £156.00

Events Account - £604.18 – No transactions

Festival Account - £608.92 - £0.02 interest in December

The Clerk confirmed that she had applied for a VAT refund of £896.43 up to the end of December 2016.

Mr Aldridge queried the calculations on the excel sheet for the Current Account and the Clerk will amend this accordingly.

It was agreed that a note would be put on the Holding Account excel sheet to confirm that £1,500.00 of the funds held are for any future works that are needed to the Burial Ground.

It was agreed to keep the precept at the same amount as last year, £8,569.00 taking into account the funds that are currently held by the Parish Council. The Clerk is to write to N.S.D.C. with the precept request.

#### **05/17 – Planning**

Letter received from N.S.D.C. with the agenda for the Planning Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Field Ref 2564 A17 Winthorpe is due for a site meeting at 11.45 and then to be discussed at Kelham Hall at a meeting commencing 4.00pm. Mr Allen is concerned about flooding as the culvert that takes water into the River Fleet appears to operate at capacity.

Councillor Dobson suggested that Mr Allen attend the meeting at Kelham on behalf of the Parish Council. She added that the Highways Agency and Notts C.C. have not objected to the proposal. Mr Allen said he would attend and the Clerk is to inform N.S.D.C. of his attendance.

Letter received from Robert Portman Group Manager Planning at Notts C.C. in relation to proposed development on land west of Drove Lane by Shaun Laffey. The proposal is for temporary use for proposed recycling of excavated material from the Newark Sewer Scheme including processing, crushing and screening.

Councillor Dobson will be objecting to this and the Parish Council will also object on the grounds that the road is a 7.5 tonne road and not suitable to take 30 Lorries a day. The traffic will add to the already congested roundabout and there is also a concern of sewage getting into local dykes and ditches. The Clerk is to write to object.

The Chairman confirmed that prior to Christmas plans were received via N.S.D.C. for an extension to High Leys, 2 Gainsborough Road. The Chairman gave the details to Mr Kneen as his property backs on to the house in question and Mr Kneen has objected.

### **06/17 – Correspondence**

Letter received from B.T. about the proposed closure of two phone boxes in Langford and Winthorpe. There is very little use of these and therefore BT has informed the Parish that they are considering closure unless there is an objection. The telephone boxes can be purchased for £1 if the villages want to keep them for sentimental or for other reasons once the phones have been disconnected. However, if purchased, they will need to be maintained. The Chairman is to put the details in Focal Point.

Email received from the Dementia Information Service and Making Memories and Befriending Service. Posters are included to be put on notice boards to inform the general public what help is available, who to contact and also requesting volunteers. The Chairman is to put these on the village notice boards.

An Email was received from Tom Gibbons at Tallents Solicitors confirming that the land registration is complete for “The Green” outside the Lord Nelson. The Chairman will keep a copy to put with other Land Registry documentation.

A letter was received from Robert Jenrick MP in relation to the Parish Council Tax Referendum. After much lobbying, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP has announced that he has agreed to drop the referendum required for Parish Councils.

Minutes were received from the Safer Neighbourhood Group. The next meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm at Harby. The Chairman and Clerk are to attend.

An Email was received from Yvette Armstrong at Notts C.C. in relation to rural crime. The Clerk is to send this to all members to read.

An Email was received from Stella Trussler giving details of the Veterans Information Network Conference. The Clerk to reply giving our apologies as no-one is available to attend and also to ask if there are any slides or information that they could send to us for information purposes.

An Email was received relating to the Plan Strategy for the area. The Chairman has taken the details to consider and report back accordingly.

Councillor Dobson had sent the Clerk an email relating to a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Collingham Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm with “Sustrans” to present proposals for their next project. All Parish Councils are to attend. Unfortunately the email was not received, however the date is now in the diary and there will be representation from Winthorpe.

### **07/17 – Any Other Business**

The Chairman confirmed that he had received the resignation of Mr Gary Thompson. The Council will need to replace him and a vacancy will be put in Focal Point and on the notice boards in the village asking any potential applicants to write to the Chairman.

Mr Thompson represented the Parish Council on the Community Centre Committee and as Mr Farmer is currently away with work commitments, the Chairman asked for someone to attend the meetings on a temporary basis until a new Councillor is recruited. Mr Aldridge offered to attend.

The Chairman raised the subject of the Skate Park. It is an eyesore and a safety hazard to any children using it. It was suggested that it be dismantled and obtain a quote from a company to remove it. Mr Allen is to discuss this with Billy Price, a local scrap metal dealer and to get a quote for its removal.

Councillor Dobson brought up the subject of TGO, The Great Outdoor Gym. Funding is available to set up outdoor gyms which can be used by people of all abilities. This idea will be kept for possible future use.

Councillor Dobson informed the committee that she had spoken to Matt Revill who is the Station Officer at Collingham of Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue. Collingham are to take part in a trial whereby firefighters, who are first responders, are going to attend situations when the East Midlands Ambulance Service cannot offer assistance. The trial begins on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and will last for a month.

The Chairman suggested that we organise another defibrillator training evening now that we have two units in the village. Mr Allen said he would talk to his wife, who organised the original session with Newark First Aiders, and get a date sorted.

8:45 p.m. Meeting closed.

Actions:

- S. Jackson bench – Mr Leary
- MUGA update – Chairman
- Youth Club update – Chairman
- Phone Box update – Chairman
- New Parish Councillor Update – Chairman
- Safer neighbourhood update – Clerk
- Precept application – Clerk
- Skateboard Park update – Mr Allen
- Defibrillator training update – Mr Allen