

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Village Hall commencing 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr D. Aldridge, Mr R. McClymont, Mr B. Wright, Mr M. Kneen and Mr R. Allen

**Apologies:** Mr A. Leary and Mr P. Farmer

**District/County Councillor** – Mrs M. Dobson

**Clerk:** Mrs S. Sillery

**Visitors:** Representatives from the Allotment Association, Mr D. Barthorpe, Mr C. Smith and Mr I. Wilson

The Allotment association had approached the Parish Council with a view to putting a structure on the allotment to house a ride on mower and other tools. The Parish Council had refused permission for this hence the representation came to talk to the Council.

Mr Barthorpe confirmed that the structure would not be a permanent structure as it does not have footings or an electrical supply. The proposal is for a metal shed which would be around 10ft x 13ft. The shed would be sat on a slab, could be taken down within a day and would be situated at the far end of the allotments near the beehives. It would be screened from the Community Centre and the millennium path with trellis and plants to soften the look.

Mr Barthorpe confirmed that the structure would be the only one of this nature on the site and any other requests from allotment holders would be declined by the allotment committee, without ever coming before the Parish Council.

The ride on mower is currently housed at a resident's home but this is not ideal in the long term.

The Chairman confirmed that the tenancy agreement between the Allotment Association and the Property Trust (Parish Council) states that the allotment holders only have to advise of proposals in advance if they wish to erect a structure. However they must get planning permission in writing should this be required.

Mr McClymont suggested that the Parish Council take on the responsibility for cutting the grass at the allotment but it was confirmed that the grass needs cutting every three weeks in the growing season and this would prove too expensive.

Mr Wright felt that the original agreement had been that no buildings were allowed but the permanency seems to be the question.

Councillor Dobson suggested that she talk to the Planning Department at N.S.D.C and see what they have to say about the proposition. They may even suggest a site visit and then take the matter from there. The Chairman offered to attend any meeting with Councillor Dobson. The Council were in agreement with this course of action.

**8/17 – Declarations of Interest – None**

**9/17 – Receive and Accept Minutes of the Meeting dated 19/1/17**

Agreed as a true copy by Mr B. Wright and seconded by Mr R. McClymont.

**10/17 – Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Mr Aldridge asked the Clerk if she had purchased a new laptop yet but she confirmed that this was still ongoing.

Mr Leary had confirmed via email that the information from Rosie Scott about the Co-op bench was on its way.

The Chairman updated the Council on the MUGA. He had held meetings with Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) and the MUGA manufacturer and it would seem that the total cost could be circa £60,000 including the playground equipment. Following discussions with RCAN, it was agreed that we need to see if the residents of the village are in favour of the MUGA. The Parish Council agreed to the proposal of putting a questionnaire in Focal Point to see if there is sufficient interest in the village to warrant the cost.

The Chairman updated the Council on the Youth Club situation. A meeting is to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with Gary Thompson, Andy Leary, Councillor Dobson and the Chairman to discuss the future of the Youth Club. The Chairman said that any Councillors were welcome to attend the meeting. The Youth Club are holding a lot of funds and the consensus is that the money should come back to the Parish Council to be held for future usage in the event that the Youth Club is reformed.

The Chairman updated the Council on the BT Phone Boxes. Only Langford residents have requested that they keep and adopt their phone box. The phone box in Winthorpe was discussed and it was decided that it should also be adopted. Possible uses could be to house a defibrillator, book club, etc. The Clerk is to make arrangements to adopt both boxes.

The Chairman reported on a replacement Parish Councillor. Mr Steve Lord, a Winthorpe resident had expressed an interest. However, since having a conversation with The Chairman, he may not be able to take up the position due to personal circumstances. Other options may be Mr D. Barthorpe or Mrs J. Bateson. Councillor Dobson said it would be nice to have another lady on the Council and if have to go to an election situation, we could run it parallel with the May County Council elections thereby cutting the cost. The Chairman is to discuss the matter further with Mr Lord before a decision is made.

The Chairman reported back on the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting that he and the Clerk attended at Harby Village Hall. The meeting was dominated by people talking about the various thefts of quad bikes, etc and the fact that they didn't feel that the Police took the matters very seriously. Councillor Dobson confirmed that a group of Special Constables were working along the A1133 as they were aware of the problem from people coming from outside the County to commit the thefts.

Councillor Dobson said that she was hoping to get some portable cameras and these would start in Girton but would be moved around the various villages. The Clerk said that any burglaries or suspicions should be reported to the Police. There have also been people offering to do garden work for the elderly and charging astronomical amounts and people

going “door to door” selling household items. It was suggested that these details be put into Focal Point to encourage people to report such occurrences.

Councillor Dobson said she was hoping to get Andy Rook to come to a meeting of all the villages.

Skate Park demolition – Mr Allen said that this matter is ongoing.

Langford Bus Shelter – Councillor Dobson confirmed that this was all organised and that the shelter in Winthorpe would also have a notice board put up. An invoice would be forthcoming to the Clerk.

Defibrillator Training – Mr Allen confirmed that his wife had been in touch with Newark Community First Aid and they are happy to come along to do a training evening. It was suggested that a date in early May which would fit in with the Community Centre. A date is to be set with the Community Centre and the First Aiders.

### **11/17 – Planning**

Councillor Dobson and Mr Allen attended the Planning Committee meeting in relation to Field Ref 2564 on the A17. Their attendance was in vain as the decision went in the favour of the applicant. Councillor Dobson had suggested having an “in and out” entrance for the Show Ground to try and alleviate traffic problems but this was not taken on board.

The proposed application west of Drove Lane by Shane Laffey was discussed. Councillor Dobson has intervened in this matter and has suggested it be sighted on the industrial estate behind the Waste Transfer Station where there is apparently room according to a Planner at County Council. Councillor Dobson also raised the question of why we have weight restrictions on roads and then consider letting an additional 30 Lorries per day travel on such roads.

The Clerk confirmed that she had objected to the proposal for the Old Vicarage on Holme Lane, Langford and had also sent a very extensive letter from residents Adam and Victoria Dalton to the Newark and Sherwood Planning Department.

There was an application from Dixons Retail to continue to use solar panels at Long Hollow, Winthorpe which received no objection from the Council.

Planning has been allowed for Mrs P. Applewhite at The Old Dairy, Gainsborough Road.

Planning has been refused to Mrs J. Goodridge at 2 Gainsborough Road due to the height and scale of the proposed extension.

A letter had been received from N.S.D.C in relation to an application at 17 Hargon Lane ref no. 17/00188/FUL. However the plans attached were for a property in South Clifton. Clerk to return the documents.

There is a Neighbour Planning Event on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and the Chairman is planning to attend.

### **12/17 Invoices and Accounts**

The only invoice to be paid is £186.00 for the Newark Advertiser. This relates to the advert for the November bonfire. The bill had only just been passed to The Chairman by Mr G Thompson.

The only payment other payment was the Clerk's wages.

Balances :

Current Account : £1,973.83

Holding Account : £11,816.86

Events Account : £418.18

Festival Account : £608.94

### **13/17 Correspondence**

Letter received from Redeeming Our Communities inviting to a meeting at Kelham Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 – Clerk to decline this invitation.

Highways England – informing us of work being carried out on the A1 between Apleyhead and Markham Moor between 13<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.

Email from Farnsfield Parish Clerk, Rachel Waterfield, asking for help with CIL and 106 monies. Councillor Dobson asked the Clerk to respond back asking her to talk to her local councillors as they will have experience of this.

Citizens Advice – letter received asking for a donation. Clerk to write back to say we are supporting the local office in Collingham. Councillor Dobson to tell John Pitchfork to write to the Clerk to ask for assistance.

Letter from Portland College asking for donation – Clerk to confirm that we are helping local charities, ie Orchard School, and will therefore not be making a donation.

Email from Lesley Taylor, Recycling and Education Office for Veolia, the waster contractor for Nottingham County Council. The email offers tours of the Materials Recovery Facility in Mansfield. Mr Allen took the details to see if the Collingham Young Farmers would be interested in such a tour.

### **14/17 Any Other Business**

Bench – Awaiting details from Rosie at Collingham re the Co-op Bench. Mr Allen said he would ask Jim Walters to quote for a bench.

Mr Kneen said he had been approached by a resident in Pocklington Crescent complaining about horse boxes and a commercial gritter being parked in the street. Councillor Dobson asked for photographic evidence to be sent to her.

Mr Wright raised the issue of the reflector boards on the approach to Winthorpe Village. There used to be three however there is currently only three. Councillor Dobson will look into this.

Councillor Dobson asked what was happening with the numbering of houses in the Spinney. Peter Foden has put a note through every door in the Spinney and The Chairman has written to Royal Mail. The signs showing the numbers of the properties will be put in place soon.

There is a light out outside 44 Gainsborough Road. The Clerk needs the number of the light so she can report this.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm

#### TO DO LIST

- Discussion to take place with the Planning Department at N.S.D.C. regarding placing a metal shed on the allotments – Councillor Dobson and the Chairman
- Purchase of Lap Top – Clerk
- MUGA – Questionnaire to be send with Focal Point to see if the residents of Winthorpe consider a MUGA to be a worthwhile investment – The Chairman.
- Youth Club – Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> February to discuss future – The Chairman/Councillor Dobson
- Phone Boxes – Both the Langford and Winthorpe phone boxes to be adopted – Clerk
- Following the Safer Neighbour Group meeting, a piece in Focal Point to raise the awareness of suspicious persons and encouraging residents to report such instances to the Police – The Chairman
- Skate Park – Ongoing Mr Allen
- Defibrillator Training – A date to be arranged early May in conjunction with the availability of the Community Centre – Diane Rowland to liaise with Newark First Aid
- Dixon Retail – No objection to continued use of solar panels – Clerk
- Neighbour Planning Event 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – The Chairman to attend
- Correspondence to Citizens Advice, Portland College and Farnsfield PC – Clerk
- Bench – Jim Walters to quote for a bench – Mr Allen
- Reflector boards as you approach the Winthorpe village turn off, only one visible instead of the original three – Councillor Dobson
- Light out at 44 Gainsborough Road, Clerk needs number on lamp post – Des Aldridge