

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th March 2017 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

Present – Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr D Aldridge, Mr S Lord, Mr R McClymont, Mr M Kneen and Mr A Leary

Visitors – Mrs J Bateson, Mr J Lee, PCSO Katie Hyde and Gareth Nicholls

Apologies – Mr B Wright, Mr P Farmer and Mr R Allen

District/County Councillor – Mrs M Dobson

Clerk – Mrs S Sillery

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mr Steve Lord to the meeting as our new Councillor replacing Mr Gary Thompson.

Before the commencement of the meeting, Mrs Jane Bateson spoke about her plan for the phone box on Gainsborough Road, which the Parish Council is in the process of purchasing. Jane suggested using it as a book exchange, an idea which she has already seen in use. The principle is to donate books that are housed in the phone box; the idea being that you take a book to read and at the same time add a book to the collection. Jane and Mrs Julie Radford are looking to run the project.

The box would need shelving to accommodate the books. The Chairman agreed to put a piece in Focal Point to see what the village think about the idea. It was suggested that there would not be a need to have power to the box as it would be used during daytime only. Councillor Dobson felt it was an excellent idea as the Mobile Library is not forced to always be available to the village. Councillor Dobson asked the Clerk to research the idea online as she felt that a village locally had done the same thing.

Katie Hyde together with the new Beat Manager for our area, Gareth Nicholls, confirmed that Winthorpe village has had a very quiet start to the year with only four incidents reported in the village.

29th January – Damage to Iron Gates

23rd February – Garage break in on Gainsborough Road which was disturbed by the owner

14th March – 2 incidents – The Lord Nelson was broken into and there was a rogue trader going door to door pretending to be deaf.

Both Katie and Gareth said that such incidents should be reported and that it was a good idea to put something in Focal Point to warn residents about people knocking on doors.

Katie said that any non-emergency situations could be reported to Newark Police Station or via her mobile number. Also, if anyone wants any security advice they should contact her on her mobile.

Mr John Lee introduced himself as the District Councillor for Coddington and Balderton North and also the Conservative County Council candidate for Collingham. He is ex-military having been wounded in action and has gone on to raise £750k for charity. He sits on both the Planning and Licensing Committees.

15/17 – Declarations of Interest

Mr Kneen confirmed an interest in a planning issue relating to 2 Gainsborough Road by Mrs J Goodridge and this was noted.

16/17 – Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Meeting date 16th February 2017

Agreed as a true copy by Mr McClymont and seconded by Mr Kneen.

17/17 – Matters Arising from the Minutes

Allotments – The Chairman and Councillor Dobson had a meeting with Julia Lockwood from N.S.D.C. Planning Department and David Barthorpe from the Allotment Committee. Julia's view was that the proposed Steel Container would need planning permission. The Allotment Association, as tenants, can submit a planning application at a cost of £195 or the Parish Council can submit one for the reduced fee of £97.50. If the allotment association were considering something smaller or of a flat pack type, this would not need planning permission. Councillor Dobson hoped that if they went for the smaller option, the Parish Council would support them.

Mr Kneen made the point that if the Parish Council doesn't support them, they could still apply for planning and the Council doesn't have to oppose it.

Mr Leary was concerned about a precedent being set however David Barthorpe has given the Parish Council assurances that this was a one off to house the ride on mower that they have been given.

Mr B Wright had been asked about this prior to the meeting and he was against any structure at all on the allotment.

Councillor Dobson said she would not support the idea of a container as it is in a conservation area.

The Chairman said we should put it to a vote. The consensus was that Parish Council did not support the idea of a Steel Container. However, they did support the original plan of the shed. A condition of the support was that it would be sympathetic to the surroundings and suitably screened.

It was agreed that if the Allotment Association submitted a planning application for the Steel Container, it would do so with the risk of the Parish Council not supporting the application.

It was also suggested that the Allotment Association should write into its Constitution that this is the only building to be allowed on the site, thereby not setting a precedent.

Cricket Club – The Cricket Club, via Chairman Paul Matthews, have asked to be allowed to put another Steel Container on the site. The Parish Council were not happy about this as a recent inspection of the site is a mess and must be improved. The Chairman has written to the Cricket Club about this and has been given assurances that the site will be improved.

The reason for the extra Container is because the ground is to be used by RHP and they need somewhere to store their equipment. The Cricket Club have asked if the Container can be placed near the entrance until the ground hardens and then it will be moved nearer to the other units. The Parish Council rejected this idea. Mr Kneen questioned why they needed another container when what they really needed to do was have a clear out and make room for RHP's equipment. The Chairman is to write to Mr Matthews to say that the Cricket Club will need to apply for planning permission but in doing so he cannot say that he has the backing of the Parish Council. It is anticipated that Julia Lockwood of N.S.D.C. Planning Department will be writing to the Club to ask them to clear the site up as it currently stands.

Lap Top – The lap top has been ordered and the Clerk is just waiting for the she wants to come into stock at Curry's.

MUGA – Following the piece in Focal Point, it is obvious that there is a lot of support in the village. The Chairman needs to submit an application to WREN by the 17th May 2017.

In the absence of Mr Farmer, The Chairman requested a volunteer is required to assist him with the preparation of the grant requests. Mr Kneen offered his assistance. The Chairman confirmed that the Charity of Thomas Brewer Trust would be approached as would other local organisations such as Winthorpe and Coddington Tigers FC. Steve Lord suggested making application to the Football Association and he will give the Chairman the necessary contact information.

Youth Club – The Chairman, Mr Leary and Councillor Dobson met with the Youth Club to discuss its future. An article is to go into Focal Point to see if anyone is interested in getting involved and taking it over. If there is no response, the Youth Club will probably fold and then discussions will need to take place regarding the funds that the Youth Club holds. A decision should be reached by our May meeting.

Mr Leary raised the issue of the Constitution with the Youth Club. It was agreed to hold this in abeyance depending on the outcome on the future of the Youth Club

Phone Boxes – The Clerk confirmed that there is high demand for the boxes and it is taking a while for the paperwork to be dealt with but the application to purchase is in place.

Safer Neighbourhood Group – An article was put in Focal Point about reporting crime and what to look out for.

Skate Park – Mr Allen was not at the meeting so this matter is ongoing.

Defibrillator Training – Mr Allen was not at the meeting so this matter is ongoing.

The Chairman attended a meeting on the 1st March 2017 with other Parish Council Chairmen and the Chief Inspector of Police. Issues were raised about rural crime and the lack of feedback from the Police when a crime had been reported. The Chairman was impressed with the assurances he was given.

The Chairman offered to host another meeting in September in the Village Hall but he is on holiday. He will book the Hall and Councillor Dobson will chair the meeting.

Dixon Retail – Planning approved for continued use of Solar Panels

29th March 2017 – Sustran meeting at the Memorial Hall Collingham. Councillor Dobson asked for as many people to attend as possible.

Bench – Andy Leary is pursuing this and is looking to get a price for this.

Reflector Boards – Councillor Dobson has registered the need for their repair but cannot confirm a date of when it will be done.

Light outside number 44 Gainsborough Road is now working.

Hargon Lane – The light outside number 2 is not working – Clerk to report.

18/17 Invoices and Accounts

The only account to be paid is for the new Defibrillator Box purchased from Jax First Aid at a cost of £499.99.

Accounts – Only payment since last meeting was the Clerk's wages. Cheque received from Charity of Thomas Brewer Trust of £757.60 the Defibrillator Box.

Balances :

Current Account -	£2,562.43
Holding Account -	£11,818.04
Events Account -	£418.18
Festival Account -	£608.96
Property Trust A/c -	£7,886.15

The Chairman confirmed that he had asked the Clerk to transfer the VAT for the fireworks and the defibrillator from the Current account to the Events account. These funds would normally be given to the Youth Club but given the current situation, he suggested it might be a good idea to give the school some funding.

Councillor Dobson said that they are looking to improve the garden at the school and the side of the school is a low fence which needs some extra mesh or something similar to make it secure for the children.

The Chairman has suggested to the Head Teacher that the school make the most of the Bonfire this year now that the Youth Club is not involved. The Parish Council will still be involved in organising the event but the school could use it as a fund raising event. If the school do not take up the offer, Winthorpe and Coddington Tigers F.C. are interested. This item is to go on the Agenda for the April meeting.

Mr Aldridge asked that when we start to get the grass cutting invoices from Doug Lyne that the Clerk send them to him so that he can ensure that the work has actually been done.

Mr McClymont asked if the Community Centre rent of £25 per annum was for the land and it was confirmed that this was the case. He said it was a very small amount but the Chairman confirmed that this amount was set in the agreement between the Parish Council and Community Centre.

19/17 – Planning

The only planning application was that from Mrs J Goodridge of 2 Gainsborough Road for a triple garage. This is a re-submitted application as the original one was rejected. Having looked at the new plans, it was agreed that the application should be supported. Clerk to respond.

20/17 – Correspondence

The Chairman confirmed that he had received a Freedom of Information request from Sue Crosby in relation to the Allotment Tenancy Agreement. Mrs Crosby is entitled to see the information and it was duly supplied.

An e-mail was received from Sarah Page in relation to the removal of trees by Highways England adjacent to the A1 and opposite 79 Gainsborough Road and to the rear of 90 Gainsborough Road. This work was undertaken at 2am in the morning using chainsaws. The Parish Council were unaware of this work and it was agreed that Highways England should out of courtesy inform residents. The Chairman is to write to Highways England.

E-mail from Grant Thornton Auditors to say that Annual Return packs should be received by end of March.

E-mail from Daniel Cook regarding re-deployable CCTV. The Council were not interested in this at the present time

E-mail from Rod Trude of Stree Furniture Project relating to the provision of litter bins, public seating etc. The Council were not interested at the current time as there was no need in the village.

Email regarding the Best Kept Village competition. The Parish Council decided it did not want to enter the competition this year.

Highways England – work being carried out to replace Bridge Parapet on A46/A1 commencing 11th March.

21/17 – Any Other Business

The Chairman confirmed that Safety Audits are due in April. He will send an email confirming who is responsible for what and sheets to complete the audits.

The Chairman asked Mr Lord if he would be the Parish Council's second representative to the Community Centre now that Mr Thompson had stepped down. Mr Lord agreed.

Mr Aldridge confirmed that two fence panels had blown on to the burial ground at the bottom of Branston Close. The panels had been replaced but the old ones left on the burial ground. Mr Aldridge is to ask the owners to remove them.

Meeting closed 8:40 p.m.

TO DO LIST

The Chairman is to put a piece in Focal Point about the proposed Book Exchange

Clerk to research Book Exchange on the Internet

The Chairman is to talk to Mr Barthorpe about the proposed building on the Allotment

The Chairman is to reply to Mr Matthews about his request for another container on Cricket Club site.

The Chairman is to proceed with the application to Wren for funding of the MUGA before the cut-off date of 17th May 2017

The Chairman is to book Village Hall for meeting in September of the Parish Councils which Winthorpe is hosting.

Clerk to report light out at 2 Hargon Lane.

Clerk to pay for defibrillator box

Clerk to transfer VAT for the fireworks and defibrillator from the Current account to the Events account

Clerk to send all grass cutting invoices to Mr Aldridge

The Chairman is to send list of Safety Audits.

Mr Aldridge to visit resident in Branston Close and ask them to remove their fence panels from the Burial Ground.

Mr Allen is to pursue the removal of the skateboard park

Mr Allen is to pursue the matter of defibrillator training.

Mr Leary is to pursue the purchase of the memorial bench for Steven Jackson