

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 pm**

**Present :** Mr L. Cammack (Chairman), Mr A. Leary, Mr B. Wright, Mr D. Aldridge,  
Mr M. Kneen, Mr S. Lord

**Visitor :** Mrs Fiona Jones

**Apologies :** Mr B. McClymont, Mr P. Farmer and Mr R. Allen

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

**Clerk :** Mrs S. Sillery

The Chairman introduced Mrs Fiona Jones, the Chair of Governors at Winthorpe Primary School.

Mrs Jones explained that the school is looking for financial support to undertake maintenance and improvement works at the school. Works have been estimated at £193,000 and the school must fund some of this out of its own resources. With the assistance of Councillor Dobson, the school has secured the majority of the funding from the County Council.

However, one of the outstanding tasks is to bring the perimeter fence of the school up to the required standard to ensure the safety of the children. For this, the school must fund this work themselves. The perimeter fence is currently insufficient and offers minimal protection to the children or the premises. Of particular concern are the boundaries which are shared with residents and run alongside a public right of way. School guidelines stipulate that the fencing should be of a minimum height of 1.5m.

The school are applying for other funding but are currently £10,000 short of their target and she is asking the Parish Council for help.

Steve Lord, who is a teacher, will check with his school about fundraising to see if he can come up with other outlets. Councillor Dobson is approaching the Corporate Director for more funding but she wonders if the Parish Council would consider a loan to the school together with a grant.

Mr Leary, who is currently a Governor at the school, declared an interest at this point in the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Jones and said the Parish Council would consider her request. The Chairman told the Council that he wanted time to think about this matter but felt that, in principal, the Parish Council should support it with the exact sum to be determined at a later date.

## **22/17 – Declarations of Interest**

Mr Leary declared an interested in the school fundraising as did the Chairman and Mr Kneen as both their wives sit on the School Governing Body.

## **23/17 – Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Proposer Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Lord

## **24/17 – Matters Arising**

Mr Aldridge confirmed that the rubbish had been removed from the Burial Ground.

Research into the Book Library for the Telephone Box – ongoing by Clerk

Building on the Allotment – Councillor Dobson confirmed that she is assisting in looking for a grant for a “shed” for the allotment. The Parish Council have previously said that if the Allotment Association applies for planning permission for a large container, they would most probably reject the proposal. However, a smaller container, which does not require planning permission, would be acceptable. The Council did state that whatever structure is erected, the Agreement between the Parish Council and the Allotment Association must be amended to show that this is the only structure that will be permitted on the site.

Cricket Club Container – this is a similar situation to the Allotment area in which the Parish Council would turn down any application for a further structure. The whole area needs to be cleared up or the Cricket Club is at risk of losing the goodwill of the village. The Chairman has advised the Chair of the Cricket Club of this. Councillor Dobson suggested that the current structure needs a roof on.

The Council were advised that there is the possibility that the present club and R.H.P might, amalgamate and play at Winthorpe as the present R.H.P site on the Elm Avenue is being sold.

MUGA Update – The Chairman has arranged a meeting with Mr Farmer to discuss outstanding works to meet the deadline for the Wren Funding of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The Chairman confirmed that the Village Hall is booked for the meeting of the local Parish Councils in September, which we are hosting.

A light out on Hargon Lane reported by Clerk

The Defibrillator Box has been paid for by Clerk

The VAT for fireworks and defibrillator has been transferred to the Events Account by the Clerk

All Grass Cutting invoices are being sent to Mr Aldridge so he can monitor the works undertaken by D.Lyne

Safety Audits – Some have been received, ongoing action

Defibrillator Training booked for 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Community Centre. The Chairman is to put this in Focal Point

Removal of Skate Park – Ongoing as Mr Allen was not present

Memorial Bench – This has been ordered by Mr Leary and Mr Allen is going to ask the Probation Service to prepare the base for the bench.

Youth Club Update – Mr Thompson forgot to put the piece about the Youth Club in Aprils Focal Point so it is going in this months edition. The Parish Council is looking to hold a meeting in May with the Youth Club Committee to make a final decision on its viability. Mr Leary informed the Council that the Youth Club had agreed the Standing Orders but not ministered by yhe Youth Club. The Parish Council has yet to approve them. This matter is to be resolved at the May meeting

Village Bonfire/Festival – The Chairman raised the matter of the bonfire and the fact that the bonfire was run for the benefit of the Youth Club. As the youth club may fold, he asked the question, do we still run it?

Mr Kneen suggested that the Parish Council could still run the bonfire however the PTA must assist as a positive gesture. The school had asked that the bonfire be held on a Friday night, as there was not enough interest from staff/PTA for a Saturday night. It was made clear to the school that there is a lot of preparation needed to organise the event so a Friday would be unrealistic. It was agreed that Mr Leary and the Chairman would talk to the school about the financial benefits of the bonfire and the need for the school to be more involved.

Summer Festival - This is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Sue Masheder is again co-ordinating the event.

### **25/17 Invoices and Accounts**

The Clerk confirmed that there were two invoices to pay

Doug Lyne – grass cutting for March - £384.00

Newark and Sherwood – Dog Bin Annual Contract - £386.57

Accounts as at the end of the financial year 2016/2017

Current Account – Balance £1,527.61

Festival Account – Balance £608.98

Holding Account – Balance £11,818.04

Events Account – Balance £953.01

The Clerk has used the transparency funding to purchase a lap top for Parish Council use and a printer is to also be purchased for Council use.

### **26/17 Planning**

A Planning application was received from Mrs S Bennett of 59 Woodlands to form new vehicular access, demolish an existing garage, erect single storey front and side extensions, form new pitched roof over an existing single storey extension. The plans were considered and the proposal was supported. The Clerk is to reply back to the Planning Department accordingly.

## **27/17 Correspondence**

The Clerk confirmed that she was still receiving emails from BT in relation to adoption of the telephone boxes telling her that there was a large amount of correspondence but that our application would be dealt with in due course.

The Chairman confirmed that he had written to the local Internal Drainage Board with a freedom of information request in relation to the flooding situation from "Know How" affecting the River Fleet. He was informed that there have never been any surveys conducted to see how additional development would affect the village in terms of flooding. The Draining Board confirmed that they are happy to come out and meet with the Parish Council to discuss the matter further.

The Chairman informed the Council that Mrs Sue Crosby has planted a row of conifers on Holme Lane outside her property but not on her land to prevent people turning into the allotments. The Chairman is to talk to Councillor Dobson about this.

An email was received from Katie Oakley, a Highway Authorisation Officer. This was a polite reminder that should the Parish Council wish to install any Seasonal Decorations such as hanging baskets which overhang on the public highway; we would need to apply for a Section 178 licence.

## **28/17 AOB**

The Chairman brought up the question of the garages on Gainsborough Road which are owned by Newark and Sherwood District Council. The Community Centre has rented one for a long period of time and no longer requires it. The Chairman suggested that it might be a good idea if the Parish Council took it over, bearing in mind that we are already storing things in it such as the bonfire equipment, village signs, village BBQ, etc. It was agreed that it was a good idea for the Parish Council to take this over and that other organisations within the village that will benefit from it, should give a contribution. The Chairman is to sort this.

Mr Leary brought up the subject of the traffic problems getting in and out of the village and asked if there was anyone we could lobby. The Chairman confirmed that he has written to the Highways Agency and received no response. It was agreed to take advice from Councillor Dobson to see if we can add any weight to the argument.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm

## **TO DO LIST**

Mr Lord to check with his school for funding information

Clerk to research Book Library for phone box

The Chairman is to meet with Mr Farmer regarding Wren Application

The Chairman is to put Defibrillator Training in the Focal Point 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Community Centre.

Mr Leary and The Chairman are to talk to school about the village bonfire.

The Chairman is to talk to Councillor Dobson about the conifers Mrs Crosby has planted.

The Council is to take advice from Councillor Dobson about who to lobby in relation to the traffic congestion.

The Chairman is to sort the Parish Council taking over rental of a garage on Gainsborough Road.

Skateboard Park – Mr Allen to approach Briggs scrap metal.