

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present :** Mr B Allen, Mr B Wright, Mr A Leary, Mr S Lord, Mr D Aldridge, Mr P Farmer and Mr M Kneen

**Apologies :** Mr L Cammack and Mr B McClymont

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

**Clerk :** Mrs S Sillery

**Visitors :** Paul and Julie Starbuck and Mr P Freer

Before the main meeting commenced, the Council heard from Paul and Julie Starbuck who informed the Parish Council of an objection that they have to their neighbours at Owls Wood retrospective application for a shed that has been placed on the boundary between the two properties. They have put a formal objection into the Council but wanted the Parish Council to be aware of the situation before they made comment.

The shed is similar to a garage 12 feet long, 8 feet wide and 7.5 feet wide and is now painted green. There was no discussion prior to the shed being erected which Mr and Mrs Starbuck felt was strange bearing in mind that they had a good neighbourly relationship. The gap where the shed has been placed had previously had a large tree growing but this was removed by the Starbucks. The boundary belonged to Owls Wood however this is maintained by Mr and Mrs Starbuck.

Mr Freer also came to talk about a planning application that he has made at Bridgend Boarding Kennels. Although the kennels are a business, the application relates to the area where the owner's personal dogs live and therefore the business is not involved.

There is a proposal to replace the security fence due to the recent increase in dog thefts across the country. The new fence will run right down to the bottom field and the property will be secure on both boundaries. By replacing the kennels it will provide better hygiene, security and better fire risk. There are currently 20 kennels but these are being reduced to 15.

The new buildings are going on the same foot print with a slight change in the length and will have a courtyard effect. The benefit to the dogs will be a secure outdoor run.

When asked if he thought there would be any objection to his proposal by any neighbours, Mr Freer said hopefully not as it really does not impact on anyone else.

Main Meeting

**40/17 – Declarations of Interest – None**

**41/17 – Receive and Accept the Minutes of the meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Proposed by Mr Lord and Seconded by Mr Leary

## **42/17 – Matters Arising**

The Clerk read out an email from Chairman Mr Cammack

- The Youth Club will be discussed at the September meeting
- This year's Bonfire will take place. Chris Perkins and Lee are already working on the RAMS. We are not sure of the involvement of the school but Andy might be able to advise- UPDATE - Mr Leary confirmed that involvement from the school would more likely to come from the PTA.
- Village Festival – appeared to go well, I have no figures from Sue Masheder but she will probably present them at the September Meeting – UPDATE – The Council requested that the Clerk write to Sue to see when the funds would be paid in to the account.
- Burial Plot – This has been submitted to NSDC. Issues have been raised about the turning circle and pathway and Lee has responded to these.
- Agenda for the 1133 – Lee asked for an idea of what was required for the agenda – UPDATE Councillor Dobson said the agenda was up to Lee.
- Grant Thornton Audit – No requests by residents to see the accounts.

It was agreed that further discussions about funding for the school would take place at the September meeting bearing in mind Mr Cammack's absence as indeed the subject of the MUGA.

Confirmation that all the tasks on the To Do List from the last meeting had been done.

## **43/17 – Invoices for approval and other financial matters**

There are two invoices for Doug Lyne for grass cutting for May and June

Invoice for the plaque for Mr Jackson's bench – £28.75 – cheque drawn for Mr Leary who had paid the bill.

£20 for Mr Allen for miscellaneous items for the bench.

The accounts had been discussed in the Finance Meeting but confirmation of balances as at 13.7.17

Current Account - £2119.75

Festival Account - £609.04

Holding Account - £12103.78

Events Account - £953.01

## **44/17 – Planning**

Owls Wood – This relates to the conversation with Mr and Mrs Starbuck at the beginning of the meeting. The Council are grateful to them for letting us know of their formal objection to Newark and Sherwood and do indeed sympathise with their situation. However, the Parish Council do not have the power to object to this application as it is within the boundary of the Owls Wood property. As with new planning applications, it is necessary to have a vote to show how many Councillors were for or against the plans or indeed abstained from voting. The resulting vote was split and therefore unable to confirm support or decline the application. This result will be conveyed to the Planning Department by email by the Clerk.

Bridgend Kennels – This relates to the conversation with Mr Freer at the start of the meeting. Again a vote was taken and the Council voted unanimously to support the application as they felt that Mr Freer was improving the kennels for his dogs and also improving the security of his property. Clerk to inform NSDC

Langford Hall – The plans have been amended and NSDC requested that the Parish Council decide on the new plans. The plans were on the website and there were thirty two pages to wade through and this made it very difficult. Councillor Dobson will inform NSDC of the confusion and that they should send information in more simplified detail. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not support the new plans as the applicant had already gone beyond his remit and that protected trees had been felled. Clerk to inform NSDC.

Confirmation was received that planning had been passed for the A17 Vehicle Depot.

Communication was received from NSDC about the Core Strategy – Local Development Framework. Councillor Dobson suggested that a couple of Councillors should look at this in detail to get some knowledge to ensure that the Parish Council are aware of it. Messrs Kneen, Lord and Farmer agreed to have a look at this.

Newark and Sherwood DC also sent out an email about Consultation of Planning permission explain the role that Parish Councils have in relation to planning. It was felt that this document should be emailed to all Councillors to read. Clerk to arrange this.

#### **45/17 – Correspondence**

The Clerk had received an email from Mr David Coote about the arrangements for parking when the school has an event on. There was chaos on Gainsborough Road due to the thoughtless parking of parents attend the school. Mr Allen was attempting to get his combine harvester down the road and was stuck for a considerable time due to the poor parking. Clerk to write to the Headteacher and ask for plans to be put in place whereby parents are supervised and told where to park. The Bonfire is a fine example of when parking is co-ordinated and well planned and does not have an adverse impact.

The Clerk had received a request from Mrs Michele Cammack, secretary of the Community Centre to ask the Council if dogs were allowed at all on the park area at the Community Centre. The reason for the question is that during next years festival, it was hoped that the Dog Show could be held on the park next year. The Council confirmed that dogs are not allowed in this area however, as a one of it would be possible to hold the Dog Show there on the understanding that the area is cleaned up afterwards. Clerk to confirm this to Mrs Cammack.

#### **46/17 – Any Other Business**

Mr Farmer brought up the issue of the MUGA. It would seem that the gentleman who oversees the tennis courts is retiring from the role and has suggested using one of the tennis courts for the MUGA. A suggestion has also been made that the Parish Council take over the responsibility for running the tennis courts.

The Play area at the Community Centre is in a poor state and in need of replacement. The question is do we make a separate grant application for this area or incorporate it within the grant application for the MUGA. Councillor Dobson suggested contacting Wren and taking their advice on the best way forward.

After some discussion the Parish Council agreed unanimously that they were not happy to use the tennis court for the MUGA and to proceed with the original application.

Mr Farmer confirmed that he had had his shed broken into. He reported it to the Police and was given a crime number but the Police did not come out or follow up on his call. Apparently this is usual procedure with such incidents.

Apparently shed break ins are on the increase and it was suggested that an article be put in Focal Point to make people aware.

Councillor Dobson said it was her intention to invite Chief Inspector Andy Rook to the 1133 meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

Councillor Dobson reported that there had been another near miss road accident at Potter Hill. There have been three deaths on this stretch and various near misses, Highways England are aware of it and looking to making improvements starting in December.

Councillor Dobson also confirmed that there will be some alterations to the roundabout which serves the A1, A17 and A46. Work is due to start in 2021.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm