

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th October 2017 at the Village Hall, Winthorpe commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present – Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr B Wright, Mr S Lord, Mr A Leary, Mr B Allen and Mr P Farmer

Apologies – Mr M Kneen, Mr D Aldridge and Mr B McClymont

District/County Councillor – Mrs M Dobson

Clerk – Mrs S Sillery

56/17 – Declarations of Interest – None

57/17 – To receive and accept the Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September 2017 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Mr Farmer and seconded by Mr Lord

58/17 – Actions from previous minutes

The Chairman is to have a meeting with the Church Warden in relation to discussing the closing of the church burial ground.

The Chairman confirmed that he had met with the School PTA. He confirmed that if they wanted to take over the running of the bonfire then they would have to take over all aspects including managing the risk and purchasing the fireworks. The PTA was reluctant to take on this burden. There is an excellent opportunity in the absence of the Youth Club to make money on food, mulled wine, etc. It was agreed that the Parish Council would run the bonfire as usual and the PTA take the funds from the stalls.

The bonfire article has gone into the Newark Advertiser and is also on the N.S.D.C. Website. The RAMS are completed and everything is good to go. Mr Allen confirmed that he is happy to open the field the week before and Chris Perkins is in charge of fireworks. Lincs FM gives a free “shout out” for bonfires so The Chairman is to arrange this and Mr Farmer will put the details on the Neighbourhood Website. The posters are out and the Young Farmers are organised for the marshalling.

Clerk confirmed that a letter had gone to Paddy Tipping about the Parish Council supporting the retention of the Custody Suite at Newark Police Station.

Update on the Allotment Shed – Councillor Dobson confirmed that a grant from the District Council of £1,200 had been granted and she was giving £300 from her fund. Andy Hardy is organising the purchase of the shed. Councillor Dobson has told Julia Lockwood at the Planning Department that they are not going to spend more funds applying for planning and she thinks that this will be in order. It was suggested that the Parish Council match Councillor’s Dobson’s contribution and The Chairman will talk to Mr Barthorpe about what they need but in principle up to £300 was proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Mr Farmer.

Community Centre Embankment – Mr Allen has not been able to get hold of his contact at the Probation Service as the telephone number does not appear to be working – this action remains ongoing.

School Parking – Letter sent to Head Teacher

59/17 MUGA Update

Mr Farmer confirmed that he had redone the application for £50,000 although he is a little bit concerned about the figures so Mr Farmer and The Chairman to look at these.

Councillor Dobson suggested checking to see if any of the criteria had changed for applications to Wren.

Mr Wright asked whether the village really needed a MUGA. It was agreed that something had to be done with the Play Park and although it is an elderly village, we have to look to the future. Mr Allen suggested that any new MUGA should be used by the school, Cricket Club and Winthorpe and Coddington Tigers FC. It was also felt that the school should be encouraged to use the tennis courts.

Dependant on the grant that is achieved, it may be necessary to break the application down to a smaller plan.

60/17 – Festival

During the recent Summer Festival there was a situation where a child trapped his finger in the toilet door in the Community Centre. It raised the question, who is ultimately responsible for the overall event and such occurrences? The Festival is a subsidiary of the Parish Council. However no risk assessments are completed, unlike the Bonfire.

The Chairman to have a meeting with the organiser, as there are too many “grey areas” surrounding the event. Should risk assessments be done through a designated person? Who is responsible if something should happen on the field? During the event some children got into the tennis courts, again if they were hurt who would be responsible. We need to protect the Parish Council against possible claims.

61/17 – Skate Board Park

Mr Allen suggested putting the equipment on ebay to get rid of it. The equipment is in a poor state and needs dismantling. There is a lot of lethargy in the village and getting volunteers is very difficult. The shelter and the basketball ring are staying but the fencing is going. It was suggested whether the Young Farmers would dismantle it for a contribution if supervised by the Parish Council. Mr Allen is to ask the question. The Chairman is to put the equipment on ebay and in Focal Point to see if there is any interest.

62/17 – Invoices for approval and other Financial Matters

Clerk to send out updated accounts and the ones she sent out for the meeting were not correct.

Invoices to pay –

Newark Advertiser for the Bonfire advert – £157.96

Timpsons - £6.00 for the cutting of an additional key to the Village Hall for the Clerk – Clerk requires a refund of this amount.

Focal Point payment due £375.00 – Clerk to pay by Faster Payment

Two invoices received for the hire of the Winthorpe Village Hall.

- £120.00 for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The Clerk is to check that this has not already been paid.
- £78.00 for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017

Mr David Woodcock the Village Hall Treasurer has confirmed that invoices will be sent out six monthly in future. The end of March to coincide with our year end and the end of September to coincide with theirs.

Refund made to The Thomas Brewer Charity of £340.94 for the VAT on the defibrillator.

Balances

Festival Account as at 1.10.17 - £705.25

Holding Account as at 19.10.17 - £13,889.45 – The second precept payment of £4,285.67 was received on the 29th September 2017.

Events Account as at 1.10.17 - £953.01

Current Account as at 12.10.17 - £1,011.50

63/17 – Planning

Newark Air Museum has been granted planning for the erection of a Modular Building to provide café facilities.

Planning has been given for tree works at 8 The Drive, Winthorpe – Cherry Tree to be reduced by 2 metres

Planning has been given to Dixons at Hollow Way Winthorpe for the siting of a single storey “portakabin solus” building to be used as a temporary office.

An application was received for consideration by Wirtgen Group to erect illuminated pylon signs and additional 6 number, 8 metre high flag poles at Godfrey Drive Winthorpe. The Parish Council voted unanimously to reject the application.

64/17 – Correspondence

Invitation to attend Remembrance Sunday at the Air Museum – Mr Farmer to attend

Email received from Pauline Laughton, Senior Highways Liaison Officer in relation to an enquiry they have received from a resident at Holmesfield House, Holme Lane regarding third party damage to some conifers they have planted along Holme Lane.

Pauline confirmed that she is not aware that the property owners have sought or been granted permission to plant this type of tree within the adopted highway and will therefore be contacting them to request their removal. Pauline wanted to be aware of any information that the Parish Council had in this regard before responding back to the enquiry. Clerk to email Pauline Laughton.

Email received from Nina Ward in relation to 4 trees blocking light on her boundary with the Burial Ground – Mr Leary to look into this matter.

A letter was received from Robert Jenrick M.P. The letter informed us that there had been a debate in the House of Commons on how to tackle illegal traveller encampments. As a result of the debate there was an announcement of a consultation and formulation of a new strategy. This will encompass unauthorised encampments and the powers and practice for police and local authorities, permanent sites and social issues such as tackling educational under achievement and poor health outcomes. Details of the consultation will follow.

65/17 – Any Other Business

Mr Allen confirmed that there had been some activity next to the kennels near the underpass with a JCB digging. There has been no planning permission given and there is concern that caravans may be put on the land and the prospect of caravans spilling on to the A46 would not be welcomed by Highways England or any of the other owners of land in the vicinity. Councillor Dobson confirmed that the situation is being monitored and that any signs of any caravans should be reported to her.

Mr Farmer confirmed that Sam Thompson was doing the disco for the Halloween Party.

Mr Farmer informed the Council that there is a caravan on Holme Lane. There is washing outside to suggest that someone is living there. Mr Lord is to investigate and let Councillor Dobson know.

Mr Farmer reported that the jitty from the A1133 into the village is very overgrown. Children tend to use the jitty when they get off the school bus. It is very overgrown and needs cutting back. Councillor Dobson is to check who is responsible for its upkeep.

The Chairman confirmed that the Charity of Thomas Brewer, which own 17 acres in the village, has been approached by a Developer looking to get planning permission on the land. The Charity has declined the offer.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Actions from meeting

Chairman to contact NSDC on burial plot path and update on meeting with Tish Applewhite, (Church Warden) and David Gill (Gills Funeral Directors)

Andy Leary to meet Colin Smith re Tennis Club

Chairman to provide update on allotment shed discussions with D. Barthorpe.

Chairman to provide update on discussions with Sue Masheder re summer festival.

Chairman to provide update on Skateboard Park

Bob Allen to provide update on Community Centre embankment with Probation Service

Andy Leary to update on trees overhanging the burial site.

Steve Lord to update on man living in caravan on Holme lane.