

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th November 2017 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 pm

Present – Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr D Aldridge, Mr B Wright, Mr B McClymont, Mr A Leary, Mr B Allen and Mr M Kneen

Apologies – Mr P Farmer

District/County Councillor – Mrs M Dobson

Clerk – Mrs S Sillery

66/17 – Declarations of Interest – Mr B Wright – Skateboard Park. Mr Wright's son (James) has offered to remove the equipment from the Skateboard Park and dispose of it.

67/17 – To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the meeting of 19.10.17

Mr Leary had a few issues with the minutes. He suggested that on page 2 at item 61/17, that the person named should be removed. He also suggested that on Page 3 at item 65/17 that the person named should also be removed. On page 4, the minutes should be amended to say that there is a caravan on Holme Lane. Item 58/17 should also be amended as the church is not actually closing only the church grave yard. The Clerk is to correct the minutes accordingly. The amended minutes were then proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mr Leary.

68/17 – Matters Arising

Tennis Club update – Mr Leary has held a meeting with Colin Smith (Chairman of the Tennis Club). Mr Smith felt that there was no interest within the village. Mr Leary offered to give it one more chance with a piece in Focal Point. Mr Leary is going to the next meeting to formally join the Club. Councillor Dobson suggested contacting Mike Ditchburn at Collingham to see if they can promote the Club.

Allotment update – The storage container that has been arranged for the Allotment now requires planning permission. Mr David Barthorpe (Chairman of the Allotment Association) has made the suggestion that the Parish Council makes the application as owners of the land. The Chairman asked the question, does the Parish Council want to apply for planning permission and should the application be made now or deferred until the December meeting so the Allotment Association can express their views? Councillor Dobson confirmed that obtaining planning permission was the correct way forward and the sooner it was done, the sooner the container could be in position. If the Council apply for planning, it reduces the application cost by 50%. Mr Barthorpe suggested that the shed should be owned by the Parish Council as an asset but the Allotment Association will maintain it.

The consensus was that the application should be made by the Parish Council and done as soon as possible. This was formally proposed by Mr Aldridge and seconded by Mr Lord and was agreed without objection. The Chairman is to make the application with Mr Barthorpe. Councillor Dobson advised the Chairman to forward the application to Julia Lockwood at N.S.D.C.

Skateboard Park update – Following the article in Focal Point, Mr James Wright approached the Parish Council as he is willing to dismantle the dangerous equipment down (with the exception of the shelter and the basketball hoop) and will give a donation of £20. He agreed to cover all costs and leave the site in a satisfactory condition. Mr Aldridge proposed the motion and Mr Kneen seconded and this was agreed without objection.

The Community Centre bank – Mr Allen confirmed that he cannot take on the responsibility of organising the work. He wondered if Amanda Ramsey would take on the supervision of the workforce. Mr Allen said the Probation Service will do the work. The Chairman will find a contact number for Amanda and Mr Allen will liaise accordingly.

Trees on the Burial Plot – Mr Leary has met with Miss Ward who had previously written to the Parish Council in relation to overhanging trees into her garden. Miss Ward's garden is at the other end of the grassed area and not near the burial plot.

There ensued a conversation about how much land the Parish Council actually owns off Hargon Lane and what it is responsible for. Councillor Dobson is to make enquiries from N.S.D.C to find out exactly what is owned by the Parish Council as the Chairman confirmed that the Council had no formal records of this.

Mr Lord confirmed that there is a caravan off Holme Lane located behind the stable near the Cricket Field. There is a generator but he has not heard this being used and there are sheep in the fields. However, there is no evidence that the caravan is habited. Mr Lord will draw a plan for Councillor Dobson so that she can get N.S.D.C. enforcement officers to have a look.

MUGA update – it would seem that Andy Hardy and Mr Farmer are struggling to discuss the matter. Councillor Dobson is going to direct Mr Hardy to the Chairman.

69/17 – Village Bonfire/Summer Festival

The Chairman reported on another successful bonfire. Total income raised was £3,685.00 with outgoings of £2,453.08, including the hire of the school at a cost of £200.00, giving a balance of £1,231.92 to distribute. (Last year's figure was £1,167.02)

The school PTA raised £653.00 from the sale of food and drinks.

The Chairman suggested the following distribution of funds:

- Newark Community First Aid £150.00
- Collingham Young Farmers £250.00
- Community Centre £250.00

The balance of £581.92 to be held in reserve in the Events Account in case we have a bad year in the future and are unable to cover our costs. The monies are to be shown as held in the Events account for this reason.

The distribution of the funds as suggested by the Chairman was proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mr McClymont and was agreed by all.

Summer Festival update – scheduled for the 30th June 2018 and based on the same format. The Chairman will work with Sue Masheder (Festival Organiser) to ensure that full RAMS and Event Management Plans are produced for the event along the lines of those produced for the village bonfire.

70/17 – Burial Plot

The Parish Council have been served notice by Winthorpe PCC that they intend to close the church yard as there is no further room for burials and suggesting that the maintenance of the church yard be transferred to the Parish Council. Two questions were raised by the Chairman, is the church yard full and does the Parish Council want to take on responsibility for the closed churchyard? The view was that the churchyard was not full so closure at the current time was premature and the Parish Council does not want to take over running of the closed churchyard when it is finally closed.

The Chairman is to write to the Winthorpe PCC advising them of this.

It was accepted that the churchyard will ultimately close and the Parish Council will administer the burial plot on Hargon lane.

The Chairman has held a meeting with David Gill of E Gill and Sons and Tisha Applewhite from Winthorpe PCC. Mr Gill confirmed that the Parish Council will be in charge of the new burial plot and will make decisions on who can purchase a plot and the cost. Councillor Dobson suggested looking at how Collingham Parish Council run theirs and she will ask Caron to email the Clerk with some information.

The Chairman is to have a meeting with a contractor in respect of the tarmac path and boundary fences. Mr Gill confirmed that a turning circle for the hearse is not required.

There was some discussion as to whether the area had been consecrated and Mr Kneen suggested that we confirm this one way or another. He also said he was surprised that the church had the ability to abandon responsibility for the existing cemetery. This brings into question our annual £150.00 to Winthorpe PCC for the upkeep of the churchyard. Councillor Dobson will have a chat with Kirsty Cole at N.S.D.C. about this matter and check whether they will take responsibility of the church yard.

71/17 – Invoices for Approval and Financial Matters

Balances as at 7th November 2017

Current Account - £413.28

Holding Account - £13,889.45

Festival Account - £705.28

Events Account - £953.01*

*Bonfire monies not deposited when accounts balanced

Invoices for payment

Party Time (fireworks) - £2,171.40

Halloween Disco (Sam Thompson) - £150

NSDC – Playground Inspection - £107.52

Doug Lyne Grass cutting - £546.00

Bonfire Disco (Sam Thompson) - £100.00

Village Hall Hire for Parish Council meetings - £198.00

Hire of school for Bonfire event - £200.00

It should be noted that we can only claim VAT back on items that the Parish Council are responsible for.

72/17 – Planning

A householder application has been made by Mr Rob Wilkinson of 3 Speight Close for a side floor extension and rear ground floor extension. The Parish Council has been contacted by Mr and Mrs

Watson who reside at 2 Speight Close with concerns that the property is being used for commercial purposes and these extensions will add to that commercial element.

There is no mention of commercial use in the application and therefore the Parish Council have asked the Clerk to write to the Planning Department for more information on this application before they make comment.

Wirtgen Group Illuminated signs – The Council originally objected to this and N.S.D.C. have come back to Councillor Dobson to ask what she wants to happen and she has confirmed that the matter should be referred to the Planning Committee.

73/17 – Correspondence

Letter received from Focal Point thanking the Parish Council for their contributions during 2017

Letter received from the Allotment Association enclosing a cheque for £352.50 to cover the rent to the end of October 2018. These funds have been credited to the Property Trust Account with Santander. The figure is lower than last year as there are three plots not taken at the present time.

Letter received from Beaumont House thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £450.00 from the Festival proceeds.

Councillor Dobson talked about the Minerals Local Plan. There is a questionnaire which the Parish Council should look at and complete so that the thoughts of the Parish Council are noted. Mr Kneen offered to look at this.

74/17 – Any Other Business

Mr Farmer had attended the Remembrance Service at the Air Museum and the Chairman authorised the purchase of a wreath.

The Chairman attended the Remembrance Service at Winthorpe Church.

Mr Allen suggested putting a piece in Focal Point thanking everyone for their assistance with the bonfire event and also confirming the monies raised.

Next meeting is on Thursday 14th December at 7.30 following a Christmas meal in the Lord Nelson. Partners welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Actions

- Clerk to amend the October minutes
- Mr Leary to put an article in Focal Point regarding the Tennis Club
- Mr Leary to attend the next Tennis Club meeting and formally join the tennis club.
- The Chairman is to make a planning application for the Allotment shed
- The Chairman is to find a contact number for Amanda Ramsey for Mr Allen
- Mr Lord to draw a plan for Councillor Dobson of the siting of the caravan on Holme Lane
- Councillor Dobson to check how much of the Burial Ground area the Parish Council own
- The Clerk is to distribute Bonfire funds
- Councillor Dobson to talk to Kirsty Cole at N.S.D.C. about the responsibility of the Church Yard.
- The Chairman is to respond to Winthorpe PCC stating that the churchyard should not be closed until full and the Parish Council does not want to take responsibility for the churchyard when that time arises.
- The Clerk is to email the Planning Department and ask for more information regarding the application for 3 Speight Close.
- Mr Kneen to look at Local Minerals Plan

- The Chairman is to put a piece in Focal Point thanking the volunteers who worked on the Bonfire.