

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th January 2018 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

Present : Mr Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr B Wright, Mr D Aldridge, Mr S Lord, Mr P Farmer and Mr B Allen

Apologies: Mr M Kneen and Mr R McClymont

County/District Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

01/18 – Declarations of Interest – None

02/18 – Matters Arising

Allotment Update – The Planning application for the storage shed has been submitted and a decision is expected by the 5th February 2018.

Work on the Bank by the Community Centre – there was no update on this matter. Mr Lord attended a meeting of the Community Centre this week and there was no mention of this matter.

The caravan on Holme Lane - Councillor Dobson confirmed that the land is owned by Thomas Pick of Braemer Road, Collingham. He is adamant that there is no-one living in the caravan. This situation is being monitored by the Enforcement Agency.

Tennis Club – Mr Leary is waiting for an invitation to join the Tennis Club Committee and once he has joined he will put an article in Focal Point.

03/18 – MUGA Application

Mr Farmer confirmed that we cannot be the provider of funds for the MUGA and also the requester of money and therefore we need a third party. It was suggested that the Community Centre could be that third party and discussions need to be held with them on this matter.

Mr Wright told the meeting that he was not happy with the MUGA as he felt that there was not the need within the village bearing in mind the ageing population of the village and its cost.

Mr Farmer asked whether we would be better to replace the play equipment which is already there with better quality. Again, this is a discussion to be had with the Community Centre. The Chairman already has quotes for replacement play equipment at around £6,000 - £7,000. It was suggested that we put in a smaller application with WREN with the Community Centre as the owner. This idea was proposed by Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Allen.

Mr Farmer said that people were always asking him what the Parish Council are doing and that nobody seems to read either the Website or Focal Point. Is there any other way we can reach the people of the village?

04/18 – Summer Festival

The Chairman has confirmed that Risk Assessments and Method Statements are required for the Festival. He will liaise with the organiser on this matter. The Chairman has already put a request in for a fly past by the Battle of Britain Memorial Squadron but a request from Mr Farmer may prove beneficial with his connections.

05/18 – Burial Plot Hargon Lane

The Chairman asked Mr Allen if he had managed to get quotes from Mr S Price and Mr J Cook Mr Allen stated he needed a plan to show potential contractors so The Chairman and Mr Allen are to have an on-site visit to discuss this so that they know exactly what the quotes should cover.

Mr Allen said he was against the use of kerbing due to them causing a drainage problem. The Chairman said that Gills the Funeral Directors had suggested kerbing. It was decided to talk to the Contractors about this and get their advice.

There are approximately 25 trees on the walking area of the site than need looking at as some are leaning over into people's gardens. The Chairman is to talk to Ian Sharp (Tree Surgeon) for an idea of cost and the best time to do the work. Councillor Dobson suggested that we check that it is not a conservation area. The Chairman said that Mr Sharp would do this on our behalf.

Mr Leary suggested that the work should possibly be phased due to the potential cost involved. Mr Allen said we would need to do it before February otherwise it would need to wait until October. One benefit of doing the work in October would give us fire wood for the bonfire or we might even be able to sell the wood.

Mr Leary will respond to resident Miss Wood who had complained about the trees, confirming that we have the matter in hand.

Following the discussions in relation to the MUGA and the Burial Site, we returned to the question of the precept. Bearing in mind there is just under £10,000 in the Holding Account and £8,300.00 in the Property Trust account, it was unanimously agreed to keep the precept application for 2018/2019, the same as last year.

06/18 – Invoices

None

07/18 - Planning

Mr Aldridge confirmed that he had looked at a planning application by Mr Richard Smith of 69 Gainsborough Road who was looking to add an extension to give the property a walk in wardrobe and an ensuite. He saw no problems with the application and had responded to the Planning Dept. on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Council received confirmation from the Planning Department about the placing of the storage shed on the allotment. The Clerk is to confirm support of the proposal.

08/18 – Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from a local resident who was concerned that her personal details were shown online via Focal Point. The Clerk has asked Focal Point to remove her details but the Parish Council confirmed that the reason her details were shown was due to her membership of the Women's Institute (WI) and nothing to do with the Parish Council. The Clerk is to write to the lady concerned and advise her to talk to the WI about this situation.

A letter was received from the Canal Trust asking if the Parish Council is interested in getting involved with a project. It was decided to put the letter on the Notice Board.

A letter was received from Mike Hankin of Notts County Council informing of the intentions of Tarmac at the quarry at Langford. Councillor Dobson will take this matter up with Mr Hankin as the letter does not give much detail.

09/18 – AOB

None

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Actions

- The Chairman and Mr Allen to meet at the Burial Ground to confirm what is required in relation to the path so that Contractors can be approached.
- The Chairman is to talk to Ian Sharp about trees on the Burial Ground
- The Clerk is to respond about the Precept
- The Clerk is to reply to the Planning Dept. about the allotment
- The Clerk is to email the local resident about her details being in Focal Point
- Councillor Dobson is to talk to Mike Hankin about Langford Quarry
- The Chairman is to take legal advice about trustees of the Property Trust.
- Mr Farmer is to talk to the Community Centre about the revised application to WREN for new play equipment instead of a MUGA.