

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall on the 15th February 2018 commencing 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr B McClymont, Mr S Lord, Mr B Wright, Mr A Leary, Mr M Kneen and Mr B Allen

Apologies: Mr P Farmer

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

10/18: Declarations of Interest – None

11/18: Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 18th January 2018

Mr Leary pointed out a couple of errors in the minutes. The invite to join the Tennis Club was, in fact, an invite to join the Tennis Club Committee.

In relation to the trees on the burial site, the resident is Miss Ward and not Miss Wood.

In 2.18 it should read the Environment Team at N.S.D.C. The Clerk is to make the necessary amendments.

The Chairman confirmed that he had completed the R.A.M.S for the village festival and forwarded them to the event organiser, Sue Masheder.

Mr Leary proposed acceptance of the minutes and Mr Wright seconded it.

12/18: Matters Arising

Mr Allen has sourced two quotes for the footpath on the Burial Ground – more discussion later in the meeting.

Councillor Dobson passed on an apology from Mike Hankin in relation to a letter sent to the Parish Council in relation to Tarmac's plans for Langford Quarry. The original letter had not contained any information.

Mr Cammack confirmed that the Parish Council land is either in the name of the Parish Council or the Property Trust. We can opt to put them under one heading for a nominal charge and it was agreed that they should all be under the Property Trust banner.

The Chairman had not managed to find out about who the Trustees are of the Winthorpe Property Trust. Mr Leary said that he was of the opinion, by implication, that all Parish Councillors are Trustees and that there is no need to account for the Burial Site separately.

13/18: MUGA

There was no Update as Mr Farmer was not present at the meeting.

14/18: Tennis Club

Mr Leary is still awaiting his AGM invite with the intention of becoming a member of the committee. Mr Leary hopes to put new life into the Tennis Club and also find out what interest there is in the village. It is understood that the current Chairman, Colin Smith, wants to step down from his role. Councillor Dobson suggested talking to Mike Ditchburn at Collingham to see how they manage their Club. Mrs Dobson is to give Mr Leary the relevant contact details.

It was suggested that the Parish Council could take on the bookings for the Tennis Club and set it up as a sub-committee of the Parish Council. This idea is to be put on hold until Mr Leary joins the Tennis Committee.

15/18: Burial Plot

Planning permission has been given for the tarmac path and the small fence. There are a number of trees which are in a poor and dangerous condition on the Burial Site. The Chairman has obtained two quotes for pollarding and removing selected trees. The quotes are from Doug Lyne at £2,050 plus VAT and Ian Sharp at £1,950 plus VAT.

There is a need to get the work done before the birds start nesting. Mr McClymont asked that very little work be done to the trees off Hargon Lane as you go in as this area is a very good wildlife area.

The two quotes were discussed and it was decided to give the works to Ian Sharp as this was the cheaper quote. The Chairman will arrange this.

Mr Allen has obtained two quotes for the tarmac path. These are Stephen Price at £6,500 plus VAT and John Cooke at £3,695 plus VAT. A quote from Doug Lyne has also been obtained for the kneeling rail of £780.

It was agreed that the trees should be done straight away. Another quote for the kneeling rail should be obtained and Mrs Dobson is going to get another contractor's number. Mr Wright proposed using John Cooke for the tarmac drive and getting the work done between April and July 2018. This was unanimously agreed.

16/18: Allotment

Planning permission has been given for the erection of the shed. David Barthorpe is arranging to get the shed and it will be erected in April. The shed will be the property of the Parish Council. The Council are still awaiting formal approval from the Trent IDB as the shed will be located within 9m of their watercourse.

17/18: Invoices and Accounts

There are no invoices for payments. The only payments in February were for the Garage Rent and the Clerk's wages.

Accounts

Current Account - £420.86
Holding Account - £9,890.53
Festival Account - £705.37
Events Account - £1,146.70

It was decided to remove the note on the Holding Account that shows £1,500 for the Burial Ground.

The Chairman raised the question of the annual donation from the Parish Council to Winthorpe Church and asked the committee should they still continue to pay it bearing in mind that the future responsibility for burials in the village will pass to the Parish Council. It was agreed that as it was a small donation we should continue it whilst ever there are burial plots remaining in the grave yard.

Clerk gave an overview of expenditure year to date.

Grass Cutting - £4,496.40
Clerk's Wages - £1,770.00
Miscellaneous - £6,584.81

The accounts are to be audited by Duncan Richardson in the near future and the Clerk will organise a VAT refund.

18/18: Correspondence

Mr Farmer has emailed the Clerk with a request from a villager who wants to place a geocache on the cricket field in the trees. These things are small boxes that others have to search for (a modern day treasure hunt). It will be maintained by Liz and Family and will have nothing whatsoever to do with the Parish Council. Liz would just like permission from the Parish Council to place it there in the first instance. This was discussed and it was agreed that more information was needed from Phil when he attends the next meeting. It was also noted that the Cricket Club would need to be informed.

Yvette Wellard (Clerk to Coddington Parish Council) had emailed our Clerk to ask if Winthorpe still wanted to be involved in the Safer Neighbourhood Group. Mr Aldridge has told them that he would not be attending any further meetings and she wondered if we had a replacement representative and is willing to host meetings. It was agreed that we should still be involved and Mr Kneen volunteered to attend. Clerk to send Yvette Mr Kneen's email so that she can confirm meeting details.

An email had been received from the Waste Team at N.S.D.C. informing us that the dog bin near the under pass is damaged and needs replacing. Mrs Dobson is to look into this for us. If it is necessary to replace the bin, the Parish Council will cover the cost.

Uxello, who currently look after the village website, and have written to us suggesting that our site be converted to an encrypted connection. Mr Kneen will look into this and report back.

19/18: Any Other Business

Mrs Dobson confirmed that there are nine caravans on the land next to Bridge Kennels. The owner of Bridge Kennels rang Mrs Dobson and she has spoken to Newark and Sherwood District Council (N.S.D.C) and he has also reported it to the Police. N.S.D.C. are due in court on 16th February to try and obtain an injunction to remove the caravans although there is no guarantee that this will be granted. This could be a long process as it would appear that the caravans have the agreement of the land owner.

Mrs Dobson confirmed that there are changes within N.S.D.C. There is to be a change to the Constitution and it will not be possible to defer a planning application without a very good reason. Mrs Dobson had been told that she represents the Council, however she still feels that she should be, and actually is, representing the local Parishes. The Parish Council should continue with objections and approvals as they always have done.

N.S.D.C. is in the process of setting up a business to buy land and build properties. Mrs Dobson has reservations about this and will keep the Parish Council updated.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

To do List:

- The Clerk to amend Minutes of the January meeting
- The Chairman is to look into changing the ownership of land from the Parish Council to the Winthorpe Property Trust
- The Chairman is to arrange for Ian Sharp to carry out the work on the trees on the Burial Ground
- Arrange another quote for Kneeling Rail – Mrs Dobson to obtain contractor telephone number.
- The Clerk to email Mr Farmer for more information on the Geocache
- The Clerk to email Yvette Wellard at Coddington PC to pass on Mr Kneen's email address
- Dog Bin – Mrs Dobson to investigate this with N.S.D.C.
- Uxello – Mr Kneen to look into whether we need to encrypt our website