

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: Mr P Farmer

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Prior to the main meeting getting underway, a group of residents came to the meeting to talk to the Parish Council and Councillor Dobson about the travellers who have moved into an area at the end of the village next to the A1 underpass.

Councillor Dobson updated them on the current situation.

- The land in question is owned by the travellers and therefore they are not trespassing on that land.
- N.S.D.C has taken them to court to get an injunction and the judge ruled that they can stay on the land pending an appeal.
- They have changed the use of the land and this will all be taken into account by the inspector.
- They have the right to apply for Planning Permission to change the current use of the land.
- The Parish Council can object to the planning as so can the local residents. Councillor Dobson advised the group to monitor the Planning Portal on N.S.D.C. website. Councillor Dobson said that any objections must be on planning grounds such as traffic coming out on to the A46 and the danger it posed, the land it is open countryside and that there is a public footpath going through it.
- It was asked if a petition would be worth organising but was advised that individual letters of objection have better outcomes.
- Councillor Dobson is working to get the travellers pitches on Tolney Lane. She is meeting the Newark MP, Robert Jenrick, and the Planning Department about Tolney Lane.
- In relation to the underpass, Councillor Dobson is to ask Highways England to block it off apart from the footpath and cycle track so that vehicles cannot get through.
- Councillor Dobson suggested to the residents that if they want to contact her, they should email the Chairman or Clerk of the Parish Council and they will forward the emails to her.

20/18 : Declarations of Interest – None

21/18 : To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th February 2018 – Approved by Mr A Leary and seconded by Mr M Kneen

22/18 : Matters arising from the Minutes

Minutes of the February meeting amended as discussed by the Clerk

Changing ownership of the Property Trust – The Chairman is to action this and the confirmed that all the Parish Councillors are indeed Trustees.

Tennis Club – Mr Leary has received an email from Colin Smith to invite him to the AGM in April. He has also spoken to Mike Ditchburn from Collingham Tennis Club and found this very useful.

Burial Plot – the trees have been felled by Ian Sharp. The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email from a resident still raising concerns about the trees at the bottom of his garden. This should now have been resolved and The Chairman will check this.

Kneeling Rail – Mr Cammack confirmed that he had received a second contact via Councillor Dobson and will look into this.

Clerk has responded to John Cooke confirming that he has been awarded the contract to lay the new path at the burial plot and to undertake this later in the year.

Geo Cache – in his absence, Mr Farmer had asked what had been decided about this matter. The Clerk had advised him that more information was needed. She had googled them and it would seem that they are just small plastic boxes. It was agreed that clarification was needed as to their proposed location as it could impact on the cricket field.

Mr Kneen confirmed that he had received an invite to the Safer Neighbourhood meeting on 28th March 2018 and he would be attending.

Dog Bin – N.S.D.C. will not cover the cost of a new one. The Clerk is to arrange to purchase one.

23/18 : MUGA Update and Tennis Club

Mr Farmer was not present at the meeting therefore no update on the MUGA. Tennis Club update, see above.

24/18 : Burial Plot and Allotment

Allotment – An email received from David Barthorpe regarding the purchase of the storage shed. They have funding from N.S.D.C. of £1,500.00, £300.00 from Councillor Dobson and a donation from the Parish Council of £300.00 They have already paid out £97.50 to N.S.D.C. for the planning permission leaving them with a balance of £2,002.50.

They have obtained quotes for the type of shed they require and the next steps they propose are that the Allotment Association makes a “gift” of the funds to the Parish Council to purchase the shed (£1,800.00 - £97.50). This money, plus the Parish Council donation, will be sufficient to purchase the shed. The Parish Council will purchase the shed, as it will remain in Parish Council ownership, but used solely by the allotment association.

Should the Allotment Association cease in the future, The Parish Council can use the shed for whatever purposes it requires.

Councillor Dobson suggested that the Parish Council charges the Allotment Association a peppercorn rent for use of the shed on its land.

This was agreed unanimously in principle and The Chairman will discuss this with Mr Barthorpe.

Burial Plot – see above.

25/18 – Invoices for Approval and any other financial matters.

Payments made during March

- The Clerks wages
- Garage rent.
- Invoices to pay. N.S.D.C annual charge to have the dog waste bins emptied - £404.04.
- Ian Sharp. Tree Felling on the Burial Plot - £1,950.00. It was unanimously agreed that this is paid from the Property Trust account as the land is owned by the Property Trust. The Chairman is to sort this out. It was further agreed that any future expenditure on the burial plot should also come out of the Property Trust account and also any burial income should be credited to that account. This motion was proposed by Mr Leary, seconded by Mr Allen and agreed unanimously.
- It was also agreed unanimously, by the Parish Council, that The Clerk should be added as a signatory to the Santander Property Trust account, as there may be more transactions going forward. The Clerk is to take a form of authority which The Chairman has signed together with her ID into the Newark Branch of Santander.
- The Clerk to send the annual Parish Council donation to Winthorpe and Langford Parochial Church Councils.
- The Clerk confirmed that she had requested a VAT reimbursement of £815.48.

Accounts

Current Account as at 8 March 2018 - £703.64

Festival Account as at 8 March 2018 - £705.41

Holding Account as at 8 March 2018 - £9,391.96

Events Account as at 8 March 2018 - £1,146.70

Duncan Richardson has undertaken an audit on the accounts and found that everything was in order.

26/18 Planning

Permission granted to Winthorpe Nursing Home for the felling of an ornamental plum tree, removal of low branch off a cherry tree and the felling of two holly trees situated next to the boundary.

Permission granted for works to be carried out at Pennywise House to reduce 5 conifer trees to 4m in height, pollard one poplar and crown lift 1 pine to no more than 2.5 m from ground level.

An appeal to the Secretary of State has been raised by Kismul Group Ltd in relation to the refusal for the change of use and extension of The Old Vicarage, Holme Lane, Langford.

An application has been made by Dixons Retail PLC to install solar photovoltaic equipment to the existing flat roof. The Parish Council voted unanimously to support the application. The Clerk to respond accordingly.

An application has been made for change of use to keep horses, tack room and stand a horse box (retrospectively) by the owner of Wood Lea, 90 Gainsborough Road. This application is on land on Holme Lane between the Cricket Club and Level Crossing.

Mr Aldridge and Mr McClymont have looked at the application and have the following queries:-

Where is the waste going (manure)?

Vehicle parking, they say there is none however there are four vehicles on the photos supplied with the application.

Potential Flood Risk to the highway?

Mr Aldridge is to write to the Planning Department and object on the grounds of the flood risk, access drainage and removal of waste.

27/18 Correspondence

An email had been received from the Chair of the Winthorpe Community Centre in relation to the funds it holds for the Youth Club. A sum of £2,121.00 is held by the Community Centre, this being given it by the "Old Youth Club", to cover future rent of the "New Youth Club".

As the "New Youth Club" no longer runs, the Community Centre have voted that the money should be given to the Parish Council to be held for the benefit of any projects that assist the youth of the village.

The Community Centre is proposing to write to the Youth Club informing them of their proposal. Duncan Richardson is happy with this.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to this on the understanding that the money will be "ring fenced" and held in the Holding Account on the strict understanding that any future expenditure of this money will be for the benefit of the youth of the village.

The Chairman and Clerk attended the recent A1133 which is a collection of all Parish Councils who are located adjacent to the road. At the meeting Chief Inspector Rook confirmed that the force now has a quad bike which they are happy to take to festivals and village shows to explain what the Police are doing to stop motorbike, quadbike and trail bike offences. The Clerk is to inform the Summer Festival organiser about this so that she can ask to have it at our festival.

The A1133 meeting suggested that each Parish Council have an individual to liaise with the Police should any high level situation occur which affects the village. The liaison is called KIMS. Chris Allen, Vice Chairman at Collingham is involved in this and Councillor Dobson suggested asking him to come to a meeting to explain in to us.

28/8 AOB

Mr Leary asked if the Langford Liaison Quarry meeting was still going ahead on the 21st March as he had not received an agenda. Councillor Dobson confirmed that it was.

Mr Aldridge confirmed that the footpath in front of the former council houses on Gainsborough Road is a mess as people are parking on the grass or going over the grass to get to their properties and this is causing mud to go onto the path. Councillor Dobson said that they were not committing an offence by going over the grass.

Mr Kneen asked if the "New Youth Club" Committee fell under the Parish Council as a subcommittee. The Chairman confirmed that it was independent of the Parish Council. However, there were concerns over the monies that it still held and Councillor Dobson, Mr Leary and The Chairman will ask what is being done with the monies now that a Youth Club no longer exists.

Mr Allen asked if the equipment owned by the Youth Club was still being stored at the Community Centre but The Chairman confirmed it had all gone, either sold or given away.

Close of Meeting

Actions

- The Clerk to purchase new dog bin
- The Chairman is to put an article in Focal Point about the Travellers at the end of the village
- The Chairman to get a second quote for the kneeling rail at the burial plot.
- The Chairman is to talk to Mr Barthorpe regarding the allotment shed
- The Clerk is to send grants to the churches
- Mr Aldridge to write to the Planning Department re: Wood Lea, 90 Gainsborough Road
- The Clerk is to write to Planning Dept re Dixons Retail application
- The Clerk to email the festival organiser about the police quad bike
- The Clerk to arrange to add her name to the Santander Property Trust account
- The Clerk is to invite Chris Allen to our next meeting re KIMS