

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall on the 19th April 2018 commencing 7.30 pm

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

Apologies: Mr M Kneen, Mr B Wright and Mr B Allen

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

29/18 Declarations of Interest – None

30/18 To receive and Accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th March 2018

Proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr McClymont.

31/18 Matters arising from the minutes

There was no update on the traveller situation adjacent to the underpass on the A1. Councillor Dobson has a meeting planned with Robert Jenrick and the Environment Agency to discuss traveller locations at Tolney Lane Newark.

A cheque was received from the Winthorpe Community Centre. This sum is money that was retained by the Community Centre from the “Old Youth Club”. The funds will now be retained by the Parish Council until such time as it is used for the benefit of the children in the village.

Councillor Dobson, Mr Leary and Mr Aldridge attended the Langford Quarry Meeting. The R.S.P.B. gave a report on how well the bird reserve was developing. Tarmac is very supportive of the programme.

Dog Bin – The Clerk is to purchase a bin now that she knows the type of bins used in the village. The Clerk is to let Councillor Dobson know when the bin has been delivered and she may be able to help with putting it in place.

The kneeling rail around the new burial site is an outstanding action for the Chairman.

An invitation is to be made to the Vice Chairman from Collingham Parish Council for the June Meeting. The Clerk is to arrange this

32/18 Play Equipment Update/Tennis Club

Mr Farmer confirmed the decision to replace the play equipment rather than go for a MUGA. Mr Farmer has received quotes from two companies and we are looking at around £20,000.00 to remove and replace the equipment on the same plot.

Mr Farmer is to make an application to WREN and the Chairman of Winthorpe Community Centre will second it. Mr Farmer informed the Parish Council that it will need to contribute to the funding but funding from other sources will be needed to make the application a success.

If funding is given by WREN, the Asset would belong to the Parish Council. Mr Farmer proposed this and Mr McClymont seconded and all were in favour.

Councillor Dobson brought up the new Data Protection Act (GDPR) due in May 2018. To comply, the Parish Council needs to gain consent to share information. The Chairman of the Parish Council would need to ask the Councillors once a year for their consent to send emails back and forth and share the contents. Furthermore, before we share emails that come from the general public, we have to gain their consent if we intend to share them with other parties.

The Chairman put this to the Parish Councillors present and all agreed to give their consent to the requirements of the above Act.

Tennis Club update – The AGM was held on the 13th April 2018. The current post holders will remain in their roles. Mr Leary has been co-opted on to the committee and has been given the job of Tennis Promotional Officer.

The Tennis Club committee have expressed an interest in becoming a sub group of the Parish Council in a similar way that the Allotment Association operates with the Council. The tennis courts are located on land owned by the Parish Council (Winthorpe Property Trust). It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr Leary would meet with the Chairman of the Tennis Club (Colin Smith) and explore the possibility of a Tenancy Agreement whereby the tennis club pays a nominal rent to the Parish Council but controls its own day to day activities. This was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Farmer and unanimously agreed.

Mr Leary raised the matter that the courts need refurbishing and the Tennis Club have the funds to pay for the refurbishment. It was agreed that the Parish Council will place the order to enable the works to be undertaken using funds provided by the Tennis Club.

It was also pointed out that the Youth Club had paid 10 years rent to the Tennis Club for its continued use. The Tennis Club has asked whether they could keep the funds and use it for their junior element. This Parish Council had no objection to this suggestion. This was proposed by Mr Farmer, seconded by Mr Leary and agreed unanimously.

33/18 Burial Plot/Allotment Field

Burial Plot – No update.

Allotment – A letter and a cheque for £1,800.00 has been received from the Chairman of the Allotment Association as a gift towards the purchase of a new storage shed. The agreement is that the proposed shed will belong to the Parish Council. The shed will be for the sole use of the Allotment Association and the Tenancy Agreement will need to be amended to reflect this.

It was suggested that a nominal peppercorn rent be levied for the use of the shed. The insurance of the shed will be the responsibility of the Allotment Association and this will be put in the Tenancy Agreement. This was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lord and unanimously agreed.

34/18 Planning

Plans have been received for Newark and Sherwood District Council to demolish the garages near the Community Centre field and to build a one bedroomed bungalow. The plans were looked at and it was agreed that Mr Aldridge and the Chairman would look at it again in more detail and comment accordingly. The consensus was that it was a strange move on the part of the District Council.

Plans for proposed new signage at the Lord Nelson pub. Mr Aldridge and the Chairman have looked at this and they have no concerns. Mr Aldridge has confirmed this to the Planning Department.

Confirmation that planning has been approved for the removal of one leaning pine tree at The Academy, Gainsborough Road.

A letter received from the Planning Department informing us that the Wirtgen Group have appealed the decision not to allow the illuminated signs at Godfrey Drive, Winthorpe.

35/18 Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed that she had received a letter from Robert Jenrick MP in relation to the Traveller situation in the area and asking for feedback from the public. The Chairman will put a piece in Focal Point.

McDonalds are offering funding for projects and the Head Teacher at the school, has been in touch to see if the Parish Council has any ideas. It was suggested planting bulbs near the Lord Nelson and cleaning the banks of the River Trent on Holme Lane are good ideas. The Chairman will respond accordingly.

A letter from the HMRC confirmed we now have a new reference number to use when applying for a VAT refund.

The attempt to add the Clerk to the Santander Property Trust account has hit a snag. The bank wanted the minutes of the meeting to be signed and also ID for the Clerk. The minutes were signed by the Chairman and Mr Lord and the Clerk will take them into the bank along with her ID.

The Chairman confirmed that the RAF will be flying over on Festival Day.

Councillor Dobson gave the Clerk a letter from Nottinghamshire County Council informing us that they are to trial a reduction in the grass cutting frequency for rural roads. The Council are to seek approval to undertake a trial at a maximum of six locations, to establish whether the reduction of grass cutting frequencies on rural roads, without footways and with a speed limit of 50 mph or more to one cut per year delivers any ecological or economic benefits. The duration of the proposed trial is one growing season. It is proposed that a subsequent report will be represented to committee on the outcomes of the trial. This trial will include the A1133.

36/18 AOB

The Chairman of the “New Youth Club” is to have a meeting with Councillor Dobson, Mr Leary and the Chairman to update the Council on the current position. Mr Leary is to arrange the meeting preferably for either 30th April or 14th May.

Mr Aldridge informed the Council that the Safe Neighbourhood Group had confirmed the following break-ins had taken place:

18th November – Bowls Club

29th December – Bowls Club

12th February – Bowls Club

The School and the Lord Nelson have also been broken into.

Mr Lord asked the Clerk to check the number of dog bins we are paying the Council to empty as he says that we have nine in the village. Clerk to check that we are not paying for more than we have.

Meeting closed 8.30 pm

To do List

- Clerk to invite Vice Chairman of Collingham P.C. to June Council Meeting
- Clerk to purchase dog bin and also check how many dog bins we are paying for to be emptied
- Clerk to send parish residents email to Mr Farmer and he will respond following tonight’s meeting
- Mr Leary to arrange a meeting with himself, the Chairman and the Chairman of the Tennis Club to discuss the way forward
- Clerk to pay Allotment Association cheque into current account
- Mr Aldridge and the Chairman are to look at the NSDC planning application to remove the garages overlooking the Community Centre and build one bungalow.
- The Chairman is to put the article from Robert Jenrick MP into Focal Point
- The Chairman is to respond to the School Head teacher about funding from McDonalds
- The Clerk is to revisit Santander with signed minutes of the meeting and her ID
- Mr Leary to arrange a meeting with the Chairman of the “New Youth Club”, himself, the Chairman and Councillor Dobson preferably 30th April or 14th of May