

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall on the 20th September 2018 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

Apologies – Mr S Lord

District/County Councillor – Mrs M Dobson

Clerk – Mrs S Sillery

63/18 – Declarations of Interest – None

64/18 – Receive and Accept the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July 2018 and any matters arising

Scooter Rally Newark Showground – The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the Noise Abatement Officer at Newark & Sherwood District Council to back up Mr Glenn Cobb's complaint. She also copied in the Showground, but no response has been received. Councillor Dobson said that she would provide a contact number for the Showground for future use.

Langford PCC cheque has now been cashed.

The A1 barrier at the underpass is now closed.

Mr Leary proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record and Mr Kneen seconded this.

65/18 – WREN Application and Tennis Club

Mr Farmer confirmed that following our application, WREN had offered us £28,284.68 towards a new Play Park at the Community Centre. He has held meetings with three suppliers and asked them to submit designs by the 11th October 2018.

Mr Farmer suggested having a sub-committee for the project and it was agreed that he would head this along with the Chairman and Mr Leary.

He has asked the companies to factor in maintenance costs for the first five years and he has suggested the removal of the kneel rail to allow more space to be used.

The Chairman asked if there were any plans to have any facilities for adults and Mr Farmer confirmed not at this stage. However, he will go back to the suppliers and ask them to consider this.

All works will carry a 20 year guarantee.

The Parish Council's contribution to the project is £889.00. The Community Centre will contribute £2,121.00 and the proceeds from the Halloween disco will contribute £30.00.

The Clerk is to send payment to WREN once the Chairman has clarified the payment details. Hopefully the project will be ready for spring 2019.

The Clerk confirmed that the inspection of the Play Park by N.S.D.C had been received and there was work to do. It was agreed that the Play Park should be closed down for safety reasons for the winter. The area will need to be fenced off properly with Heras fencing and Councillor Dobson has offered to talk to Andy Hardy at N.S.D.C. to see if he could help us with this.

The Chairman thanked Mr Farmer for the excellent work he has done on this project.

Tennis Club

The Clerk confirmed that she had reclaimed the VAT for the work on the tennis courts and a cheque was drawn in the sum of £727.00 in favour of the Tennis Club.

Mr Leary confirmed that he has had a meeting with Mike Ditchburn of Collingham Tennis Club and has got some ideas of how to move the Tennis Club forward. There is a meeting on the 18th October 2018 to discuss this matter.

Mr Leary raised the point that the internal auditor had mentioned the reclaiming of the Tennis Court V.A.T. during his audit of the accounts. The Parish Council have raised the question of reclaiming the V.A.T. with the H.M.R.C. but have had no response. They have repaid the V.A.T. and the Parish Council are comfortable that we have conducted this matter in the correct way.

66/18 – Burial Plot and Allotment

Burial Plot – The Clerk had chased Doug Lyne about the kneeling rail and Doug had requested a meeting on site to discuss exactly where the rail needs to go. The Chairman will call Mr Lyne and have a chat about this. He will also mention the repair to the existing fence.

Allotment – All appears well with the Allotments. They have their AGM on the 10th October 2018 and there will be representation from the Parish Council by Mr McClymont and Mr Allen.

A resident has made a Freedom of Information request to see a copy of the Tenancy Agreement between the Allotment Association and the Parish Council. As a public body, the opinion is that the Parish Council can't reasonably refuse the request. However, the Chairman is to discuss this matter with the Chairman of the Allotment Association for his views before the request is granted.

67/18 – Invoices for Approval and Other Financial Matters

The Clerk confirmed that she had applied for and received a V.A.T. refund of £2,363.43. As previously mentioned, £727.00 relates to the Tennis Courts, £33.33 relates to the inflatable hired for the Village Festival and the remainder relates to grass cutting in the village.

The funds from the Youth Club have now been received in the sum of £6,554.11. These are held in the Holding Account and are to be used towards the new Play Park.

Following the previous meeting, the Clerk had checked that the Community Centre had sent the rent that the Youth Club had paid in advance to them. A cheque was issued by the Community Centre in the sum of £2,121.67 in February 2018 and was credited to the Holding Account.

Mr Farmer was under the impression that the Community Centre had also paid funds to the Tennis Club which needed refunding also. Mr Leary is to check this out.

Balances

Current Account - £2,718.17

Holding Account - £17,554.21

Festival Account - £807.87 – Cheque received from the Garden Club for £50 and £0.07 interest

Events Account - £1,146.70

A cheque has been received from the Lord Nelson for £180.00 as the proceeds from the Duck Race. This money will be paid into the Holding Account and used towards the new Play Park.

Invoices

Doug Lyne – July grass cutting - £168.00

Doug Lyne – August grass cutting - £597.00

Annual Insurance - £250.91

The insurance premium has risen from £242.14 last year but they have given additional cover and still represents really good value. It was unanimously agreed to remain with the present insurer.

Mr Leary asked that the Property Account details be sent out each month with the other account details.

Confirmation that the Festival funds were paid out after clarification was received from Sue Masheder via The Chairman.

The Clerk confirmed that she had chased the external auditors as the accounts have still not been returned. However they do not seem to respond to emails.

68/18 – Planning

Councillor Dobson confirmed that the Kismul School had won their appeal at Langford.

Tarmac have had their application to extend the existing quarry approved

Ulverscroft – planning granted for a three bay garage.

Demolition of garages at the Woodlands – planning granted.

Dougallon, 55 Gainsborough Road – application for demolition of existing single garage and construction of a new double garage. No objections but with the proviso that the turning circle remains. The Clerk is to confirm this to Planning Department.

Mineral Plan – The Clerk had sent this out for everyone to read. Mr Leary confirmed that he hadn't realised that the intention was to extend the quarry to the north as well as the south in years to come. However, there is no impact to the village.

69/18 – Safety Audit Updates

Mr Wright asked for safety audit forms – The Chairman is to provide these

Mr McClymont mentioned the village sign as it requires some work. The Chairman said that he had received a flyer through the door for signs. He will have a look at the sign and see what is required. Max in the village has previously worked on the sign.

The Notice Board outside the Old Post Office no longer closes. Councillor Dobson will provide a contact to the Clerk to see about a replacement.

70/18 – Correspondence

Email received from North Muskham Parish Council inviting us to attend a Parish Council Conference to be held on Saturday 13th October 2018. Nobody is able to attend.

Bus Shelter should have been repaired on the 23rd August 2018.

A letter was received from Royal Mail with a poster to be displayed in both Winthorpe and Langford about Scam Mail.

A letter was received from Robert Jenrick MP enclosing a poster about a Cyber Safety and Scam Event to be held at the N.S.D.C. offices on the 19th October 2018.

Email from Jessica Harrison at the Environment Agency about Trees on the Trent. This is the opportunity to plant native trees along the Trent Valley to help diversify the wildlife habitat. The Clerk is to ask for further details.

An Email from Stella Truswell at Notts County Council informing us of the Great War Commemoration Service and Armed Forces Covenant Signing on 6th November 2018. The Clerk is to confirm that we are unable to attend.

71/18 – Any Other Business

The Chairman asked the Parish Council if they were willing to organise and run this year's Bonfire on the 3rd November 2018 as in previous years.

This was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman said that he had spoken with the Headmaster and had his agreement to use the school facilities.

As the Parish Council is organising the event they would take the entrance fees monies and distribute accordingly.

Mr Farmer said that he was coordinating the schools activities via the PTA and sorting out the refreshments, etc. This will be the school's way of raising funds.

Mr Kneen felt that the Burger Man's contribution is minimal at 10%. The Chairman was of the view that as he takes the risk that the event may not be a success, he is happy with the contribution.

Chris Perkins is on board again this year and has suggested an ice cream van. However Mr Farmer felt that this would detract from what the school is trying to do so it was decided not to have the ice cream van.

The Bouncy castle is booked again.

The Chairman confirmed that we can only light a certain standard of firework and last year Nick Whiles of Party-time ran the display. This meant a higher category of firework was used. The Chairman is to see if Nick is available this year.

Mr Farmer suggested that with the removal of the play park at a cost of £500 by a professional company and most of it being wood, would it be worth dismantling the play park and use it for the bonfire and save £500. Mr Farmer and the Chairman will look into this.

A complaint was received about the noise level following a firework display by a resident in the village. She said that the ground vibrated and that elderly residents and pets would have been very frightened. It was agreed to put a piece in Focal Point asking people to be mindful of their neighbours if they intend letting off fireworks.

Cricket Club – The Cricket Club Chairman has been in touch to say that the new roof that they had planned for the cricket club pavilion is no longer suitable and they are now looking at alternatives. They may need further planning permission but they will keep us informed.

The Community Centre has been approached by the Caravan Club about using their field. The Council felt that it might be a better idea to offer the Jubilee Field for the caravans. Clearly this is Parish Council land but we would be happy for the Community Centre to take the rent minus a 20% management fee. It was felt that this would be a better spot and would avoid any problems with the neighbouring properties next to the Community Centre field. The Chairman is to discuss with the Community Centre lettings manager.

The Chairman has received a letter from H.S.B.C. to ask if we are happy with the way the accounts are being managed following the recent GDPR changes. He has confirmed to the bank that all is well.

Remembrance Sunday - The Community Centre is looking to do a fundraising event and to light the beacon. The Chairman has recently lit the beacon so he knows it is working and is willing to do this at the event.

Mr Leary reported on the Quarry Liaison Meeting that he attended with Councillor Dobson. The Clerk had sent the report from the R.S.P.B. to all councillors for them to read. Mr Leary said that the reserve is developing into something to be very proud of.

Mr Kneen offered a vote of thanks to Councillor Dobson for arranging the resurfacing of The Woodlands. He suggested that her next project might be the

pavement outside of the Dial House which is in very poor state of repair. Councillor Dobson said that she was aware of the situation.

Mr Kneen attended the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting on 31st July 2018. He said it was a very enjoyable meeting and worth attending.

Mr Farmer reported that some branches had come off the trees by the Alms Houses. The trees have been taken over by ivy and weakened them. The Chairman doesn't think that this is on Parish Council land but he will check it out.

Mr Farmer informed the meeting that Sam Thompson is booked to do the disco for the Halloween party for the children again this year and could he pass this to the Parish Council for payment. The Chairman agreed.

Mr Farmer said they the lamp post outside of the Lord Nelson needs painting and also the sign pointing to Holme Lane also needs some work. Councillor Dobson said she would have a look to see who is responsible for the maintenance.

Mr McClymont said that there is a rubbish bin at the old tennis courts which someone has set fire to. It really needs to be removed as it cannot be used. John Nelson has also reported a broken bin which we think could be at the top of the Community Centre car park. The Chairman is to look at this and see if we need a new bin.

Mr Wright reported that a resident in Langford had suggested that the traffic is still going too fast through the village. Mr Wright himself felt that the traffic was better following the speed limit warning lights. Councillor Dobson commented that there was nothing more they could do.

The Chairman asked that the October meeting be brought forward a day to Wednesday 17th October as both he and the Clerk are away on the 18th. Everyone was happy with this change of date. The Chairman will confirm with the village hall. It is Finance Meeting so this will commence at 7.00 pm.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm