

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on the 21st February 2019

Present: Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr D Aldridge, Mr B McClymont, Mr B Wright and Mr B Allen

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Apologies: Mr S Lord, Mr P Farmer, Mr A Leary and Mr M Kneen

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

09/19 Receive and accept the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2019

The Clerk confirmed that Mr and Mrs Zylinski have responded and that they are happy for the Council to renew the Notice Board which sits in the front of their garden. The Clerk is to send the Chairman details of the website to allow him to choose a design.

The overgrown bush on Hargon Lane is thought to belong to the cottage off Gainsborough Road. Mr McClymont is to talk to the owner and arrange to prune the bush.

Stable Cottage – The Chairman paid a visit to the property and confirmed that everything was in order with regards to the retrospective planning application. This has subsequently been passed by the Council.

Willow Tree off Holme Lane – The Council has now been given permission by N.S.D.C. to prune the willow tree. The Clerk has asked Doug Lyne to carry out the work.

A46 /A17/A1 update – The Chairman confirmed that he had put an article in Focal Point in response to rumours of compulsory purchase of land adjacent to the A46. The Highways Agency is considering various options to improve the road layout but nothing has been decided and any decision will ultimately be dependent on Government funding. If works are to go ahead, they will be undertaken between 2020 and 2025.

The Chairman confirmed that a replacement dog bin had been ordered, in error, instead of a waste bin. The Clerk said that this would not be a problem as a dog bin is now required on the open space off Pocklington Crescent. She will order a replacement waste bin.

The minutes were approved by Mr McClymont and seconded by Mr Wright

10/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk is to contact Newark and Sherwood District Council to request the Electoral Roll for both Winthorpe and Langford villages.

11/19 WREN Application – All the work is now completed to the play park and a very good result has been achieved. The Council thanked Mr Phil Farmer, in his absence, who has put in a great deal of effort to ensure the project was a success.

Arrangements are now being made to pay the Contractor Kompan directly via WREN with the Council paying the VAT to Kompan.

12/19 Tennis Club – no update

13/19 Burial Plot/Allotments – Mr Aldridge mentioned that some of the trees are overhanging and need trimming. The Chairman will talk to Doug Lyne about this.

Allotments – The Chairman circulated a draft response he had prepared to a request from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) following a complaint from Mrs S. Crosby regarding the tenancy agreement between the Parish Council and the Allotment Association. The Parish Council were in agreement with the contents of the letter and it was agreed to send it to the ICO with supporting information.

The Chairman explained to the Council what he thought the issues were and had offered to meet Mrs Crosby to resolve them.

Both the Parish Council and the Allotment Association are happy with the tenancy agreement and see no need to change it.

14/19 Invoices for approval and other financial matters

The only invoice for payment is for the purchase of the Dog Bin. The Clerk had purchased it on her credit card from Glasdon UK Limited in the sum of £103.82 and requires a refund. This was duly authorised.

Account Balances

Current Account	£528.45
Events Account	£943.47
Festival Account	£841.86
Holding Account	£14,727.89
Property Trust Account	£2,454.52

The Chairman pointed out that the amount held as the Bonfire Reserve Fund was incorrect in the Events Account. The amount should be £265.15. The Clerk is to amend this.

An amendment was also required to the Holding Account figures as the transactions for November, December and January are shown in the wrong months. The Clerk is to amend this.

Mr Aldridge asked the question; what is the Parish Council doing with the funds following the closure of the Youth Club? The Chairman explained that some of the funds were put towards the new playpark and the remainder is held in reserve until such time as they are needed to benefit the Youth of the village. Mr Allen proposed that the money should be held in the Property Trust Account and recorded as such. Mr Wright seconded this. The Chairman will calculate the exact figure and notify the Clerk so she can arrange to transfer the funds.

15/19 Planning

The Dial House Gainsborough Road– Application to add an oak timber framed orangery. The application was supported unanimously. The Clerk is to respond to the Planning Dept.

Cricket Club – The Cricket Club want to complete outstanding works on the Clubhouse as they now have funding for this. They have requested that the Parish Council, as owners of the land, put in the application on their behalf. They plan to clad the walls in wood and put a sloping roof on the building. The Parish Council unanimously supported the proposal.

As mentioned earlier, retrospective planning was given for works to Stable Cottage.

A notice of decision was received for Winthorpe PCC to cut back trees situated on the western boundary of the graveyard by no more than two metres.

16/19 Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from Fiona Jones, Chair of Governors at the school. She reported that the hedge along Gainsborough Road is overgrown and requesting that the landowner cut it back. Also, to a lesser extent, the hedges at the Old School House on the corner of Gainsborough Road and Thoroughfare Lane are also in need of some attention to allow safe access.

Mr Allen, the landowner confirmed that the parking of cars makes it difficult to cut the hedge. He asked the Clerk to write to Mrs Jones and ask her to give him dates when there will be no cars parked and he will be able to gain access to cut the hedges.

In relation to the Old School House, it will be necessary to talk to the owner of the property as this was not the Parish Councils responsibility.

An email was received from a new resident to the village highlighting the condition of the road surface on Hargon Lane. Councillor Dobson confirmed that Hargon Lane had been raised with the local authority and it is on the list of roads to be resurfaced. However, it will only be done when funds allow, which might not be until the next financial year. The Clerk is to respond to the resident.

A letter had been received from Age UK asking for funding to enable them to continue their work offering an Information and Advice Service. It was felt that the Parish Council should assist more local charities.

Mr Lord asked the Clerk to raise a matter in his absence. He has been informed that there is land for sale on Holme Lane that is currently used as a pony paddock and Mr Lord is concerned that this may be purchased and used for purposes which are not in the interest of the village. He wondered if the Parish Council would consider purchasing the land. The matter was discussed and as the value of the land is circa £30,000, it precludes the Parish Council from purchasing it. It was suggested approaching the Charity of Thomas Brewer with a view to them purchasing it. However, as the income would be small, it would not be a good investment. Councillor Dobson will investigate to if there is anything she can do to preserve the land for agricultural use.

17/19 Any Other Business

The Chairman asked the Council for permission to buy some new pads for the defibrillators in the village. After two years the pads need to be replaced regardless of whether they have been used or not. This was agreed and the Chairman will arrange to purchase the pads.

The Chairman informed the Council that the garage to the rear of the Community Centre is no longer in use following the closure of the mother and toddler group. As the current garage is likely to be knocked down by N.S.D.C., the Community Centre garage would be an ideal replacement. Unfortunately, he cannot get into the garage and no one appears to have any keys. It was agreed to employ a locksmith to gain entry and put a new lock on the door.

Mr McClymont informed the meeting that there was a lamp post on Gainsborough Road which was leaning and may be unsafe. He was asked to check the number on the lamp post and let the Clerk know and she will report the problem.

Mr Allen reported that he was having problem with dogs chasing his sheep on the land at the rear of Pocklington Crescent. The Chairman confirmed that he would put an article in Focal Point asking people to keep their dogs on leads when near sheep.

The next meeting of the A1133 group of Parish Councils is on the 13th March at 7.30 pm at Besthorpe Village Hall. Councillor Dobson asked that both the Chairman and Clerk attend.

Councillor Dobson asked the Council if they were aware that Annie Purdy (Editor of Focal Point) was leaving the village. The Chairman was aware. The Council wanted to wish her and her husband well and thank them for their efforts.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm