

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Apologies: Mr B Allen

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

18/19 Receive and Accept the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February 2019

New notice board – Ongoing. The Chairman is to make a decision on its design.

Hargon Lane bush - Mr McClymont was not at the meeting so there was no update.

Dog Bin on Pocklington Crescent - There is a post to attach the bin to although it would seem that there has not been a bin in place for some time. The Clerk also confirmed that a homeowner in Pocklington had asked if they could have a new “No Ball Games” sign. This will be checked out when the new bin is put up.

District and Parish Council Elections – Notifications of the elections is to be put on Notice Boards and on the website. All Parish Councillors will have to make an application for re-election. This can be done by printing forms from N.S.D.C Website. Alternatively, a pack can be requested from N.S.D.C.

Hargon Lane resurfacing – this is on the list and will be done in due course to be determined by N.S.D.C.

The minutes were approved by Mr B Wright and seconded by Mr D Aldridge.

19/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes

WREN – The project is now completed, and the contractors have been paid directly by WREN with the VAT being paid by the Parish Council.

The “to-me-to you” swing is being delivered on Friday 22nd March. Mr Farmer confirmed that he is going to make application to Tarmac for funds to put in adult equipment. The existing contractor Kompan are looking at the design. Councillor Dobson suggested contacting Andy Hardy at N.S.D.C as he may be able to offer funding. Mr Leary said how good the Play Park is looking. He asked if there was a snagging list as the rubberised matting is a bit lumpy. The Chairman asked for this to be monitored and report any issues. Mr Farmer will ask Kompan whether it is normal for this to happen.

20/19 Tennis Club

The AGM is set for 12th April 2019. The Clerk reported that only two responses have been received following the Focal Point article. These were from existing Tennis Club members who want the Tennis Club to continue but do not want to be involved in the running of the Club. Mr Leary confirmed that they have enough people for a committee with him as Chair. He will see what the AGM brings and then set about getting the appropriate plans in place to have the Tennis Club as a subsidiary of the Parish Council.

21/19 Burial Ground

Nothing to report

22/19 Allotments

The Chairman confirmed that he had written to the Information Commissioner's Office stating the Parish Councils position following the complaint by Mrs S. Crosby.

N.S.D.C had been in contact following a complaint that the planting around the shed on the allotments had not been completed. Mr David Barthorpe has confirmed to N.S.D.C that it was always the intention to undertake the planting but in the growing season. The Allotment Association have had to make a further payment to N.S.D.C. as part of the planning amendment but Councillor Dobson will take this matter up with N.S.D.C Planning Department to see if she can recover the costs.

The water butts that were stolen from the allotments are likely to be replaced with "Stand Pipes" with a key and Mr Barthorpe is looking into this.

23/19 Invoices and Financial Accounts

Clerk confirmed the balances of the accounts

Current Account - £349.15
Events Account - £943.47
Holding Account - £8,344.31
Festival Account - £842.00

Payments since last meeting

Replacement defibrillator pads - £104.40
Lockrite – New lock to the garage behind the Community Centre - £96.00

Invoices due for payment

N.S.D.C. – Dog Bin Contract - £414.96
Clerk to confirm how many dog bins we have in the village – It would appear that there are seven rather than the five we are currently being invoiced for.

The garage rent is increasing to £42.34 per month

We have received a non-domestic rate bill for the storage container on the allotment; however there is nothing to pay.

It was agreed that the remaining monies from the Youth Club be transferred to the Property Account to keep it separate. The Clerk and Chairman are to confirm the amount and make the transfer.

As we approach the year end, Mr Leary confirmed that he will not be able to attend the quarterly Finance Meeting. He and the Chairman will meet prior to the Finance Meeting to cover any issues.

24/19 Planning

Dougallon, 55 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe – The applicants have reduced the size of the extension and resubmitted the plans. The Chairman has looked over the new submission and replied to N.S.D.C. to confirm that the Parish Council have no objections.

Holme Lane – Erection of single detached dwelling – The Parish Council discussed the plans and felt that as the land is on flood plain and, despite the property being constructed on stilts; this would not be in keeping with the village and also would set a precedent. The application was unanimously objected to and the Clerk is to inform N.S.D.C. Planning Department.

The Academy, 62 Gainsborough Road – Erection of a two bedroom dwelling.

This application was discussed. There was some concern about the access to the plot as it is on the bend and at a dangerous point on Gainsborough Road. There was also a concern that trees would have to be taken down. The construction was supported, in principal, with six votes and one abstention.

However, the Clerk is to write to the Planning Department expressing the Parish Councils concern over the proposed access and the amount of trees that are to be felled.

The Cricket Club have put an application to the Planning Department to complete the roof and associated works to the club house. The Parish Council support this and as owners of the land, the application is in the Parish Councils name.

Notice of Decision – Application for the removal of occupancy condition No 2 of planning permission 17/-/78/596 The Grange, Gainsborough Road, Langford. Fully planning permission granted.

25/19 Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email from a resident in relation to the fly tipping asbestos sheets on Holme Lane. The resident has reported it and the Clerk will report this to N.S.D.C.

26/19 Any Other Business

There are a number of toys in the garage behind the Community Centre that were formally used by the “mothers and toddlers” group. The Chairman is to advertise them on Ebay. Councillor suggested that the Charity “Sure-Start” might welcome the toys. The Clerk is to make contact with them if the toys don’t sell.

Councillor posed the question as to whether the Village Hall or Community Centre pays rates. Mr Farmer will find out about the Community Centre and Mr McClymont will know about the Village Hall. If rates are being paid, they should contact Councillor Dobson.

Fish and Chip Van – Thorney are looking for one to visit the village. If anyone knows of one, can they let the Clerk know and she will pass on the information.

Mr Leary and Mr Keen attended the Quarry Liaison Meeting which was chaired by Councillor Dobson. They confirmed it was a good meeting. A Planning application is being submitted for the Hydro Electric Plant and there will be a deferment period to allow a briefing on technicalities for Winthorpe and Collingham. Mr Leary, Mr Kneen and Councillor Dobson will report back accordingly.

Roman artefacts have been found whilst developing the next phase of the quarry.

The extension of the cycle path will link Langford with Besthorpe.

Mr Aldridge is no longer attending the meeting, but thanks were to be passed on to him for his previous work.

Local Mineral Plan – there is a six week consultation period.

Mr Kneen said how impressed his with the work that the R.S.P.B and Tarmac do.

Community Centre Play Area – Mr Kneen said that he received great feedback about the new facilities. However, he did say that there was restricted access for pushchairs across the grass. This was not a complaint but merely feedback. It was felt that a tarmac path would be too expensive but crushed stone may be an option. Mr Farmer to look at costings for his next phase of the development.

There was no update on the Traveller Site appeal. Councillor said it could take a number of weeks before a decision is reached.

Mr Lord raised the question of the lack of buses stopping in the village on the way back from town. The timetable suggests that only three come into the village. Councillor Dobson said that the timetable may not be correct and that it is being looked at.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm