

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 commencing at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr P Farmer, Mr B Wright, Mr S Lord and Mr R Allen

**Apologies:** Mr M. Kneen

**District/County Councillor:** Mrs M Dobson

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**35/19 Declarations of Interest:** None

### **36/19 To Receive and Accept the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 and Matters Arising**

Notice Board update – Councillor Dobson is arranging a visit to “Men in Sheds” for the Chairman, along with a representative from Besthorpe Parish Council, to discuss the construction of a new notice board.

A new dog bin on Pocklington Crescent was put in place by the Chairman.

Play Park update – Mr Farmer confirmed that he had received a quote from Paul Greenfield of Kompan for the adult exercise equipment. The quote was £34,000, excluding VAT, which is for three bikes and two other pieces of equipment.

It was agreed that Mr Farmer should make the application for grant money and also put an article in Focal Point, the Parish Council website and on the Notice Boards to gauge interest from the residents in the project.

Traveller Site – The Parish Council have been notified by N.S.D.C Planning Enforcement Officer that the two appeals lodged against the planning Enforcement Notices issued relating to the caravan site adjacent to the A1 have been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate, and both Notices upheld subject to slight revisions.

The period for compliance with the Notices require, broadly, the unauthorised use of the land for residential occupation in caravans to cease within 6 months of the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019; and for all hard standing and structures to be removed within 9 months. The Chairman will put an update in Focal Point.

The Chairman had a look at the trees around the Village Hall. There are some concerns that they could cause a problem. The Trustees of the Village Hall had previously applied to remove trees but the application was rejected. It was noted that the owners of the land to the rear of the Village Hall have a licence to remove trees.

In relation to planning applications, Councillor Dobson said that we should either give a yes or no to planning matters and not say yes, but with concerns. If the Parish Council has concerns over a planning matter then the response should be a no.

Councillor Dobson confirmed that the potholes on Hargon Lane will not be treated as the whole road is being resurfaced at some point during the current financial year.

Bus Update – Following the new revised bus service in April, the Transport and Travel Services team from Nottinghamshire County Council will be visiting villages in the area to seek resident's views on the service and public transport in general. A representative from Travel Wright will be in attendance also. This is scheduled for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June between 9.30 and 10.15.

Flag update – Clerk gave costing for the Red Ensign. It was agreed to also purchase a RAF flag to commemorate the Battle of Britain. It was also agreed to buy a new Nottinghamshire Flag and as this is in situ most of the time, it was agreed to get a better quality and, therefore, a more expensive flag.

The Chairman is to set a date to clear the garage off Gainsborough Road. It was agreed to give notice to the Council and the Clerk is to arrange this. There is a metal work bench in the garage; Mr Allen will have a look at this.

The Chairman has approached Mark Turner about replacing the dog bin post at the Burial Ground.

The minutes were proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Wright.

### **37/19: Tennis Club**

Mr Leary gave an update from the Community Centre AGM in relation to the Tennis Club. It was agreed at the meeting that the Community centre would relinquish responsibility of the Tennis Club and this will pass to the Parish Council. All trustees were in support of this although the Agreement, in 2000, between the Community Centre and the Tennis Club, states that one of the Trustees should be on the committee. As Mr Lord is on the Community Centre committee, this will cover this situation.

Mr Leary had previously sent out the Draft Constitution to all Councillors. The Chairman confirmed he had looked over it and was happy with its contents. Mr Leary and The Chairman will sign the new Constitution. Mr Leary is to send a copy of the 2000 Agreement to the Chairman. There is a new member to the Tennis Club Committee, Kirsty Woodman, who has become secretary. Mr Hickman (Treasurer of the Tennis Club) is going to set up an account and has spoken to the Clerk about the types of accounts the Parish Council currently has. It will be a separate account under the Parish Council banner. Suggested signatories are Mr Leary, Mr Hickman and the Chairman.

They had been looking at a combination lock but the locksmith had advised against them. Another option is a key safe and the possibility of a £10 deposit for keys. There has been some vandalism where children have damaged the fence to enable them to get in to retrieve a ball. It was agreed to leave it as it was as they will only do it again.

A social media/WhatsApp page will be set up for the Club and a notice board will be erected. Sunday will be the Club afternoon.

Mr Farmer suggested having a storage box at the Tennis Courts with balls and rackets. This might encourage people who do not have their own rackets to play who otherwise would not use the facility. Mr Leary said he would suggest this to the Tennis Club committee. Mr Farmer will look into suitable storage units.

### **38/19: Burial Plot**

The Chairman confirmed that he had not received a response in relation to his suggestion that the Church take over the running of the Burial Plot rather than the Parish Council. Mr Allen suggested that if they do take it over, they should not retain all the monies and there should be a management fee bearing in mind the Parish Council pay for the grass cutting. The Chairman is to pursue this with the Winthorpe Church warden.

Mr Farmer had been approached by a resident regarding the problem of wasps and bees in the church yard making it difficult to visit the graves. It was confirmed that this should be referred to the Winthorpe Church warden.

The Clerk had received an email from Mr Harold Mabbott, a resident on Branston Close. Mr Mabbott had previously requested that dead or diseased trees on the Burial Ground near his property be removed and that now that it was spring, he hoped that the Parish Council would deal with this matter. This matter had been looked at before and we were unsure which trees he was referring to. It was agreed that Mr Lord would call on Mr Mabbott and get him to show him the problem trees.

### **39/19 Allotments**

The Chairman confirmed that a letter had been received from the Information Commissioner's Office following a resident's complaint. The Commissioner confirmed that we do not hold any further information to that already disclosed. They did say that we did not issue the information in the required time. However, they do not require the Council to take any further steps and the issue is now closed.

### **40/19 Invoices for Approval and other financial matters**

The Clerk confirmed that the accounts and the year-end paperwork were with the Internal Auditor, Duncan Richardson. The year-end paperwork needs to be with the External Auditor by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and would be signed off at the June meeting.

Payments since last meeting are the Garage Rent, Clerks wages, Village Hall rent of £60 and £6.50 reimbursement to the Clerk to cover the cost of cutting a new key for the village Hall.

Invoice for payment Doug Lyne for grass cutting £676.49

Account balances:

Current Account	- £273.51
Festival Account	- £842.27
Events Account	- £943.47
Holding Account	- £14,302.49
Property Trust	- £6,886.96

## **41/19: Planning**

Confirmation that planning has been approved to Mr Seabrook of Fleet Cottage, Holme Lane to lower the height of various trees including prunus, golden cypress and leylandii.

Planning Application received by the Cricket Club for the installation of single roof over current buildings and encloses the front area. Proposal supported unanimously and the Clerk to confirm to the Planning Dept.

## **42/19 Correspondence/Any Other Business**

The Chairman confirmed that the school is closed for two weeks for October half term and this may have an impact on the date we chose to hold the Bonfire. The school is closed from 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 and ticket sales may well be affected. The nearest Saturday is 2<sup>nd</sup> November but it was felt that 9<sup>th</sup> November was too late. Mr Farmer, who is on the PTA, will put some feelers out as to the preferred date.

Mr Lord raised a question on behalf of the Community Centre in relation to the handrails from the garages to the football pitch and the play area to the Community Centre. The handrails are in need of repair and the question is who is responsible for maintenance. The Chairman felt that as the Community Centre take the rental income for the field and Community Centre itself, it should pay for any remedial work.

Mr Lord also raised the question of holes around the play area most likely caused by rabbits. Mr Allen confirmed that you are limited to what you can do to get rid of rabbits. It was suggested that clearing the vegetation at the rear of the play area might deter the rabbits.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm