

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 18th July 2019 commencing 7.30 pm

Present : Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr P Smith, Mr B Wright, Mr P Farmer, Mr B Allen and Mr M Kneen

Apologies: Mr S Lord and Mr B McClymont

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

District Councillor: Mrs L Dales

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Visitor: Mr Christopher Neal

Mr Neal attended the meeting to discuss a breach of planning which he believes is occurring in his neighbour's garden.

Mrs Dales has recently been elected as one of our District Councillors and attended the meeting to introduce herself and offer her assistance.

54/19: Declarations of Interest – Mr Kneen confirmed he would have a declaration of interest in relation to a planning application at 2 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe.

55/19: To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th June 2019

Men in Sheds – They are going to give a quote for a new notice board at the old Post Office site. Councillor Dobson is to pursue this.

Play Park – Mr Farmer has been to look at the matting, which was apparently lifting, but he could find no evidence of it. It was agreed that the ground is “lumpy” but the Council can't ask Kompan to do anything about that. It was suggested that if we could get a “wacker” and flatten the area, it might solve the problem.

Mr Lord has still to carry out strimming at the back of the play area but has not got the correct tools. Mr Farmer said that he could get an industrial strimmer if that would assist.

Bus Update – The meeting with the Bus Company and Councillors had proved a success in Winthorpe and the other villages and changes have been made.

The key issues that were found are as follows:

- The overcrowding on the early service into Newark with both Collingham and Winthorpe with passengers having to stand
- The loss of the 2.00 pm journey from Newark to the villages
- The level of Saturday services

To resolve this it is proposed to change the morning journeys from Harby to operate at 09.03 which will then compliment the current 09.28 service from Collingham. This will allow the two routes to cover Collingham and Winthorpe and reduce the overcrowding on the current service. To make this useable for concessionary pass holders, passes will be accepted on the 9.03 route. This service will operate as normal to Collingham and then serve the Hemplands before running down the High Street to Winthorpe.

The 13.03 journey from Newark, which collects in Collingham for onward journey to the villages, remains. There has been added a return journey from Newark at 14.03 which will serve the villages directly. Combined with the 09.59 earlier arrival time in Newark, this allows for a 3 or 4 hour visit.

The Saturday timetable has been changed to add in additional runs both to and from Newark.

Councillor Dobson said she was pleased that Mr Lord had attended and the villagers that attended seemed happier after the meeting.

Garage – The clearance of this is still to be undertaken

New Dog Bin for the Burial Site – The Chairman has given this to Mr Lord to put this in position.

Hand Rails at the Community Centre on to the football field – this is the responsibility of the Community Centre and the Chairman has raised this again with the Community Centre Trustees.

The Clerk is to chase Doug Lyne about trees overlooking 15 Branston Close Winthorpe

Focal Point – Mr Smith confirmed how good the village website is and asked could we use this for Focal Point. It is a concern that many of the older residents of the village are not online and if Focal Point stops, they will get no regular update on village activities. The Council have been advised that there is someone outside of the village who is interested in getting involved with Focal Point.

Bush on Hargon Lane/ Gainsborough Road – Mr McClymont was not present to give the meeting an update.

School buses – Some of the buses are going down to the Nelson to turn around but not all. Sharpes of Langer who go to Toot Hill are still turning around outside of the school.

The minutes were proposed by Mr Kneen and seconded by Mr Allen

56/19: Tennis Club

The Chairman confirmed that he had opened a new account at H.S.B.C. for the Tennis Club. Another signatory is required on the account (Bob Allen) and the Club's Treasurer Chris Hickman also needs to sign.

Membership has increased and there is over £600 in fees to put into the account. Mr Kneen asked for a distribution list. Mr Farmer suggested having a Facebook page or utilise the website.

57/19: Burial Plot, Allotments and Bonfire

Burial Plot – Nothing to report

Allotment – Nothing to report

Bonfire

Mr Farmer has spoken to the P.T.A. at the school and they are concerned that holding the event on a school night would not be well attended. They have a preference for a weekend and will help with the event. The Chairman suggested that Saturday 2nd November 2019 was the best date.

Emilie Clarke from the Lord Nelson has offered to help run the food side instead of having the burger van. The pub will also sell advance tickets. They were not aware of the event last year. The burger van is an easy option, but it was agreed to discuss with Emilie to see if it was viable. Mr Farmer suggested that The Nelson could sponsor the event. Mr Leary and The Chairman will arrange to have a discussion with Emilie and report back.

It was agreed that we need to publicise the event. Mr Farmer will use the school Twitter and Facebook.

The date of 2nd November 2019 was been agreed and Mr Farmer will inform the school and The Chairman will complete the EMP and RAMS and submit to Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Festival

The returns from the Festival were slightly down on last year due mainly to it being an exceptionally hot day. The event took £872.40. Sue Masheder wanted to keep £47.40 in the Festival Account to add a bit to the surplus we hold. She suggested the following donations and payments:

£500 to Children's Bereavement Centre

£40 to Newark Community First Aid

£25 to Newark Stroke and Aphasia Group

£60 to Winthorpe Community Centre

£200 to Merlin Inflatables

Mr Allen felt that the payment to Newark Community First Aid was not enough. He suggested the following:

£450 to the Bereavement Centre

£50 to Newark Stroke and Aphasia Group

£65 to Newark Community First Aid.

The Chairman confirmed that he would put these amendments to Sue Masheder for comments.

Mr Allen's distribution, subject to confirmation by Sue, was proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Mr Leary. **(Sue has subsequently agreed the alterations and the Clerk has made the appropriate payments).**

58/19: Invoices for approval and any other financial matters

The Clerk had prepared the accounts

Current Account - £371.83

Events Account - £943.47

Festival Account - £825.15

Holding Account - £10,807.70

Property Trust Account - £6911.96

The Clerk confirmed that the Cricket Club rent for the last two year is still outstanding but that she has sent a reminder to Craig Pickles.

The Local Authority Grass Cutting payment from VIA had been received in the sum of £440.00

The Clerk has purchased a new dog bin since the accounts had been circulated at the request of The Chairman at the cost of £103.82.

The Clerk confirmed that the next VAT application will be made in September.

59/19: Planning Applications

The Chairman suggested that a sub-committee be formed in relation to planning matters to speed decisions at the Council meetings and for the committee to give the appropriate consideration to applications that had been made.

This was agreed and is to be chaired by Mr Smith with Mr Farmer and Mr Kneen in support. The Clerk to email all applications to them for consideration.

The Academy

There have been amended plans submitted for this development. There are new gates for access. The Highways Agency has recommended that the access be recessed by 5 metres. It was agreed to support the application subject to the property being built in keeping with the village and also the recessed access being used.

21 Gainsborough Road

Dormer window infil – this was unanimously supported.

2 Gainsborough Road

Mr Kneen confirmed a declaration of interest in this application.

The application is to build 2 detached properties.

The application was discussed, and it was felt that the proposed development was outside the village boundary and building here would set a precedent. The site is opposite the village school and there are great concerns about additional traffic in a very congestive area of the village.

The Parish Council unanimously objected to this application.

Fleet Cottage, Holme Lane

Single storey garden room. The plans were considered, and full support was given to the application.

Mr Chris Neal spoke to the Council about his concerns about the large steel structure that his neighbour has erected in their garden.

The structure is steel framed and 5 metres tall. Mr Neal and his partner have complained to the Planning Department on the 1st July 2019 but have not had a response to date. There is concern that the building is to enable the resident to run a business from the property.

The Parish Council confirmed that they had not received an application for such a building from the Planning Department. It was agreed that the Council would write a letter to the Planning Department on behalf of Chris and his partner. Councillor Dobson and Councillor Dales will look into this matter as well.

Langford – It would seem that the appeal by “Oliver” has been successful as he put the shed up before 2011. There was much concern that the shed in question had only been put up in the last couple of years certainly not 2011. Mr Brian Wright is to try and get some photographic evidence of this and let the Clerk know so that she can put a letter together to the Planning Department to let them know of our concerns.

It was felt that there would be information in the minutes but this was before the current Clerk and Chairman’s time in office.

60/19: Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from Andrei Crudgington in relation to the traffic speed and flow data which was collected early in July on Gainsborough Road.

The average speed was 22 miles per hour and the 85th percentile speeds were approximately 28mph. (The 85th percentile speed reading is the speed at which 85% of vehicles are travelling at or below).

Another way of looking at this is that 15% of vehicles were exceeding that reading. If the site was to be put forward for an interactive speed sign, 85th percentile speed readings, between 7am-7pm must exceed 35 mph in one direction. The site must also exceed 250 vehicles in one direction during a peak hour on a weekday. Both the speed and the vehicle flows fall some way short of meeting criteria so it will not be considered for an interactive speed sign.

The Clerk received an email from John Callaghan requesting that the job centre link be added to our website. It was felt that this was not appropriate.

The Clerk had received a letter suggesting that the village might like to commemorate VE Day. The Chairman is to look at this and report back.

61/19: AOB

Mr Leary reported that the gate accessing the cricket field is being left open after the Caravan Club have used the facility. There is also a problem with litter and this needs to be addressed. The Clerk is to email Paul Matthews asking him to ensure that the gate is closed and the site left tidy.

Mr Smith raised the question of bins being full and wondered how often they were emptied. The bin on the basketball court also needs replacing. Mr McClymont often empties the bins and we need to get his views on this matter. Mr Lord, who is responsible for bins, will be asked to check the bins and see what needs replacing.

There has been a spate of burglaries in the village. Councillor Dobson suggested inviting PSO Gareth Nicholls to our September meeting.

Mr Farmer raised the question of the trees at the rear of his property which are near the Almshouses. There is ivy all over the trees and it is causing problems and Mr Farmer is concerned that the trees may come down. The Chairman confirmed he is not sure who owns the land. There is no documentation on file and we would need to find the deeds to confirm ownership and this would incur a cost. The ownership is not shown at the Land Registry. The Chairman will look into this.

Mr Allen raised a problem with the Car Auctions. They have put double yellow lines to stop cars being parked at the entrance to the auctions, but this has led to people parking on the road causing a problem. Councillor Dobson will speak to Highways Department about this.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

Actions

- Councillor Dobson/ Chairman to meet with Men in Sheds
- Mr Lord to trim nettles behind the playpark
- Garage to be emptied
- Dog Bin near Burial Plot to be secured by Mr Lord
- Community Centre to sort hand rails
- Doug Lyne to comment on trees near 15 Branston Close – Clerk
- Future of Focal Point – Chairman to discuss with Marcia Parkin
- Bush on Hargon Lane – Bob McClymont
- Land off Holme lane (Almshouses) – Chairman to check land ownership
- Clerk to email Chairman of Cricket Club
- Chairman and Mr Leary to meet Emilie of the Lord Nelson regarding bonfire