

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 21st November 2019 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

Apologies: None

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

District Councillor: Mrs L Dales

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Guest: Mr D Richardson

Before the main meeting got underway, the Chairman asked Mr Duncan Richardson asked to speak about the future of Focal Point.

Focal Point was originally set up in 1980/81 to provide a community magazine for the village and to inform the residents of what was happening in and around the village.

Mr Richardson has been treasurer since 2001. Focal Point has been run primarily by the editor, preparing the magazine, contacting advertisers and arranging for printing. Annie Purdy was the editor but, when she left the village, Marcia Parkin who is editor of the Collingham Fleet, took temporary charge. Marcia was prepared the run Focal Point until the end of the year until someone else took over as editor.

Mr Richardson has found a young lady, Lizzie Wakefield, who wants to take on the role. Lizzie is 14 years old and her mum is willing to assist her. Mr Richardson and the Chairman met with Lizzie and her mum and they are very happy for her to take on the role.

Given the change of Editor, Mr Richardson felt the time was right for Focal Point to come under the control of the Parish Council. He felt that Lizzie would need support with some of the jobs involved with the role and that Focal Point needs a greater substance and a new vision.

The question was raised whether we the village still needs a magazine given the social media world we now live in. Mr Allen felt that with an ageing population who prefer a paper copy, Focal Point was still necessary.

Mr Farmer felt that the paper copy was unnecessary as he always puts it in the bin and wonders if people could opt out of receiving it. Mr Richardson explained that this would make the administration very complicated.

The Chairman suggested that Focal Point could sit under Parish Council control just as the Festival and Tennis Club do. He felt that someone from the Parish Council should work with Lizzie and Mr Farmer said he was happy to do this. Mr Richardson felt that he would like someone else from the village to be involved and he suggested Mr Zylinski of Gainsborough Road who is currently involved in the distribution of Focal Point.

Mr Richardson is trying to step away from some of his roles within the village, and would like to step down as treasurer but still work with Lizzie and Phil on the subcommittee. To this end, he asked if the Parish Council would open a bank account and this was agreed. The Chairman is to organise this through his contact at HSBC.

It was unanimously agreed to bring Focal Point under the Parish Council and for Lizzie to be the new editor. A sub-committee will comprise of Mr Farmer, Mr Richardson and, hopefully, Mr Zylinski. Mr Richardson will approach Mr Zylinski accordingly.

The invoices for December have been prepared and the first issue will be February. The Parish Clerk will deal with these in future and also the payment of future bills.

Mr Farmer asked if we needed a constitution. The Chairman will prepare one similar to the one used for the Tennis Club.

We need to give Lizzie as much information as we can although she apparently has some good ideas. The sub-committee will need to keep an eye on the content and give a directional nudge when required.

The cost of advertising in Focal Point has not been increased for many years and would also need to be looked into.

Mr Leary said that the Parish Council should send their thanks to Marcia Parkin for stepping in and producing the magazine. The Chairman is to deal with this.

It was also suggested that Lizzie attend meetings once a quarter.

80/19: Declarations of Interest None

81/19: To receive and accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th October 2019

The Chairman confirmed that the two handrails at the Community Centre had now been replaced.

Dog Bin had been purchased although Mr McClymont felt that the old tennis club needed a waste bin. The Chairman has a spare one and Mr McClymont will fix this to the existing structure.

Bush on Hargon Lane – Mrs Dobson confirmed that this was still ongoing, however it would seem that someone has had a go at pruning it.

Adult Gym – Mr Farmer has videos to show together with an updated plan and invoice. Mr Farmer will bring a firm proposal to the December meeting.

Allotments – There has been a change of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer with Mr Barthorpe and Mr Smith resigning. Mr Miles Harriman is Chairman/Secretary and Sue Goodham is Treasurer. There are five unused plots at the present time. It was suggested putting this on social media to try and get people interested from outside of the village.

Woodlands Sign – Mrs Dobson has asked for a replacement although this may take some time. The Chairman also asked about the sign outside the Nelson together with the lamp post. She asked for photos to be sent to her and Mr Farmer agreed to do this.

Mr Kneen approved the minutes as a true record and Mr Wright seconded it.

82/19: District/County Councillor Updates

Mrs Dobson – no additional updates

Mrs Dales – The Parish and Town Council Initiative fund of £200k which will focus around cleaner, safer and greener. Clerk to send the details to Peter Bateson Chairman of the Community Centre.

There is also a £25m fund which will focus on transport, broadband, skills and culture.

83/19: Bonfire

The bonfire had not been a success this year. The firework display was excellent but the attendance was poor.

Income

Admission	1405.00
Lord Nelson Contribution	200 .00
Bonfire Reserve	265.15

Total £1,870.15

Expenditure

Fireworks	1,549.50 - Actual
Newark Advertiser	135.00 - Actual
Disco	150.00 - Estimated
School Hire	200.00 - Estimated

Total £2,034.50

The shortfall is £164.35. The Chairman felt that we should honour the donations that we made last year. We could not run the event without the support of the Young Farmers, Newark Community First Aid and various volunteers from the village. It was agreed to give the following donations and the Parish Council will pick up the shortfall:-

Collingham Young Farmers	£150.00
Newark First Aid	£100.00
Community Centre	<u>£200.00</u>
Total	£450.00

Clerk to send out cheques

84/19: Land opposite the Almhouses

Following Mr Allen's confirmation that the land is common land, the Chairman confirmed that Tallents were still looking into this. We still don't know who is liable to look after the land. Mrs Dobson suggested that the Clerk write to Richard Lawrence at N.S.D.C. and ask for his advice.

85/19: Invoices for approval and any other financial matters

Balances of Accounts

Holding	£9,389.26
Festival	£825.18
Events	£636.97
Current Account	£231.19

Clerk to email Holding Account out as the one sent prior to the meeting did not show a recent transfer to the current account of £1,000.00

Payments since last meeting

Clerks wages	£170.00
October Grass cutting	£818.24
New Dog Bin	£107.57
Total	£1,095.81

The balance of the notice board payment requires payment in the sum of £402.00

Allotment rent received in the sum of £307 to be paid into the Santander Property Trust Account. Down on previous years as five allotments are vacant.

Having contact PKF in relation to the audit, it would seem that the notice date was the same date as our commencement date and it should have been a day earlier. This should be remembered for next year – NOTICE DAY MUST BE A DAY PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT DATE

86/19: Planning

Mr Smith gave us an update on ongoing applications

Lumless House, 77 Gainsborough Road

The steel structure still remains. An application for a lower level structure was refused and a third application has now been submitted for a brick built double garage. Neighbours are still concerned about the height. As a Parish Council we responded with concerns about the height due to the conservation area and also that the construction would be preferred to be wooden as other properties have done in the village.

Mrs Dobson was asked by the Planning Officer Honor Whitfield what was the preference of the Parish Council in relation to a wooden or brick garage. The Clerk had responded previously and confirmed that we would favour the wooden construction to keep consistency within the village. Clerk to email Ms Whitfield on Friday morning.

In respect of the steel frame, Chris Briggs of N.S.D.C. has served a notice to remove the frame and he has been promised that it will be taken down. Mr Briggs has been monitoring the amount of construction traffic and there is some but much less so it is hoped that the business has been moved to another location.

The Rectory, The Spinney

Construction of a porch, extension to garage with a first floor extension above and convert roof space to bedroom. The Planning subcommittee had looked at this and confirmed that there were no issues. The plans were offered to the committee to look at but it was agreed to support the proposal on their recommendation. Clerk to confirm to the Planning Dept.

The Clerk confirmed that an application at The Gardens, 75 Gainsborough Road for a proposed loft conversion, removal of the lower part of the roof raised to match higher existing, replacement of existing porch to match existing house had been refused. The Planning authority felt that the extension and alterations would result in the erosion of the traditional character, proportions, scale and form of this non-designated heritage asset causing direct harm both to the local interest building and the character and appearance of the Winthorpe conservation area.

Planning has also been refused at 18 Wood Cottage, Hargon Lane. The proposal was to undertake works to a beech tree protected by a TPO. The planners felt that the tree is a mature specimen likely to have been part of the historic landscape scheme when the building was erected. There was no suggestion that the tree was structurally unsafe or dangerous or showing any decay.

The application in relation to an animal by products processing facility at Norton Disney has been resubmitted. Mrs Dales said that Robert Jenrick MP and the Lincoln MP are working on this. We are to wait to hear from Mrs Dales before responding to the Planning Dept.

Traveller's site update – the applicants have been given leave to appeal to the High Court and it could be in excess of 6 months before a decision is made.

87/19: Correspondence

Village sign – Peter Foden has renewed the village sign and would like to change its location. He wants to place it in a new location upon entering the village. Mrs Dobson will raise this with the Highways Department as there is a concern this will not be allowed. The Chairman is to send photos of the sign to Mrs Dobson.

The Chairman has purchased the new Notice Board and needs some willing volunteers to put it in place. It is aluminium and needs setting in concrete. Mr Lord offered to help to be ably assisted by Mr Leary.

VE Day – are we going to do anything to mark the day? Suggestions were a Beer Festival in conjunction with the pub and lighting the beacon. It was suggested we could work with the Community Centre.

The Clerk had received an email from Sophie Marsden asking if we would add the local Travel Lodge to our website. It was suggested that she could put an advert in Focal Point for £60 per annum. The Clerk is to respond.

The Neighbourhood Planning meeting has been fixed for 28 January 2020 at the Youth and Community Centre at Collingham. This will give us a chance to discuss, with the N.S.D.C. planners, the benefit of creating a new neighbourhood plan. Everyone is invited to attend. The start time is 7.30 pm.

88/19: AOB None

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

Actions:

- The Chairman to set up a Focal Point bank account with HSBC
- The Chairman to produce a new constitution for Focal Point
- The Chairman to thank Marcia Parkin for her efforts as editor of FP
- The Chairman to chase Tallents Solicitors over the Alms-houses land off Holme Lane and clerk to email Richard Lawrence
- Mr McClymont to fix new waste bin at the old Tennis Courts
- Mr Lord/Leary to fix the new village notice board
- Mr Farmer to present proposals for the adult exercise equipment
- Councillor Dobson to discuss with highways, the location of a new village sign
- Phil Farmer to send photos to Councillor Dobson regarding the sign and lamp post outside the Lord Nelson for her to take action.
- Clerk to pay donations following the Bonfire display
- Clerk to email NSDC Planning over 77 Gainsborough Road