

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 18th December 2019, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

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

Apologies: Mr P Farmer and Mrs L Dales

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

89/19 Declarations of Interest: None

**90/19 To receive and accept the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
21st November 2019 and matters arising :**

Tree on Hargon Lane/ Gainsborough Road Junction – Mike Keeling from N.S.D.C. Highways has confirmed that, although the tree is not a listed highway tree, the tree is located within the public highway, and therefore permission to remove this will be required. He has logged this on the Highways Asset Management System and forwarded it to his colleague Kelly Douglas. Kelly will be in touch with the Clerk in due course about the removal of the tree.

The Chairman has an appointment with HSBC to open a new bank account for Focal Point.

The Chairman circulated a draft Constitution for Focal Point and everyone confirmed that they are happy with this. Focal Point will now sit under the Parish Councils wing. The Chairman has also been in touch with Marcia Parkin (stand in editor of Focal Point) and she will organise advertising for 2020.

Waste Bin on the former Skateboard Park – The Chairman has erected this.

New Village Notice Board – Mr Leary and Mr Lord will erect this in the near future to replace the one outside the former Post Office.

Adult Gym Equipment – Mr Farmer had circulated the figures for the equipment but these need verifying. The Parish Council will need to contribute approximately £3,800.00 for three cycles and exercise frames.

The Council were happy in principle at this recommendation. The application for funding will need to go to Tarmac for formal approval for funding. Mr Farmer is to progress this.

Mr Leary raised the question of whether the screens on the bikes could be vandalised. This will be raised with the suppliers, Kompan.

Village Sign – A request has been made to relocate the “Winthorpe Village” sign from its current position next to Thoroughfare Lane to a position adjacent to the flagpole. The sign is currently being renovated.

The Parish Council have been advised that this is not acceptable to N.S.D.C. This decision has been questioned by the Council and the clerk is awaiting a written explanation from N.S.D.C. on this matter.

Common Land adjacent to the Alms-houses – This is land that the Parish Council maintain but is in fact common land. The Council are concerned that if there was an incident such as a tree falling on a person or building, who is responsible for it. The Clerk is to email N.S.D.C.’s Solicitor for an opinion on this.

Mr Leary approved the minutes as a true record and Mr Kneen seconded this.

91/19 District/County Councillor updates:

Councillor Dobson – Attended a District Planning meeting and felt that planning issues were not being properly considered. Councillor Dobson has put in a complaint to the Chief Executive of N.S.D.C. as she feels that matters should be considered by a committee rather than being “rubber stamped”.

County Council – Hargon Lane will be resurfaced within the financial year however bad weather may intervene and delay this.

92/19 Invoices for approval and any other financial matters:

No invoices for approval

Accounts:

Events account	£ 186.97
Festival account	£ 825.32
Current account	£ 503.03
Holding account	£ 8,689.26

The Clerk has to transfer £200.00 from the current account to the Events, as the Lord Nelson paid their contribution for the Bonfire into the current account.

93/19 Planning Applications/Updates:

77 Gainsborough Road – The third application in relation to the garage has been approved but with conditions attached. The applicants have to give details of the pointing and tiles to be used. The positioning of the garage is out of view and the neighbours appear to be happy. The commercial usage now appears to have stopped, however the large frame is still in place.

The Rectory at The Spinney – still ongoing.

94/19 Correspondence:

None

95/19 Any Other Business:

Mr McClymont asked whether the school's proposed transfer to academy status had been discussed with parents, governors or residents. He asked whether a Governor could explain to the Parish Council the reasoning about the planned change. The Chairman is to see if this can be arranged.

Meeting Closed

Actions:

- Mr Leary and Mr Lord to erect the new Village Notice Board
- The Chairman is to ask if any Governors will attend a meeting to discuss the village schools proposed transfer to academy status.
- The Chairman is to open a new bank account for Focal Point
- The Clerk is to email N.S.D.C. Solicitor regarding the common land off Holme Lane.
- The Clerk is to request a written statement from N.S.D.C. on the proposed relocation of the village sign.
- Mr Farmer is to progress the application with Tarmac for adult exercise equipment.