

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held remotely, due to the Covid 19 restrictions, on Thursday 18th June 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson and Mrs L Dales

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

40/20 Apologies: Mr B McClymont and Mr B Wright

41/20 Declarations of Interest: None

42/20 To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st May 2020:

Meeting with Mr Bateson, Chairman of the Community Centre is still on hold until a face to face meeting can be arranged, probably in September.

Lizzie Wakefield (Editor of Focal Point) also to attend a meeting – also deferred until the normal meeting situation resumes.

James Sumsion – daffodil planting deferred until next year

Proposed by Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Allen

43/20 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The Chairman has met with Andrew Broadberry (AEB Landscapes) in relation to obtaining a new quote for grass cutting. He has explained what is required and we now await an estimate. Any change would not happen until April next year.

Mr Leary felt that it was only fair to ask Doug Lyne to requote and explain our plans to re-tender the works. The Chairman felt we should get a third quote and asked the Council if they knew anyone who might be interested. If so please let the Chairman know.

The Chairman confirmed with the editor of Focal Point that it is available online via the Village Website.

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to N.S.D.C. to thank the Refuse Collectors for their work during the pandemic.

44/20 Neighbourhood Plan Update:

Mr Smith confirmed that we are in a position where the next step is a face-to-face meeting to discuss the Councils strategy. There is nothing else to report at this time. Collingham Parish Councils neighbourhood plan notes have gone out to everyone. Mr Leary asked for them to be resent to him.

45/20 Cricket Club Proposals:

The Chairman has received an email from Paul Matthews (Chairman) in relation to proposals to carry out work at the Cricket Club and associated land. These had been circulated prior to the meeting. The suggested works consist of hardstanding car parking, new fencing and a gate. The Cricket Club are asking for permission from the Parish Council as the landowners and are also asking for funding.

Mr Smith said he was concerned that there were plans for a combination lock on the main gate which is fine however, the side gate must be kept open at all times as this is much used by villagers. Mr Allen also confirmed that this is a permissive right of way.

It was suggested that the work on the car park might require planning permission and Mr Smith confirmed that an online assessment is required to see if planning permission is needed.

Mr Kneen reiterated concerns over the combination lock and also felt that the car park was very large and would look unsightly with a gravel or stone surface. Mr Allen suggested that it would look better if they used "grasscrete" as an alternative. This would give it a more natural look.

Another concern was whether any of the trees would be cut down to accommodate the car park.

In relation to the request for funding, Mr Lord asked whether the Cricket Club had been given funding by the District Council as part of the Covid 19 payments to local organisations. If this was the case, they should use this to

fund the project. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should not provide any funding.

The Chairman said that he would write to Mr Matthews and cover all the points raised by the Parish Council and its reservations.

46/20 Adult Equipment Application Update (Tarmac)

Mr Farmer reported that our application had been refused by Tarmac. There was no reason stated other than the fact that there was a high demand. Mr Farmer has asked for feedback. Mr Kneen expressed surprise at this decision bearing in mind the good relationship that the Parish Council has with Tarmac. It was suggested that this matter be brought up at the next liaison meeting which Mr Kneen and Mr Leary are due to attend. Councillor Dobson asked Mr Farmer to let her know who he is dealing with at Tarmac.

Mr Farmer has been in touch with WREN, and they have confirmed that he can apply to them for funding as it is over 12 months since our last application.

It was agreed to wait until we get some feedback from Tarmac before we look at alternative funding.

47/20 District/County Councillors Update

Councillor Dobson confirmed that she has made contact with Jonathan Miller in relation to his concerns about speeding in the village. She has put him in touch with Chris Allen of Collingham Parish Council in relation to using the speed gun. He needs the support of the Parish Council to come under its insurance. Mr Farmer has spoken to Mr Miller and has told him when he gets sufficient volunteers, to inform the Parish Council and we will assist accordingly.

Councillor Dobson has also arranged with NCC Highways to put “speed tubes” across Gainsborough Road to monitor speeds. This will probably take place in September.

Councillor Dobson also reported that we cannot have a “smiley face” to advise of traffic speeds as the lamp fittings are not suitable and we are not allowed a freestanding one either. The Chairman asked what the reason was behind this decision. Councillor Dobson said it was all down to the Highways Department.

The Chairman wants to write to them and find out the reasoning. Councillor Dobson will give the Clerk a name of who to contact.

Councillor Dales reported that new plans are imminent in relation to the Norton Disney Rendering Factory. She will update the Parish Council as soon as she knows anything.

The Chairman confirmed that he has written to the NCC Highways about the finger sign outside the Lord Nelson which is in a bad state of repair. He has offered that the Parish Council adopt the sign and renovate it. He has also requested that the "Winthorpe" sign is renewed as you enter the village.

48/20 Invoices for Approval and other financial matters

The Clerk confirmed that only two invoices had been paid this month. The monthly bill for the June printing of Focal Point to Willsons printers in the sum of £228.00 from the Focal Point Account.

Doug Lyne has been paid for May grass cutting in the sum of £690.07

Clerk's wages also paid as at 1st June

The Clerk has requested payment from Notts CC for the grass verge cutting of £440.00. This is in the system and payment will be forthcoming.

Balances of the Accounts

Current Account	£256.01
Events Account	£285.97
Festival Account	£826.15 – 14p monthly interest
Focal Point Account	£1,966.91
Holding Account	£10,736.30
Property Trust Account	£7,386.05 - £25 Comm Centre rent received
Tennis Club Account	£4,157.37 - £55.00 received

It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr Leary, and the Clerk to meet up to discuss the end of year financial statement paperwork and its display to the public

Mr Leary to arrange.

49/20 Planning Application/Updates

Mr Smith confirmed that 75 Gainsborough Road had resubmitted their application after the original one was turned down by N.S.D.C. Planning Application Ref 20/00870/FUL. The Parish Council supported the original application and can see no reason not to continue to support it. Clerk to respond to Planning Department.

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the Planning Department in relation to the tree work at 82 Gainsborough Road, Ref 20/00723/TWCA. The Clerk was asking if the Council would request that tree replacements would be required. The Planning Department confirmed that they don't have the authority to enforce tree replacements but that they do try to encourage replanting where possible. This application has been granted.

The Clerk confirmed that application for tree work at 80 Gainsborough Road, Ref 20/00692/TWCA has also been granted.

Mr Smith also made mention of the New Link Business Park proposal. This is a massive development and all households have received a booklet about the planned development. The A17 is a good position, although there may be an increase in traffic, conversely there will be a big increase in jobs.

Mr Allen confirmed that back in 2007, there was major flooding which affected his land. He managed to get a stop put on further development until the flooding was sorted out. He is of the opinion that N.S.D.C. ignored this in relation to the "Knowhow" development. However as far as he is aware, the stop is still in place.

Mr Allen also asked that if there was to be another roundabout on the trunk road, as proposed, that would make 5 roundabouts in a very short space and makes it difficult for Lorries having to slow down and manoeuvre round, thereby increasing the carbon footprint. He questioned why the existing access can't be used.

The developers have offered to meet with the Parish Council to discuss this and Mr Smith suggested we take them up on it. The Clerk to make contact accordingly. It was also suggested making contact with Coddington Parish Council as well as it is located in their Parish.

Mr Kneen suggested feeding back Mr Allen's concerns over the flooding. The Chairman agreed but felt it was worth waiting for the full plans to become available before making comment.

50/20 Correspondence:

The Clerk has received an email from Mr Robert Warriner of Pocklington Crescent. On the 8th of May, VE Day, Mr Warriner went around the village and made a video of villagers celebrating. He has edited this from 48 minutes to 14 and wonders if it would be of interest and worth putting it on the Village Website. The Parish Council confirmed that this would be a good idea and asked the Clerk to write back and confirm this to Mr Warriner and ask him to send it to the Chairman.

The Clerk has received an email from Delia Siddall of the Woodlands who raised concerns about the state of Jubilee Walk. She felt that there were overhanging branches, nettles and brambles encroaching on the path and where there was once a path along the Fleet with steps there is now a nettle bed.

The Councillors discussed the matter. It is not clear who is liable for the area, whether it is the Parish Council or the Community Centre. This area had previously been worked on by the Probation Service, but we have lost our contact with them. It was felt that the area Mrs Siddall was talking about was not part of the Jubilee Walk and would need professionals to work on it and could be very expensive.

The Community Centre are to discuss repairs to the post and rail fence between the Community Centre and the footbridge over the Fleet. The Parish Council will talk to the Community Centre and see what work they are looking to undertake. Clerk to respond to Mrs Siddall accordingly.

The Clerk had received another email from Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing asking if we would like to conduct a housing survey in the village. It was agreed that this was not required at this time. Clerk to respond accordingly.

The Clerk reported on the situation regarding the rabbits at the Community Centre. She and the Chairman had a meeting with Ken Jenkins of Allpest Control.

There is a great deal of damage caused to the ground by the rabbits. Mr Jenkins confirmed that now is not the right time to start work trying to eradicate the rabbits. October is the best time. Due to the proximity of houses, it is not possible to use gas or attempt to shoot the rabbits. The only method is using ferrets and at the present time the burrows will be full of

babies and the ferrets will go down the burrows and will end up having to be dug out.

Mr Jenkins advised that the best course of action would be to have an annual contract with him commencing in October and he would visit the site every month. He charges £150 per day and a contract would cost around £1,000. Other areas beside the Community Centre field will need to be dealt with such as the Allotments and the rear of the Community Centre. He stated that the nettles need to be got rid of to make it less attractive to the rabbits and he suggested using "Round Up" to remove them.

The Chairman has spoken to the Community Centre and asked if they are prepared to contribute 50% of the cost. Mr Ian Knight of Gainsborough Road whose house borders the field, has a brick wall which is being made unstable due to the rabbits burrowing. The Chairman is to ask him if he is willing to contribute to the cost also.

The Chairman will ask Doug Lyne to clear the nettles and then we will see what contributions are forthcoming towards the cost.

Mr Allen has a contact, Peter Kirk, who has visited the site previously. He will call him and ask him for a quote for a comparison.

51/20 AOB

Susie Conning had been in touch with Mr Smith about getting the Village Hall back up and running. The Chairman felt that we would not have a face to face meeting until September as we don't meet in August.

Mr Smith also raised the Next Door App. Should we be utilising this more as there is a Parish Council Group on it? Mr Leary is the only member from the Parish Council, although Mr Smith has now joined. This is another form of communicating with the village and it was suggested putting a link on it to our website. Mr Smith will monitor this.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

Actions

- The Chairman to ask Doug Lyne to work on the nettles on the Community Centre and also mention re quoting for the grass cutting
- The Chairman is to respond to Paul Matthews re: Cricket Club proposals
- Mr Farmer to confirm to Councillor Dobson who he is dealing with at Tarmac
- Messrs Kneen and Leary to bring up at the next Liaison Meeting, our surprise at being turned down for funding by Tarmac
- Councillor Dobson to give the Chairman contact details at NCC Highways for him to write re "Smiley Face"
- Clerk to write to Planning Dept re 75 Gainsborough Road
- Clerk to write to invite developer of New Link Business Park to a meeting and also contact Coddington PC
- Clerk to ask Mr Bob Warriner to forward his VE Day video to the Chairman.
- Clerk to reply to Mrs Siddall re Jubilee Walk. The Chairman will talk to Peter Bateson about planned work in this area
- Clerk to respond to Miles King re Rural Housing Survey
- The Chairman will talk to Peter Bateson and Ian Knight about contribution to the rabbit contract
- Mr Allen to contact Peter Kirk about a quote