

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Lord Nelson, on Thursday 16th July commencing 7.30

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

District/County Councillor: Mrs L Dales

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

52/20 Apologies: Councillor Mrs M Dobson

53/20 Declarations of Interest:

Mr Smith confirmed an interest in the planning application he has made on behalf of the Village Hall.

54/20 To receive and accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th June 2020

Proposed by Mr Farmer and seconded by Mr Kneen

55/20 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The Chairman confirmed that Robert Warriner had sent him his VE Day video as previously discussed. The attachment was too big to download, however, it has been put on You Tube with a link on the village website so it can still be viewed.

Jubilee Walk – The Chairman and his wife have tidied the area, cutting branches down. In relation to the pathway, The Chairman has informed the Community Centre that it is their responsibility to maintain the path and the fence from the Community Centre to the bridge over the Fleet.

The Chairman confirmed that both the Village Hall and Community Centre have benefited from grants from the local authority.

Rabbit update – Mr Allen informed the meeting that he had spoken to Peter Kirk and he confirmed that he can deal with the rabbits in a couple of visits. He will charge £20 per hour and will visit two early mornings for four hours each visit. This work would commence at the end of September. It was requested that the dates Mr Kirk intends to commence work be given well in advance.

This would enable us to let the village know what is happening so that people are kept away from the area whilst the work is underway. Mr Allen will request that Mr Kirk liaises with the Clerk.

The Community Centre and a resident, whose property backs on to the field, have offered to help with the cost.

The holes in the playing field need to be repaired. It was suggested that they be filled with topsoil and sand and grass seed set. Mr Smith has some spare grass seed which he kindly offered.

The Chairman has not talked to Doug Lyne about the nettles in the area yet but will do so.

Cricket Club update – The Chairman has written to Paul Matthews to confirm that the Parish Council is not prepared to assist in the funding of their planned refurbishments. It should be noted that the Cricket Club have also benefited from grant monies recently.

The post on the gate to the Cricket field is rotten and needs to be replaced and made safe. Doug Lyne has been asked by the Chairman to sort this out. It was pointed out that the centre post must be retained as this enables access by the emergency services. The Chairman confirmed that it was the side post that was rotten and being replaced.

Tarmac grant application – Mr Farmer told the meeting that he had written a stern email to Tarmac in relation to their refusal of our grant application. The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Dobson had reported to her that she has been in touch with Tarmac and that the matter had been escalated within tarmac. Councillor Dobson will provide an update in due course.

Smiley Faces – The ability for villages to have Smiley Face speed signs varies from locality to locality and depends on the columns that they can be mounted on. Councillor Dales will work with Mr Farmer on this matter. Caron Ballantyne, the Clerk at Collingham P.C, is very well versed on highways matters and can provide assistance.

“Newlink” Business Park proposition - There is to be a Zoom meeting on Monday 20th July with the developers and we have been invited to attend along with Coddington. The Chairman is to send the link for the call round in case anyone wants to attend. The Chairman will try and be in attendance.

In relation to the flooding in this area, which Mr Allen raised at our last meeting, Councillor Dales has asked the Planning Department about the “stop” which Mr Allen is certain is on the area to prevent further development. Councillor Dales will update.

56/20 Neighbourhood Plan Update:

With the easing of lockdown, there is no reason why a meeting with the relevant people from N.S.D.C. cannot be arranged. Mr Smith and Councillor Dales will sort this.

57/20 Grass Cutting:

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had a meeting with AEB Landscapes from Brough. Based on the cutting plan we currently have, the quote he has given for the works is considerably less than we are currently paying. AEB are also able to do additional work when required. The Chairman has written to our current contractor to ask him if he wants to provide an updated quote for the works going forward.

The Chairman is to contact other companies to get alternative quotes.

It was suggested that the next contractor should be on a two year fixed price, thereby going out to tender every two years. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the September meeting.

58/20 Bonfire 2020:

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been talking to Chris Perkins and Nick Whiles about the 2020 Bonfire.

Nick Whiles confirmed that we would have to commit to buying the fireworks quite early and we would not be able to get a refund if, due to Covid 19, the Bonfire could not take place. Chris Perkins was also concerned that a further lockdown may occur and would leave us not able to hold the Bonfire.

It was unanimously agreed to cancel the bonfire this year due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid 19. The Chairman is to put this in Focal Point. Mr Leary will inform Beaumont House who had written to the Council about being involved in the Bonfire.

59/20 Councillor Updates

Councillor Dobson was not present but had briefed the Clerk about the Tarmac grant as shown previously in the minutes.

Councillor Dales

There is no change in the situation with the Traveller Site. They are still going through the process of applying for leave to appeal. All applications for changes have been refused with the exception of one caravan being allowed to put wire fencing around it due to a safety issue with a person residing in that caravan.

The situation is being monitored closely.

Councillor Dales said that all instances of theft, hare coursing, etc, must be reported to the Police. This was in response to Messrs Wright and Allen saying that such situations were on the increase.

The pathway at the side of the Lord Nelson requires repair work. This has been sanctioned by NSDC and will be done in due course.

Councillor Dales said that members of the Planning Committee have been given training via Zoom. She said how beneficial it was and how it helped them to understand the everchanging planning rules. She said the training could also be available to Parish Councils and such topics as conservation areas would be very useful to a village like ours. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and Councillor Dales will look into this on our behalf.

The Chairman confirmed that he was not making a great deal of headway with the finger sign outside of the pub with Highways and also the Public footpath sign which needs replacing. Councillor Dales said she would look into this.

Norton Disney Processing Site – no news

The planned planting of bulbs at the entrance to the village has been put back to next year and Councillor Dales is making an application for grant funding for the bulbs.

60/20 Accounts:

Current Account £526.01

Grass Cutting payment of £440.00, from Via, received 3rd July 2020

Invoice from Doug Lyne for £595.98 due for payment for June cutting

Holding Account £10,736.30

Festival Account £826.20 -£0.05p interest for July

Tennis Club Account	£4,157.37
Focal Point Account	£1,724.91
Willsons Printers invoice paid for the July edition	£242.00
Property Trust Account	£7,386.05
Events Account	£285.97

61/20 Planning:

Mr Smith report the following applications:-

Enterprise Inns who own The Lord Nelson are looking to make improvements to the pub

20/01260/FUL and 20/01261/LBC - Structural repair and reinstatement works to external wall of host building (at high level) and outside store (gable wall) including, installation of new close vertically boarded timber fence and boundary wall repairs to rear of existing public house.

This application to be supported as the work will only improve the pub. Clerk to respond accordingly.

20/0219/FULM - John Deere have an application for a new agricultural machinery dealership next to Wirtgen on the Overfield Site between the A46 and A17. It was felt that this application was likely to go through and there were very few objections other than the potential increase in traffic. It was agreed to support the application but stress concerns about adding to an already problematic area in relation to traffic and ask whether the traffic problems at the roundabouts had been addressed.

Councillor Dales informed the meeting that the Town Fund was getting £25m for a transformative project, and the transport problem in and around Newark is being addressed.

20/01221/FUL – Following the Village Hall recently receiving a grant, plans have been put in to tarmac the front car parking area, with block paving edging. It was felt that this would be a great improvement and the application is to be supported.

There is a tree application, this is for a 1m crown reduction to a Cedar Tree at 11 The Spinney. This has already been agreed by NSDC as there is a tree preservation order on the tree.

20/00678/FUL – 2 Gainsborough Road – domestic garage and workshop – permission granted

20/00564/FUL – 46 Gainsborough Road – single storey rear extension – permission granted.

20/00616/FUL – Jet Interchange Filling Station - Extension to house new food offer with new associated trash area. Additional HGV filling positions installed with new associated floodlights. New parking spaces and various smaller works across the site – permission granted.

20/00870/FUL 75 Gainsborough Road – loft conversion application, raising a lower part of the roof to match the existing higher roof. Replacement of existing porch to match existing house (resubmission) – permission refused. The reason being that the proposed roof 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 to both the local interest building and the character and appearance of the Winthorpe Conservation Area.

Councillor Dales felt that the planning training as mentioned earlier, would be ideal for our conservation area and the 75 Gainsborough Road application would be an ideal case study.

62/20 Correspondence:

Email received from Administration Services at NSDC in relation to the Government Guidance for managing playgrounds and outdoor gyms now they are re-opening. Clerk to send this email to the Chairman.

Email from Bethany Tidswell, a Community fundraising Intern at the British Red Cross asking for a donation.

Email from Jake Cunliffe confirming that a Zoom meeting has been set up to talk about the proposed Newlink Business Park extension proposals. This will take place on the 20th July. Coddington PC are also going to attend the call. The Chairman will send details out as soon as he gets them in case anyone else would like to join the call.

Mr McClymont pointed out that a tree had fallen on the footpath at the side of the stream and over the bridge. Councillor Dales will look into this.

Mr Farmer had spoken to Mr Miller about the speed camera for Gainsborough Road. He has been in touch with Collingham PC about using the handheld monitor but needs to know if the volunteers would be covered under the

Parish Council's insurance? The Chairman will look into this and Councillor Dales will ask Caron Ballantyne, Collingham's Clerk as she is very knowledgeable highway issues.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Actions:

The Chairman to get alternative grass cutting quotes

The chairman to send zoom details for the "Newlink" meeting

The Chairman to check Parish Council insurance regarding use of a "speed gun"

The Chairman to put a comment in Focal Point regarding the 2020 Bonfire

Mr Smith and Councillor Dales to set up a meeting regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk to obtain dates for the "Rabbit" works at the Community Centre