

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held via Zoom, due to Covid 19 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 commencing 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr P Smith, Mr A Leary and Mr P Farmer and Mr S Lord

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

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**73/20 Apologies:** Mr B McClymont, Mr B Wright, Mr M Kneen and Mr R Allen

**74/20 Declarations of Interest:** None

**75/20 To receive and accept minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020:**

Rabbits – Peter Kirk has started working on the rabbit’s problem at the Community Centre. However, it has been reported that some have myxomatosis. Everything seems to be going to plan and there have been no complaints.

Mr Smith asked if anyone had checked out where we could site white gates at the entrance to the village. These would be used in an attempt to control speeding traffic entering the village. Apparently, they have them at Thorpe on the Hill but they have more space than we do. The Chairman was concerned about the layby near the school which could pose a problem. Mr Smith will have a look to see where they could possibly be placed.

Traveller Site – The High Court hearing commenced on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and continues with no update as yet.

Robert Jenrick invite – no response

Karen Green – No response to initial email regarding A46/A17 improvements. Clerk to write again.

The minutes were considered to be an accurate record of the meeting and proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by Mr Leary.

## **76/20 Winthorpe Community Centre:**

Following the last meeting, the Chairman circulated Mr Bateson's email with his proposals for the Community Centre. The Chairman asked the Council if we wanted to take responsibility of the Community Centre or increase the Parish Precept to cover the employment of a person to act as booking clerk/secretary/treasurer.

He confirmed that the Community Centre has reserves in excess of £38,000 and is looking to spend around £4,000 on improvements to the grass bank and fencing from the Community Centre to the bridge over the fleet.

Mr Smith felt that we shouldn't unless there were no alternatives and closure was likely. However, he felt that we should still work with them in our capacity as trustees and landlords.

The Chairman felt that the Community Centre has sufficient funds to allow them to employ someone and it should remain in its current set up whilst ever it was a viable concern. He was concerned that if the Parish Council got involved, it could be considered that it would be treating the Community Centre more favourably to the Village Hall and other village organisations. Mr Lord also felt that it would be to the detriment of others in the village.

Mr Farmer felt that they should be a stand-alone functioning body and that the Parish Council cannot run the whole village.

Mr Smith asked the question, does the village require both a Village Hall and a Community Centre? Could they not amalgamate and work together and use the Village Hall as an information centre for example.

Councillor Dobson suggested that Mr Bateson should speak to Mr Andy Hardy at NSDC as he has worked with other Community Centres.

The Chairman will write to Mr Bateson and confirm that the Parish Council is not willing to take over the Community Centre nor is it prepared to increase the precept to cover the employment of a person to run the Community Centre.

## **77/20 Grass Cutting 2021**

Following our last meeting, the Chairman contacted Doug Lyne to see if he was willing to maintain his costs for the next two years. He was in agreement with this and a two year contract has been agreed.

### **78/20 Neighbourhood Plan:**

Having agreed to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan, a meeting is required. Due to the new Covid 19 restrictions, a face to face meeting is not possible. However the six people in the working group have agreed to have a virtual meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Councillor Dales is happy to support the project. Collingham have started their application and Councillor Dales will forward copies of their Action Plan. She stated that the first question to consider is whether Langford is considered to be part of the proposed area. If so, things would be much more straightforward.

To proceed, the first formal steps would be that the Parish Council applies to NSDC for their "Neighbourhood Area" to be designated and Councillor Dales has a template for this. Then, NSDC appoint an Officer to work with the team and to apply for the grant and use of a consultant.

In relation to the impact of the Planning Policy on this, Councillor Dales attended a SLCC Webinar and when the recording of this is released, she will forward it to us.

### **79/20 District/County Councillor Updates:**

Councillor Dales updated on the Neighbourhood Plan, see previous note. She confirmed that the Traveller High Court hearing had started.

Councillor Dobson confirmed that Mike Keeling had emailed the Clerk in relation to the concerns we have over the poor road repairs that have been carried out in the village. The Council have to register our concerns on the Notts CC website and the Clerk is to action this.

Councillor Dobson confirmed that the resurfacing of Hargon Lane is due to commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 subject to Covid 19 restrictions.

The speed tubes are down and the data is due in the next 2/3 weeks.

### **80/20 Invoices for approval and any other financial matters:**

#### **Monthly Accounts:**

The Clerk confirmed the balances of the accounts as at 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and any payments or receipts:

**Current Account** £451.01

Annual contribution to Focal Point of £750.00 paid and insurance renewed in the sum of £225.67. The insurance has a fixed price for three years to guarantee a cheaper quote.

**Focal Point** £1,816.91

£34.00 received from Suzanne Cole for advert and Willson's paid for the October printing in the sum of £242.00

**Tennis Club** £4,307.37

No change from last meeting

**Holding Account** £10,521.06

Precept received on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 in the sum of £4,284.50

**Festival Account** £826.23

Gross interest of 0.01p received on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**Events Account** £235.97

£50.00 cheque was sent to Newark First Aid in lieu of the Bonfire not taking place this year.

**Property Trust Account** £7,386.05

Since compiling the accounts, the Cricket Club have paid their rent in the sum of £25.00

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to our insurance company BHIB and asked about a cheaper quote. They had confirmed that they only fix prices for one or three years. She referred it to the Chairman and he confirmed that she should go ahead and fix the premium amount for three years at £225.67.

The next VAT refund will be applied for when the grass cutting season has finished.

### **81/20 Cricket Club:**

Mr Paul Matthews (Chairman of the Cricket Club) has submitted plans for the cricket pitch. He feels that the Cricket Club is not respected by people allowing their dogs to foul the area. He has asked the Parish Council to give permission for the Cricket Club to plant trees around the cricket ground and place fencing to delineate the cricket club area from the rest of the field. Temporary wooden

poles and ropes will be used until trees are established to form own barrier/access prevention.

The Chairman said that he sympathised with their problem as the issue of dog fouling had been raised many times.

The Parish Council felt that whilst people shouldn't allow their dogs to foul, the area is open for people to walk on and enjoy. Fencing off the area so people can't walk on it would not be in the best interests of the village.

Mr Farmer was concerned that fencing would make the area look ugly and that CCTV might be a good idea to catch the "dog foulers". He suggested that, due to Covid, there were more people walking in the area and not necessarily people from the village.

Mr Smith said that there was a problem throughout the village in relation to dog foulers.

The Chairman suggested putting up signs as this had worked on the Community Centre land rather than fencing the area.

It was unanimously agreed that the Cricket Club proposals should be rejected. However, the Parish Council might accept a compromise of post and wire fencing around the cricket club perimeter and limited infill of trees between the cricket club and jubilee field subject to agreement with the Cricket Club. This would all need to be funded by the Cricket Club.

The Chairman is to write to Mr Matthews to confirm this decision.

### **82/20 Planning Applications/Updates:**

Mr Smith reported the following updates

20/01605/S73 - Esso Filling Station on A46 opposite the Shell Garage – slight amendment to their planning request to include for the canopy roof to be raised from the current 3.9m to 5.1m. Mr Smith could see no issues with this and the Clerk to respond accordingly.

20/01868/HOUSE - The Coach House, 46 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe – Minor amendments to the original application relating to the removal of an internal wall. No objections to the amendment. Clerk to respond accordingly.

The Clerk confirmed a Notice of Decision for 20/01441/HOUSE – 20 Pocklington Crescent – application granted

20/01686/TWCA – Tree Preservation Order application granted at The Cottage, 45 Gainsborough Road.

**83/20 Correspondence:**

The Clerk had received an email from Miss Nina Ward of Branston Close about the trees to the rear of her property. Miss Ward originally emailed in July 2020. The trees have been checked by the Parish Council and pruned in the past. However, as they are neither diseased nor dangerous, the Parish Council is not minded to remove them. The Clerk is to respond to Miss Ward.

**84/20 Any Other Business:**

Mr Smith informed the meeting that there had been some fly tipping on Jubilee Walk. The Chairman said that there was an offer from a villager to remove it. However Councillor Dales said that it was better to leave it to the Council as they like to track the areas where fly tipping is occurring. Mr Farmer said that there is a hotline on the NSDC website to report fly tipping and that it works really well.

Councillor Dales asked if the fallen tree overhanging the footpath at the side of the pub had been removed. It was confirmed that it was still in place.

Mr Smith raised the question of funding for Fast Charging. The Clerk was unaware of this and apparently this was contained in an email from Mr Peter Bateson. Clerk to find the relevant email

Mr Farmer confirmed that he is pressing on with the idea of the adult gym equipment. He intends conducting a survey of the village to see what is wanted. Wren has been replaced by FCC for funding applications and they require evidence of the needs of the village when deciding on funding applications. He will use a Survey Monkey which can go on the website and also use Focal Point.

Mr Farmer felt that the lamp post outside of the pub was looking in a poor state with peeling paint. The Finger Sign is still in need of work too and a new public footpath sign outside the pub would be a good idea. There is also the question of a new village sign. Mr Farmer is happy to take these items on and Councillor Dales will forward an email with the application details to request funds.

Meeting closed at 8.31 pm

Actions:

Clerk to re contact Highways England about the A46/A17 traffic improvements

Clerk to send in complaint over poor road repairs

Chairman to write to Cricket Club.

Mr Farmer to pursue village signs and adult equipment funding.

Clerk to respond regarding trees overhanging on Branston Close.