

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held via Zoom, due to Covid 19 on Thursday 19th November 2020 commencing 7.30 pm.

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

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

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

85/20 Apologies: Mr B McClymont and Mr B Wright

86/20 Declarations of Interest: None

87/20 To receive and accept the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th October 2020

Rabbits Update – Ferrets have been placed down all the holes and there appears to be no rabbits left on site. The Contractor, Mr Kirk, has suggested filling all the holes, levelling the area and putting chicken wire and soil over the holes.

The house owner whose property borders the field has requested permission to dig a couple of inspection holes either side of the wall to enable his Structural Engineer to look at the footings of the wall. The Chairman confirmed that he is happy for this to be done so long as the holes are fenced off

White Gates – The matter of white gates was discussed upon entering the village in an attempt to slow speeding traffic entering the village. Mr Smith confirmed that there is not enough room to place these as you enter the village.

Mr Leary confirmed that Hargon Lane had been resurfaced and a very good job had been made of it. He thanked Councillor Dobson for her efforts.

Fly Tipping – The fly tipping near the community centre bridge isn't fly tipping after all. It is builder's rubble which is to be used on the slopes to the bridge.

Overhanging Tree – The Clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with the owners on the Spinney whose tree is overhanging on the footpath alongside

the Lord Nelson. They are contacting Ben Stacey at N.S.D.C. to get the tree removed.

Fast Charging Funding – The Chairman is to talk to Mr Bateson to see if the Community Centre have applied for this.

Gym Equipment – Mr Farmer confirmed that the resident's survey had gone out. They have had 30 responses to the six question survey. He has to look through them all and will send the link to the Chairman so that he can put it in Focal Point and the website.

Lamppost/Fingerpost – these belong to Notts County Council Highways and the Parish Council are not permitted to deal with them despite the Council being prepared to do the work and cover the costs. Mr Farmer expressed his disappointment when a Parish Council only wants to improve the look of the village and save the County Council time and money but is not permitted to do so. Councillor Dobson confirmed that the renovation of both posts is on the list of work to be done, however she could not say when.

Replacement Tree – it would appear that the original tree on the village green was a lime which was felled due to it being diseased. The suggestion was to replace it with an oak tree. Apparently, you can get a sapling free of charge and Mr Farmer is happy to look into this. Councillor Dobson felt that it might be better to get something more mature as a sapling might struggle. Mr Smith also felt that we should check that the soil is still not diseased. Mr Allen said that after five years had elapsed, the soil would be fine. Mr Farmer will look into getting a more mature oak tree.

Footpaths – following the Clerk writing to complain about the workmanship of the footpath repair throughout the village, Mr Smith has also written to Via and offered to meet with a representative on site to discuss the situation. As yet, he has not received a response.

The minutes confirmed as an accurate record. These were proposed by Mr Farmer and seconded by Mr Leary

88/20 Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club

The Parish Council has been holding ongoing emails with the cricket club in relation to their desire to fence off the cricket field and prevent public access. The Chairman contacted Tallents Solicitors, who prepared the 1998 lease, and was advised that there was a more up to date lease dated 2006. This new lease has been sent to the Cricket Club. The lease confirms that the cricket field should be left open for public access with the exception of the cricket square.

Mr Kneen, having read the lease, also agreed that the wording was clear and allowed for villagers to have access to the area.

Much discussion ensued about the Cricket Club and the problem with dogs on the area. It was felt that by stopping people walking their dogs on the area, it would be penalising the vast majority of dog walkers who clear up after their animals. However, it was acknowledged that there was a problem. It was agreed that permission should be given to the Cricket Club to allow them to put up signs requesting that all dogs should be kept on a lead on the cricket field.

The Council were unanimous in their view that public access should be allowed on the cricket field and any proposed fencing would contravene the 2006 lease. The Council were happy with the remaining contents of the 2006 lease and felt that it was still fit for purpose and no changes were necessary. The Chairman is to write to the Cricket Club on this matter.

The matter of the Cricket Club rent was discussed which is due for a 10 year review on 1 April 2021. The Parish Council will request an increase as outlined in the lease. The Chairman is to write to the Cricket Club on this matter as well.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that there had been an attempted break in of the cricket pavilion on Tuesday night. It was unclear if anything had been taken but the Cricket Club felt that there was a need to alarm the building and have lighting. This matter was discussed and it was felt that it was right to protect the building and that alarm and spotlights were a good idea so long as they were not motion sensed otherwise they would be constantly going off. There also needed to be stipulated key holders within the Cricket Club for when, or if, the alarm went off.

89/20 Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Smith confirmed that a working group of six had met on the 27 October via Zoom and had a good debate. Mr Smith was finding out the process to follow to get things started and that Councillor Dales had been really helpful in this regard. The Chairman of the Parish Council had written to the Planning Department and confirmed our intention to prepare a new Neighbourhood Plan and this has been acknowledged. We have a contact point, and we are now awaiting further information. Councillor Dales confirmed that the Planning Department are waiting for a map, hence the slight delay.

It was confirmed that the new Neighbourhood Plan would cover Winthorpe with Langford so an accurate boundary map is very important. Also identifying the final version of the conservation area would be ideal too. Apparently, this was changed in 2007.

The next meeting of the working group is on the 24 November and Mr Smith will send out a discussion document which will confirm what needs to go in the Plan.

The question of how we communicate to the wider village was discussed. Do we use Notice Boards, Focal Point, Website, Next Door, Social Media, Pub Noticeboard, in the Lord Nelson shop, etc.? Mr Leary is happy to work on the history aspect of the Plan and the Chairman agreed to take the lead in communications. Other volunteers will be required and it would be good to use people's talents from within both villages.

90/20 Councillor Updates

Councillor Dobson

Councillor Dobson confirmed that she had received the data in relation to the speeding tubes that were placed near the school and it was interesting that the data was similar to the last time the tubes were used in 2014.

The Council were concerned that the average speeds were 34.1 mph inbound and 37.1 mph outbound. This is above the statutory speed limit of 30 mph and above the advisory speed limit of 20 mph outside the school.

The Clerk should get this data shortly and she will circulate it to the Parish Councillors. The Chairman asked whether the information could be published and Councillor Dobson confirmed that it could.

Following the resurfacing of Hargon Lane, the footpaths on Gainsborough Road from Hargon Lane towards the Village Hall are on the list but no date is known.

Councillor Dales

Councillor Dales gave an update on the Travellers Site. Their appeal has been upheld. The court found that the Planning Inspector failed to give enough weight to the Council not having a five year supply of Traveller sites. The Planning Inspector can appeal but as yet no decision has been made.

In relation to the hole in the pathway near to the bridge at the side of the pub, Councillors Dales will check that the County Council are looking into this.

Mr Smith confirmed that he had received a call from Susie Conning to say that the ditch was blocked and the water was backing up. The local Internal Draining Board were very efficient and cleared the ditch however, they have left all the rubbish. Councillor Dales will ask Ben Stacey to clear the rubbish and will also ask him about the ownership of the land. Mr Allen felt that it was common land.

91/20 Invoices for approval and all financial matters

The Clerk confirmed that she has had correspondence from PKF Littlejohn in relation to the submitted AGAR. They are not happy with the explanation of the large variance of the receipts and payments from 2018/19 to 2019/20. They wanted numerical figures to confirm the variance. The Clerk has gone back with explanations about reduced projects in 2019/20 and await their further response.

The Cricket Club have paid half of the £212.00 Doug Lyne invoice for the repair of the Cricket Club Gate. They paid the money into the Property Trust account and the Clerk has transferred £212.00 to the current account from where the original invoice was paid from, as it was deemed that the money should come from the Property Trust account.

Current Account - £576.63

£170 Clerk's Wages, £285.41 Doug Lyne, October grass cutting

Tennis Club - £4307.37

Property Trust - £7305.05

£106.00 credit from Cricket Club and £212.00 transferred to Current Account to cover cost of gate repair

Events - £235.97

Festival - £826.24

£0.01p interest paid on 19.11.20

Focal Point - £1574.91

£242.00 paid to Willsons Printers on 1.11.20 for November printing

Holding - £10021.06

£500 transferred to the Current Account during November.

92/20 Planning

17 Pocklington Crescent – garden room within permitted development rights

The Community Centre want to do some tree work, trim two oak trees near the bridge

Low Wood Lodge - tree work, remove a Norway spruce and a crown reduction of a holly and cherry tree

93/20 Correspondence and AOB

Mr Lord mentioned the overhanging trees from 47 Gainsborough Road which could cause problems with the school buses refusing to come into the village. Clerk to write to the owner of number 47 to ask him to trim the trees back.

The Chairman confirmed that Mr Pat Finn has been looking after the village scrapbook since 1992 and now wants to step down from the role. The Chairman thanks MR Finn for his efforts over many years. The Chairman suggested storing them in the Community Centre and Mr Leary suggested that they should be kept in a rodent and fireproof cabinet. The Chairman will look into the cost of such a cabinet.

Daffodills – It would seem that the cost of the daffodils at the entrance to the village has risen to £1,200.00 and James Sumison, who is dealing with this, has a shortfall of £400.00. The Charity for Thomas Brewer has agreed to fund £400.00 and the Parish Council will also fund £400.00. Councillor Dales will find the rest of the funding. Action Councillor Dales

The Clerk confirmed that she had paid the bill for the 2019 election that was received from Newark and Sherwood District Council almost a year later. She had double checked that the amount was still due given the late delivery of the invoice. Councillor Dales to check why the invoice was sent out with such a delay.

Mr Leary confirmed that he had attended the Quarry Liaison meeting on the 21 October 2020 and the Clerk had circulated his notes to the Councillors.

Mr Farmer confirmed that our request for funding from Tarmac which was denied earlier in the year is being relooked at. Councillor Dobson told Tarmac that the Parish Council was very disappointed at having their request turned down and they have said that they will look at alternatives. Councillor Dobson to chase this.

The Chairman raised the question of the December meeting. Normally, we would have a short meeting followed by a meal at The Lord Nelson. Due to current restrictions, a final decision on this has yet to be made. Mr Allen proposed meeting in January if the lockdown restrictions prevented the meal in December.

Meeting closed 8.52 pm

Actions:

Chairman to write to Cricket Club regarding then 2006 lease.

Mr Farmer to pursue village signs and adult equipment funding.

Clerk to write to resident at 47 Gainsborough Road regarding overhanging trees.

Chairman to look into a secure box for the village scrapbooks.

Councillor Dales to look into daffodil funding

Councillor Dobson to chase "speed tube" results