

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely, due to the Covid 19 restrictions, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 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, Mr A Leary

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

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**01/21: Apologies:** Mr R McClymont, Mr B Wright

**02/21: Declarations of Interest:** None

**03/21: To receive and accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Mr Kneen asked Mr Farmer if in his comments in relation to the A46, the minutes show that he said that *"we needed to be subjective and not emotive"* but should that have read objective? Mr Farmer confirmed that yes it should have been objective. Clerk to amend the minutes.

Replacement Tree – Mr Farmer confirmed that he had not organised the tree as he felt that it was not ideal to do this in a national lockdown. Mr Allen suggested that the tree should really be planted before the end of February. The Chairman felt that, as long as Mr Farmer was planting the tree by himself, there would be no issue in doing so during the lockdown. Mr Farmer to source tree and plant accordingly.

Village Scrap Book - The Chairman is to put an advert in Focal Point for someone to take on the Village Scrap Book following Mr Pat Finn stepping down from the role.

Rabbits – The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to the Chair of the Community Centre about the filling in of the holes and the general tidying of the area to prevent the return of the rabbits. He has agreed to carry out the work.

Mr Smith raised the question that the field on Holme Lane, next to the allotment field, has horses in it. We are told that this is due to the fact that their field is flooded, and they have had to be moved.

A new dog bin has been fitted adjacent to the pub. The Chairman thanked Mr Lord for doing this.

The Clerk had written again to Mr Wes Smith in relation to the tree that has fallen on to his land that needs to be removed. No response has been received and it was decided to proceed with the work. Councillor Dales will talk to N.S.D.C to organise the work.

The minutes confirmed as a true record, proposed by Mr Kneen and seconded by Mr Smith.

### **04/21 A46 Bypass**

The Chairman confirmed that there is a virtual meeting scheduled with Highways England on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021. The clerk had received a request from Highways England that Tim Dawson, Matt Lamb and Matthew Norton of N.S.D.C. attend the meeting. It was felt that it would be a good idea for them to hear what the Parish Council. The Clerk is to confirm this to Highways England and also send some draft questions that the Chairman had composed. This will ensure that Highways England have an idea of what is to be discussed and be prepared with answers. It would appear that, in previous meetings, they have been poorly prepared.

Mr Smith thanked Councillor Dobson for the material she has sent him about the Southern Relief Road.

### **05/21 Cricket Club**

The Chairman confirmed that he had received an email from the Chair of the Cricket Club accepting the contents of the 2006 lease going forward. Therefore, there will be no fencing around the pitch and people will be able to walk over the area, however dog owners are requested to keep their dogs on leads.

The Cricket Club gate was repaired last year by the Parish Council as a matter of urgency to prevent unauthorised access to the field. The Cricket Club agreed to pay half of the £212.00 cost incurred by the Parish Council. The Cricket Club have now asked for the £106.00 they paid to be refunded as, according to their interpretation of the lease, the gate is not actually on the "demised premises" of the Cricket Club.

This matter was discussed and it was felt that as the gate was part of the entrance to the Cricket Club land and the Cricket Club are given free uninterrupted access to the land, the Cricket Club were fortunate that the Parish Council had quickly carried out the repair and had avoided any unwanted

entrance on to the cricket field. It was unanimously agreed not to refund the money. The Chairman is to inform the Cricket Club.

The Parish Council will enact the clause in the lease and increase the annual ground rent to the Cricket Club from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

## **6/21 Neighbourhood Plan**

There was no meeting in December, however, a meeting is planned for 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Mr Smith proposed that the meeting would be used to focus on two areas, the Conservation area and the Parish Boundary. This will enable us to see what might need modifying or changing. The Chairman is to set up the virtual meeting and send details out.

## **7/21 District/County Councillors**

Councillor Dobson

Councillor Dobson has spoken to John Bradshaw who has been in touch with Tarmac and asked that when things return to normal, that funding is made available to Winthorpe.

She also suggested to Via that they don't fill potholes whilst it is frosty.

Councillor Dales

Councillor Dales to ask N.S.D.C. to remove the tree that has fallen adjacent to the River Fleet

## **8/21 Accounts and Invoices**

### **Accounts**

Holding Account	£9,221.31
Focal Point Account	£2,897.91
Willsons Printers for January edition £228.00 and £55.00 credit M Musgrave and £84.00 C Smith	
Current Account	£146.67
Uxello £150 and Clerk's Wages £170	
Events Account	£235.97

Festival Account	£826.27 Interest 0.01p
Tennis Club Account	£4,307.37
Property Trust Account	£7,670.06
£307.00 Allotment Rent and £58.01 Western Power	

## **VAT**

The Clerk confirmed that the VAT refund requested in December has not as yet been paid by the HMRC.

## **9/21 Planning**

No planning applications to report.

2 Gainsborough Road, decision expected on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021. Traffic speed is apparently being looked at. Mr Kneen asked about what was happening about the gate which was put in without planning permission. Councillor Dales felt that NSDC were looking at the gate and the holiday homes application as a whole. However, having the gate, albeit without planning, is aiding the holiday homes application.

## **10/21 Correspondence**

The Clerk had received an email from Richard Whitehead confirming that the information relating to the pub on the website is out of date and asking for it to be updated. The Chairman is to contact the new landlords and amend the website.

Report received from Duncan Richardson in relation to Focal Point.

*It is important, before I start my report, to recognise the hard work put in by our new Editor, Lizzie Wakefield, during the last year. Lizzie edited her first magazine in February 2020 and then the country went into lockdown and all the village organisation went into hibernation. It has been necessary, therefore, for her to generate a lot of the magazine's content for the last 12 months herself, no mean feat for someone so young embarking, on her editing journey.*

*At the beginning of 2020, thanks to Marcia's efforts, we started with an opening balance of £1,203 and advertiser income of £1,869. Further income was forthcoming from the Parish Council, Holme Council and our Parochial Church Council. No magazine was issued in January 2020 so we had printing costs for 11 months of £2,620 and expense paid to Marcia Parkin to cover her costs on keeping us going in 2019. We finished with a closing balance £1,332.*

*The last 12 months has had an impact on our income for 2021 with 4 of our small business falling victim of the pandemic. However we are still in a solvent position with an opening balance of £1,332, advert income £1,613, Parochial Church Council £120, Holme Council £60 and presumably a grant from the Parish Council. It is also expected that the magazine will be thinned down for the next few months, until things get back to some normality, and the printing costs will therefore be reduced.*

*It is my intention to look to attract someone from the village to generate some more advertising revenue, if I can, and thus strengthen our financial situation for the years ahead. I would also like to see somebody else take over the administration and support role for which I am currently responsible (here's hoping).*

*I have attached a copy of the Year End Summary, together with details of our income for 2020 and 2021.*

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

*Duncan Richardson*

The Chairman requested agreement to purchase a gift for Mr Richardson in thanks for his continued efforts. Unanimously agreed.

The Clerk is to send out a year-end summary of income details to everyone.

The Clerk was copied in on an email sent to Councillor Dobson from Mike Keeling in relation to the Finger Post and Light. Mr Keeling confirmed that the new lettering for the replacement finger sign had been ordered and this, along with the new concrete post, will be fitted as soon as it is practically possible.

He also confirmed that we, as a Parish Council, are not allowed to undertake any restoration work within the public highway or to any publicly maintained highway assets, as work undertaken within the extent of publicly maintained highway can only be undertaken by those qualified to appropriate New Roads and Street-works Act qualifications and with £5m of public liability insurance and with permission to work in the highway granted by the Licensing team.

Mr Keeling also mentions the removal of the waste bin currently attached to the concrete post. His colleagues in street lighting have requested that this be removed and if still required attached to its own post. This work again being carried out by qualified and insured people.

Email from Highways England to allow NSDC personnel to join the A46 meeting on 22.1.21. Please see earlier minutes

Email from Andy Hardy at NSDC in relation to Covid Winter Grant Scheme. Councillor Dobson confirmed that Tish Applewhite was co-ordinating this within the village.

An email was received from Sue Goodman asking for permission to use a metal detector on her allotment. This was discussed and it was agreed that all allotment holders could use metal detectors if they so wished. The Clerk to email Sue and ask her that if any items of historical interest were found, the Parish Council should be informed.

Mr Peter Foden may know of other people in the village using metal detectors and it may be worth checking if anyone has found such items in the past. The Clerk is to email Mr Foden and also confirm to Sue Goodman that permission is granted.

The Clerk received an email from Simon Howes asking when the next elections would be held for the Parish Council and if there were any vacancies. Councillor Dobson confirmed that the next election would be May 2023. The Clerk is to reply to Mr Howes.

### **11/21 Any Other Business**

Mr Smith pointed out that the streetlight opposite his house had had a new LED light fitted and how brilliant it was. Mrs Dobson said that LED lights would only be fitted if the lamp was defective in some way and not just if the bulb needed changing. She encouraged anyone to report streetlights that were out to the NSDC via the website.

Mr Leary asked if the safety audits were to be undertaken. The Chairman is to send out the necessary paperwork.

The Chairman confirmed that the Union flag, currently flying in the village, is looking very worn and asked permission to replace it with a new one. Permission granted.

Meeting closed 8.20 pm

Actions:

- The Chairman to purchase a new flag.
- Clerk to contact Peter Foden and Sue Goodman regarding metal detecting.
- The Chairman to send out safety audit information.

- Mr Smith to write to NSDC regarding the proposed development at 2 Gainsborough Road.
- Clerk to write to Simon Howes
- The Chairman is to amend the Lord Nelson information on the website.
- The Chairman is to purchase a gift for Mr Richardson in thanks for his continued support of the Parish Council.
- Mr Farmer to purchasing and plant a tree for the village green.
- The Chairman is to put an article in Focal Point asking for someone to take over the running of the village scrap book
- The Chairman is to write to the Cricket Club over the gate payments.