

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely, due to the Covid 19 restrictions, on Thursday 18th March 2021 commencing at 7.30 pm**

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

**District/County Councillor:** Mrs M Dobson

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**21/21: Apologies:** Mr R McClymont, Mr B Wright and Mrs L Dales

**22/21: Declarations of Interest:** None

**23/21: To receive and accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2021**

The Chairman confirmed that the Cricket Club rent was due from 1<sup>st</sup> April. The rent with the increase will be £35.00. Clerk to send invoice.

The Chairman confirmed he had still not received updated information from Susie Conning for the website.

Mr Farmer has planted the new tree. The Clerk is to sort payment.

The Chairman still has the trees we were given by NSDC. If anyone has any ideas of the best place to plant them it would be appreciated.

The new "No Horse riding" signs are now in place on the entrance to the Cricket field and Burial site. Many thanks to Mr Lord for doing this

The Chairman has spoken to Sue Masheder about the using Festival funds to purchase a defibrillator for Hargon Lane and she is happy with this idea.

The Chairman has received an estimate for the work on the Jubilee Footpath. The Contractor is AB Landscapes and their quote is £1761.00. They are not VAT registered. He will ask Doug Lyne for a comparison quote.

It was pointed out that the Clerk had misspelt Councillor Roger Blaney in the February minutes and this will be amended.

Minutes confirmed as a true record subject to the alteration, proposed by Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Allen.

## **24/21 A46 BY Pass Update**

Mr Leary confirmed that he and the Chairman had held a meeting with the Show Ground CEO, Simon Eccleston to talk about the proposals for the A46 and alternative options. The meeting was very productive.

### Think Again Campaign

Mr Smith confirmed that a lot of work had been done for a third option which could possibly work for the village. Martin Shapley had done a lot of work and come up with a proposal which has been discussed with Councillor Roger Blaney and Robert Jenrick MP. The proposal had received positive vibes and good feedback. The next step is to share this option with the village to get more feedback and then to take it to Highways England (HE). The Chairman asked if the Parish Council could see the third option and will it be put to the village as a whole. Mr Smith saw no reason why not but will check with the Think Again Committee.

Mr Kneen had chaired a meeting with Highways England whereby the Parish Council had suggested the option of a flyover at the A46/A1133 roundabout and asked them to consider it. Highways England emailed on the 12 March with a sketch based on the Parish Council's suggestion. The Chairman responded back to say that HE had got the proposals correct.

Councillor Dobson asked that the Parish Council keep Kevin Sharman of Notts County Council involved as he is sitting on a working group with Highways England.

## **25/21 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Mr Smith confirmed that he had met with Adrian Allenby from NSDC which had been really helpful. The Parish Council needed to confirm the Parish Boundary and this has been approved. The next step is to talk to "Locality" who oversee the giving of funds. Mr Smith said that we need to wait for the new financial year, as you have to spend the allocated funds within the financial year. The maximum amount allowable is £10,000. Mr Smith suggested £5,000 in both the first and second year. This was agreed unanimously. Mr Smith is to make the necessary application.

The anomaly about the Cricket Ground being in the Holme Parish was discussed and Mr Allenby has gone away to consider this. The Chairman had spoken to the Chairman of Holme Parish Meeting who will discuss it with his committee and contact Mr Allenby. Councillor Dobson felt that there was unlikely to be any objections from Holme to the Cricket Ground coming under Winthorpe's parish Boundary.

The Conservation Area is still in draft form which, although strange, is apparently not unusual. Mr Smith is to have a discussion with Oliver Scott (NSDC Conservation Officer) about making minor changes.

Mr Smith showed the meeting a plan of the trees in the village which are covered by TPO's. Mr Allen said there were some big trees missing off the plan such as the one behind the Mint Leaf which is probably 500 - 600 years old. If anyone knows of any other trees not shown on the plan, it would be helpful to identify them. Oliver Scott is visiting the village March/April time to discuss both the Conservation Area and the new Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council also needs to identify a list of assets of community value such as The Lord Nelson and the Village Hall.

## **26/21 District/County Councillor Updates**

Councillor Dobson raised the issue of the Tarmac application.

She had spoken with Mr Bradshaw and he had confirmed that another application form would need to be completed and submitted. Mr Leary said that he would liaise with Mr Farmer about submitting another application and if Mr Farmer was unable to do it, he would take the task on. Originally, the Parish Council had agreed to fund the project with £4,000. Mr Leary now proposed that we use £1,000 from the Youth Club Funds and apply to the Thomas Brewer Trust for £2,500 giving us a total of £7,500 which we could then apply to Tarmac for match funding, thereby giving us £15,000 for the project. This would look good as the funding has been a collaborated from various sources. This proposal was agreed.

Councillor Dales sent the following report in her absence.

### **District Councillor Updates for Winthorpe Parish Council 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

#### **Daffodils**

Funding application is successful, and the money will be paid directly to the parish council. James is organising the planting weekend in September and either James or I will keep you updated.

#### **PLANNING**

##### **No 2, Gainsborough Road**

An Appeal has been lodged ref 20/02279/FULM Holiday Cottages

Enforcement were notified after the last meeting about the construction of the small outbuilding not on original plans. The owner's agent confirmed that it was a pre-emptive construction of a domestic outbuilding that they believe will meet Permitted Development allowances, ie wouldn't need planning permission. Technically, the building work is currently unauthorised since the Permitted Development rights aren't triggered until the host dwelling exists.

Enforcement recommended that work on it cease and we understand that a retrospective application for the outbuilding is being prepared. It may be that it will meet Permitted Development rights ie if it were constructed after the host dwelling is completed. So we await the plans.

**PL/0012/20 Lincoln Proteins** application for animal by-products processing facility: Consultation has now started and your support for objection to this a second time is welcomed. I am happy to share information on this now, as I receive it.

#### **Little Farm Cottage, Langford**

An enforcement notice is to be issued re unauthorised fencing. This wasn't on my radar at all so you may know more about that than me!

#### **Other matters:**

**The crumbling footpath alongside the pub:** I haven't been over to see if work has started on this so I would be grateful if you would let me know if not so that I can chase. The work has been completed and looks very good.

#### **Travellers Sites:**

Enforcement Officer visited the 'underpass' site yesterday and is awaiting to speak to Mr Calladine about a potential breach in the form of a large chalet/mobile home that has appeared. It may yet comply with the conditions in place (ie whether or not it complies with the definition of a caravan) but detail is required in order to determine if there has been a breach or not – I will keep you posted.

No update on the Friendly Farmer at the moment.

**A46 By-Pass :** My updates including meetings with Highways England and Robert Jenrick have all been forwarded to parish council as we have gone through the month so I won't add anything here. I will continue to provide news as I receive it

An email from Mrs Dales was received just prior to the meeting with an update on the Friendly Farmer situation which stated that the District Council's solicitor wrote to the land owner in January informing them that the travellers had occupied the land and seeking information on what actions they would be taking to obtain possession of the land. We have had a response from him that states 'they have been asked to tidy up and leave, and I will persist in seeing that they do so.'

Staff from the Public Protection team are monitoring the activity on the site and regular reviews are taking place as to whether action is necessary.

## **27/21 Invoices for Approval and other Financial Matters**

### **Accounts**

<b>Tennis Club</b>	£4,307.37	No Change
<b>Holding Account</b>	£7,721.54	No Change
<b>Focal Point</b>	£2,513.91	February and March printing bills paid £228.00 each

<b>Festival Account</b>	£826.28	0.01p interest
<b>Events Account</b>	£235.97	No Change
<b>Property Trust</b>	£7,394.24	

New Flag and 1<sup>st</sup> Horse signs £172.22 and defib Pads  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Horse signs and defib pads. The Chairman ordered the pads as the others were over 2 years old and needed to be replaced immediately.

**Current Account** £339.87

Clerk's Wages paid. £76.80 paid by Mr and Mrs Hasman for the tree removal which the PC had paid NSDC on their behalf.

Mr Leary asked what was happening with the VAT. The Clerk confirmed that she had finally spoken to someone at HMRC and they confirmed that they had not received the documents through the post. The Clerk has resubmitted the claim through the Government Gateway website and has had a confirmation email. The funds should be paid shortly.

Councillor Dobson asked whether the Clerk had requested the grass cutting monies from Via. The Clerk confirmed that she would be doing this shortly.

## **28/21 Planning**

2 Gainsborough Road - Mr Smith confirmed that there would be no CIL payable as the properties are classed as self builds. The properties will need to be lived in for three years. If they are sold, then the CIL will have to be paid.

The planning application at 2 Gainsborough Road has been rejected. An appeal has been submitted by the owner.

Mr Kneen wanted to acknowledge the support of both Councillors Dobson and Dales. The Chairman thanked Mr Smith's for his efforts during the planning application and speaking on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mill Lodge, 23 Gainsborough Road 21/00551/HOUSE – proposed two storey side extension, single and two storey rear extension and alterations to the front dormer. This application basically doubles the size of what is basically an old estate cottage. It was felt that the size of the proposed application is out of proportion and butts up to the next-door property. The ground floor space has no windows. The front changes would definitely spoil the look of the property. Essentially the rear extension is okay but the side is a concern.

77 Gainsborough Road – the application for a small double garage has been approved. The Planning Department at NSDC will monitor the build to ensure it is in keeping.

29 Gainsborough Road – application for tree work to lift the crown by four metres on a beech tree and oak tree and thin overall by 20%.

46 Gainsborough Road 21/00397/TWCA removal of pear tree approved.

71 Gainsborough Road 21/00226/TWCA fell 4 trees and tidy overhanging branches to 8 trees approved

### **29/21 Correspondence and AOB**

Sue Masheder had asked the Chairman if the Parish Council would support the use of a bouncy castle at the village festival. The Parish Council asked if it was appropriate during the current pandemic. The Chairman is to discuss with Sue and see if there is an alternative to a bouncy castle for the children.

Mr Smith raised the question of getting access to ordnance survey maps as this would be very useful for the Neighbourhood Plan and may also benefit the Think Again Campaign. The Chairman has no objections to this. Clerk to make the necessary application.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the meeting an email from Sarah Page about the deterioration at the A1 end of Gainsborough Road. Western Power have thinned the trees behind their transformer between Gainsborough Road and the A1 thereby minimising the buffer for noise purposes and given greater visibility to the A1. The residents were not informed of the work and the damage was done before the residents could do anything about it. Highways England have also removed other trees in the area. Councillor Dobson is looking into the Western Power situation and Councillor Dales is discussing this with Highways England and NSDC.

Speeding – there have been two situations whereby parcel drivers have overtaken slower vehicles on Gainsborough Road. Councillor Dobson said that the Parish Council should borrow the radar gun from Collingham. The Chairman explained that we had tried that before but couldn't get the volunteers to run it as at least 6 people were needed. The Chairman will put another article in Focal Point and see what response we get.

Mr Kneen said he would support a speed limit of 20 mph in the village, however Councillor Dobson said that this cannot happen unless government legislation is changed.

Mr Kneen also raised the point that a lot of traffic come into the village not realising that it is a dead end. Better signage is required so that drivers realise that it is not a through road.

Meeting closed 9.05 pm

Actions:

- The Chairman is to put an article in Focal Point looking for volunteers to manage a speed gun.
- Clerk to make application or Ordnance Survey maps
- The Chairman is to discuss the village festival with Sue Masheder
- Mr Smith to apply for funding for the neighbourhood plan
- Clerk to apply for grass cutting funds