

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at The Lord Nelson on Thursday 20th^t May 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr S Lord, Mr B McClymont, Mr P Smith, Mr A Leary, Mr B Wright.

Internal Auditor: Mr D Richardson

District/County Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

1/21 Apologies: Mr Farmer and Councillor Dales

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Council Meeting and informed the meeting that we would elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

She confirmed that both Mr Cammack and Mr Allen were prepared to stand as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for a further year. This was voted unanimously.

2/21 Declarations of Interest: None

3/21 To receive and accept the Minutes of the last Parish Council AGM held on the 21st May 2020

The minutes were confirmed as a true record. This was proposed by Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Smith.

4/21 Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

5/21 Chairman's Report:

This has been a year that most of us will wish to forget.

The Coronavirus has impacted on us all in many ways including the Parish Council.

I would not have expected the whole year to be held using the powers of "Zoom" but for the most part, the meetings have continued to be orderly and constructive and the necessary tasks that we have to perform have all been carried out.

Looking at the positives from the year, we have started making progress towards a Neighbourhood Plan and I would like to thank Paul for his efforts here. Going forward, he will need a lot of support that I am sure the Parish Council will give him.

We have recently resurfaced the jubilee walk, planted a new oak tree on the green and had the finger post sign renewed. We have also made much needed progress towards reducing speeding through the village. We have contributed to the purchasing of daffodils at the end of the village and thanks to Linda for securing funds from NSDC for this project.

On a less positive front were the annual bonfire and village festival that had to be cancelled. The good relationship with them. However, I am sure that we can resolve this even if it means agreeing to a new lease.

On a brighter note, I would now like to thank the following for without their support the task of Chairman would be much harder:

- *Sally, for continuing to carry out a superb role as our Parish Clerk and giving me comfort that all our finances are in order.*
- *Maureen and Linda, our Councillors, who give the Parish Council valuable support, advice and assistance.*
- *Duncan Richardson, for his continued work in auditing the accounts.*
- *Those members of the Parish Council who have supported the A46 Think Again Campaign.*
- *And all you Parish Councillors who have given me excellent support throughout this difficult year.*

Let's look forward to a great 2021

6/21 Langford Report:

Mr Wright told the meeting that he felt that the handling of the Travellers site in Winthorpe by Newark and Sherwood District Council had been poor and ineffectual.

There had been an increase in fly tipping in Langford. Mr Wright has had asbestos tipped on his land. He also had a problem with when an aerosol from some fly tipping blew up in his son's face.

7/21 Presentation of the Winthorpe Parish Property Trust Accounts and the Parish Council Accounts for 2020/21

Balances as at 31st March 2021

Property Trust	£7,394.24
Tennis Club	£4,307.37
Holding Account	£7,721.54
Focal Point	£2,513.91
Festival	£826.29 - 0.01p interest for March
Events	£235.97
Current Account	£339.87

Mr Leary confirmed that the VAT refund fell in the wrong financial year due to a delay in the refund from HMRC.

Mr Richardson queried the claiming of VAT from purchases made from the Property Trust account which is separate to the Parish Council. Mr Leary said that as a Parish Council we are able to claim back VAT and as the Property Trust is a charity, VAT can also be claimed. It was agreed to proceed with claiming VAT from both the Parish Council accounts and the Property Trust account where applicable.

The Chairman confirmed that the new footpath of Jubilee Walk had been completed. Three quotes were sought and the cheapest quote from Smith Construction had been chosen at a cost of £2,028 including VAT. He reported that they had done a very good job. The Chairman asked the meeting for their views on whether payment for the footpath should come from the Property Trust funds or Parish Council funds? This was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to pay from Parish Council funds. The Clerk is to arrange this.

The Chairman thanked Mr Richardson for all his work in relation to auditing the accounts. Mr Richardson informed the meeting that 2021/22 would be his last year in the role and that he was giving his notice now to enable a replacement to be found.

Meeting closed 7.25pm