

## WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at The Lord Nelson 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, Mr B Wright, Mr B Allen and Mr B McClymont

**Internal Auditor:** Mr D Richardson

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

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**40/21 Apologies:** Mr P Farmer and Mrs L Dales

**41/21 Declarations of Interest:** None

### **42/21 To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2021**

Mr Smith confirmed that 10 volunteers came forward for the speeding training on Saturday 15 May 2021. The training was carried out representatives from NSDC. The Parish Council are able to borrow a speed gun from NSDC and are waiting for some kit (Hi-Viz and signs) to be delivered and then a schedule of people, dates and location need to be determined. During the training, someone was actually caught speeding and whilst the Parish Council have no powers to fine anyone, it is hoped that people in the village will realise the need to watch their speed. If anyone is caught speeding, we are able to give their details to the PSO's and they will write to them.

Mrs Dales has said that she is going to look into obtaining a grant so that we can purchase our own speed gun.

Mr Lord confirmed that the swinging gate for Holme Lane up to the flood bank on the River Trent, has been delivered and is awaiting fitting.

Mr Lord has looked at the cost of white gates and found them to be very expensive. Mr Lord is prepared to make bespoke gates, but we need to get approval from the County Council to locate them as the land where they are proposed to be sited is not owned by the Parish Council. This matter is to be raised at the next meeting and ask Mrs Dobson for assistance.

The British Legion Tommy figures were discussed, and it was agreed that there would be better ways to remember the World Wars.

The Chairman raised the Green Champions Litter Picking. We can apply for green bins to put the litter that is picked in. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the Chairman will make the necessary application.

Mr Leary confirmed that he had attended the Quarry Liaison Meeting. Work will recommence shortly at the quarry. There are plans to replace the sand tower and the replacement will be more aesthetically pleasing. There are also plans to extend the quarry in the future, 2025, towards Holme.

In relation to the Tarmac grant application, the deadline is 25 June 2021. Mr Leary is meeting with Mr Farmer on Tuesday 25 May to discuss the application and get the application processed. Anyone is welcome to join the discussion. The suggestion is for Nordic walking machines and bikes.

Mr Kneen has been looking at Parish Online using the Ordnance Survey which we already have, using a 30 day free trial period. The cost is £72.00 per year, however if you apply within the 30 day period, you get a reduction of 10%. Mr Kneen felt that this would be really good for the Neighbourhood Plan. It would enable us to keep an eye on dog bins, grit bins, footpaths etc. It will make recording of safety checks and community assets easier. It was agreed to proceed, and Mr Kneen will organise this. Mr Kneen will be the administrator and then you have can have as many other people on as you like.

Minutes confirmed as a true record by Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Kneen.

### **43/21 Cricket Club Update**

The Chairman confirmed that the meeting with the Cricket Club held on 29 April was really useful. The meeting cleared the air and the argument in relation to the ownership of the land etc has been sorted and it was felt that things were on a better footing.

There had been another altercation where a dog that ran on the cricket field and the owner of the dog was subject to abuse from a Cricket Club member. The man contacted the Chairman and was upset as his children were present at the time. The Chairman advised him that such incidents should be reported to the Police.

It is clear that it is not possible to stop dog walkers. Dogs can be off the lead on the Jubilee field but should be on the lead on the cricket pitch. Mr Richardson told the meeting that he saw three dogs off the lead on the Community Centre

field where there is a total ban on dogs, so there is a problem with people ignoring signs.

Mr Lord, as a dog walker, felt that things had calmed down over the last month. The attitude of people involved are the key and things can be inflamed by the wrong attitude.

Mr Leary asked if we were planning to have another meeting with the Cricket Club and indeed regular contact with them to try and continue improving relations. It was agreed that the Cricket Club is a great facility and is looking the best it has for many years. Everything should be done to ensure that the facility continues to flourish. It was felt that the Cricket Club should reach out to the village, letting people know when the games were on and trying to encourage more people to watch. It was suggested that Focal Point was the best way to achieve this.

#### **44/21 A46 Update**

Mr Kneen confirmed that there is good support for Option 3 as put forward by the "Think Again" Campaign, with 250 signatures in support of it. NSDC is also supporting the new option. A meeting has been held with Robert Jenrick MP to explain Option 3 to him and ask him for his support which he gave. Mr Jenrick will arrange for additional data and will organise a meeting with Highways England.

The next decision from Highways England is expected at the end of the summer. Mr McClymont asked if the Bowls Club would be effected by Option 3 as the proposal would run alongside the existing A46 on the Showground land. It was confirmed it would and it was suggested that the bowls club might be compulsory purchased and re-sited elsewhere.

#### **45/21 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Mr Smith confirmed that a meeting was held on the 27 April with a Mr Steve Kemp of Open Plan. He has agreed to put a proposal together which Mr Smith has circulated to the Parish Council. The fee charged will be £15,000 and Mr Smith has confirmed that funding of £18,000 is available.

The grant application is very complicated but he knows what information is needed. There are 15 days to complete the application.

Mr Smith has had discussions with Martin Shapley in relation to footpaths and Andrew Parkin in relation to environmental issues. Both these gentlemen are good contributors to the plan and we will need assistance from more people

from the village in time. Mr Smith confirmed that the walk round the village with the Conservation Officer, Oliver Scott has still not happened, and Mr Scott has not replied to various emails.

A meeting will need to be arranged for the village to show the way forward and asking for volunteers to help with the plan. The meeting would be run by the Parish Council, but Steve Kemp would support us during the meeting. The meeting is likely to be in early July and we will put something in Focal Point to inform the village. Mr Smith is to write a piece for Focal Point.

Mr Shapley has asked about whether Holme were to be involved in the plan? You are allowed to work in conjunction with another Parish, so it is worth considering. The Chairman will contact the Holme Chairman.

Mr Smith confirmed that a Neighbourhood Plan would give us a greater influence on the future planning applications and gives the village more power.

#### **46/21 Parish Councillor Roles on Other Organisations**

The Chairman wanted to refresh the roles played by Parish Councillors on other organisations. The results of the reshuffle were as follows:

##### **Board of Trustees on Winthorpe Community Centre (2)**

Mr P. Farmer and Mr M. Kneen

##### **Winthorpe Allotment Holders Committee (2)**

Mr R. McClymont and Mr R. Allen

##### **Winthorpe Tennis Club Committee (1)**

Mr A. Leary

##### **Winthorpe Festival Organising Committee (2)**

Mr L. Cammack and Mr R. McClymont

##### **Winthorpe with Coddington Cricket Club (2)**

Mr L. Cammack and Andy Leary

##### **Village Hall Committee and Board of Trustees (2)**

Mr L. Cammack and Mr. P. Smith

##### **Langford Quarry Liaison Committee (2)**

Mr A. Leary and Mr M. Kneen

##### **Winthorpe Village Bonfire Organising Committee (3)**

Mr L. Cammack, Mr R. Allen, Mr A Leary

### **Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) (1)**

Mr M Kneen

#### **Focal Point Liaison**

Mr A Leary

### **Trustees for the Charity of Thomas Brewer (2) (appointed by the Parish Council until 2021)**

Mr P Foden, Mrs M. Stewart (until 2021) and then to be reviewed.

Mr S Lord and Mr M. Kneen expressed an interest on this.

### **47/21 District/County Councillor updates**

Mrs Dobson confirmed she had arranged for a meeting between Neil Lewis (Countryside access officer), Andrew Parkin and Steve Lord to discuss footpaths around the village.

Mrs Dobson confirmed that following her re-election, she will be sitting on the Highways Committee.

Mrs Dales confirmed about the speed gun, see earlier in the minutes.

### **48/21 Invoices for approval and accounts**

The Clerk confirmed the balances of the accounts

Tennis Club	£4,486.37
Focal Point	£2,015.91 – Willsons £242.00
Current A/c	£255.77 – Doug Lyne £598.63
Events	£235.97
Festival	£826.30 – 0.01p interest
Holding	£1,006.04 - £4284.50 Precept credit
Property Trust	£7,394.24

### **49/21 Planning**

21/01014/ADV John Deere Dealership - 5 advertising signs – no objection

21/01048/TPO 21 Gainsborough Road – undertake works to tree protected by TPO N6 identified as part of G1 Fell 1 No Scots Pine tree identified as T4 on plan accompanying application – no objection.

21/00495/TPO 29 Gainsborough Road – undertake tree works to trees protected by TPO. Crown lift to 4 metres from ground level to Beech Tree. Crown lift to 4 metres from ground level to Oak Tree – GRANTED

21/00658/FUL Starbucks, Godfrey Drive, Winthorpe – Installation of a clearance bar, order point canopy, HVAC condensers to the exterior of the approved drive thru unit – GRANTED

21/00551/HOUSE – 23 Gainsborough Road – Proposed 2 storey side extension, single and two storey rear extension and alterations to dormer window – GRANTED

2 Gainsborough Road – it would appear, that retrospective planning has been put in for the smaller building as the roof is now the full apex which is above the 4 metres which comes under permitted development.

### **50/21 Correspondence/AOB**

Footpaths – Mr Lord confirmed that he had walked miles over the last few weeks and had met up with various people including Neil Lewis the Countryside Access Officer at NSDC, in an attempt to open up new footpaths.

Mr Lord is going to leave it to Notts County Council to work out if the proposed footpaths can be created with permissive rights from the landowners. He also has a meeting with Sindura of Sustrans planned to see how they can help.

Mr Lord also said that a rambler called Steven Parkhouse wanted to claim the Winthorpe Rack as an official path.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lord for his excellent work.

Mr McClymont asked who owns the land at the front of the Almshouses as there are some tree issues there. The Chairman confirmed it is common land and is not our responsibility.

Mr McClymont also said that there is a special Japanese tree on the slope towards the bridge past the Community Centre, and two trees have fallen and

are resting on this tree. Mr McClymont will have a look and see if he can do anything with the fallen trees.

Mr McClymont confirmed he had carried out his safety checks of the Village sign and Notice Boards and all is well.

Mr Leary confirmed that there had been significant increases in the Tennis Club membership. Sadly, there had been some vandalism on the exterior fence.

The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email from Sarah Wood and Ian Knight, thanking the Parish Council for the work they had carried out in ridding the Community Centre of the rabbit problem.

As a thank you, they wanted to offer a donation of £150 to put towards a new lidded bin at the top of Jubilee Walk as the crows and magpies keep emptying the open bin that is currently in place.

The Parish Council were very pleased to receive the email but felt that it was their responsibility to pay for such purchases. The Clerk to respond to Sarah and Ian and thank them for their kind offer but explaining that the Parish Council will cover the cost and also consider lidded bins in other areas too.

Mr Lord will look for some suitable bins from Glasdon.

Meeting closed 9.05 pm