

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th September at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

Present : Mr B Allen (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr B McClymont, Mr B Wright, Mr P Smith, Mr M Kneen.

District/County Councillors : Mrs M Dobson

Clerk : Mrs S Sillery

73/21 Apologies : Mr L Cammack, Mr P Farmer, Mr S Lord and Mrs L Dales

74/21 Declarations of Interest : None.

75/21 To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021 :

Mr Smith confirmed that another session of speed checks had been made in the village at various times of the day. 8 people were found to be speeding, but this is an improvement on the last session. We are still in possession of the gun.

Mrs Dobson confirmed that the temporary interactive sign would be going up in the next two weeks.

Mrs Dales had told the Clerk that she will be making an application for funding to enable the Parish to purchase its own speed gun. Mrs Dobson had also previously pledged funds for the purchase. Mrs Dobson confirmed that NSDC will always loan guns out and that it was better to share guns. It was agreed that once we have purchased the gun, we will be more than happy to loan it out to other parishes.

Road issues outside the school – the double yellow lines are now down but the problem with parking etc outside of the school still remains. It was agreed that we must now communicate with the school to address the matter. It was also agreed that asking the PSCO to talk to parents would be a good idea.

Tarmac Grant – there has been a bit of an issue with the application. Tarmac apparently wanted a third party guarantor, ie the Parish Council to pay 10% of the bid, ie £700 up front. Mr Farmer has resubmitted the grant application on this basis.

It was also pointed out that there is some flexibility in the usage of the grant money should it be successful. This is good bearing in mind things might change within the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk confirmed that the price for signs for the newly purchased bins, saying no dog waste, was £16.55 for two. It was agreed to purchase six signs so that we have some in stock for future new bins. Clerk to make the purchase.

Jubilee Field – Mr Cammack was not present and no update was available.

Numbering of properties on The Spinney – Mrs Dales had asked if there was a plan of The Spinney. Mr Smith has one and will email it to Mrs Dales.

There is still problems with traffic congestion when there are events held on the Showground. Mr Allen felt that there should be a group from the Showground organising traffic for each event and supervising the car parking. It was felt that a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Showground was a must. Mrs Dobson said that she would make contact with the CEO to try and arrange it. Clerk to remind Mrs Dobson of this matter.

Mr Kneen confirmed that the grass on Holme Lane had been cut. There are however some overhanging branches which come right over the road. We need to know who owns the field where the trees are planted. It is the area from the allotments to the railway line. Mr Cammack should have the information.

Mr Smith confirmed that the Think Again Group had received a £2,000 grant from The Thomas Brewer fund.

Cricket Club – no meeting arranged as yet. It is hoped that once the season is over, there will be more time for the Cricket Club and the Parish Council to meet.

Tree in front of the Almshouses -Mrs Dales had told the Clerk that she has asked Ben Stacey from NSDC to look at the tree as residents are concerned that it is dangerous. Mrs Dales also confirmed that Ben is also looking into the ownership of that bit of land.

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

76/21 A46 Bypass Update

Mr Smith confirmed that two village meetings had taken place and were very well attended. Over the two meetings there were approximately 80 people in attendance. There was some good feedback and some very interesting people.

It is good to know that the village is more informed and has a better understanding.

Highways England, now known as National Highways, are delaying the release of their preferred route to the end of the year or indeed early 2022. Mrs Dobson confirmed that Kevin Sharman, lead officer at Nottinghamshire County Council is due to have a meeting with National Highways next week.

In relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, Steve Kemp attended the aforementioned meetings and was also impressed with the turnout. We have £9,950 to spend by the end of March. Whatever we don't spend goes back to Locality. There is an additional £8,000 that we can apply for from March 2022 if required. Mr Kemp's first invoice has come through in the sum of £2,085. The Clerk will arrange payment but will have to inform Mr Kemp that the payment will be in three stages due to the limits on faster payment amounts.

The Housing Needs Assessment is separately funded and has been underway for about six weeks now. This looks at whether development is needed in the village. Newark and Sherwood District Council say no development is planned at the current time. We can suggest development, but Mr Leary felt uneasy with this and said that any such directive must come from the village as the Parish Council don't have the mandate for such decisions.

Mr Smith said the next six months will be the actual development of the plan. There will be the need for more meetings, focal groups etc. We have to think big for the future, anticipate the future needs of the village.

Mr Smith said the Chairman of Holme Village is very keen on the plan and wants to be part of it. This does seem a sensible idea and we can amend the plan to include Holme. Dialogue would be needed with Holme to discuss the matter.

Mr Smith had been talking to Karen, the Parish Clerk at Collingham. They are also using Steve Kemp for their plan which is positive.

Mr Leary ask the Clerk to prepare a spreadsheet to show the spending in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan. The funds are in the Holding Account but it would be good to be able to see the expenditure at a glance. Clerk to arrange.

77/21 District/County Council

Nothing further to report from Mrs Dales other than the grant for the speed gun and the tree in front of the Almshouses.

Mrs Dobson – The footpaths on Gainsborough Road are on the list for resurfacing but no dates are known.

78/21 Invoices for approval and other financial matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that any purchases made by individuals on behalf of the Parish Council, must be invoiced to the Parish Council for the purpose of reclaiming the VAT. Invoices addressed to individuals are not permitted.

The accounts stand as follows

Tennis Club	£4,726.37	unchanged
Focal Point	£1,075.91	£228 paid to Willsons for Sept printing
Events	£235.92	unchanged
Festival	£770.51	unchanged
Current	£194.98	£170 Clerk's Wages, £551.89 Glasdon for new bins and £756.07 Doug Lyne for July grass cutting
Holding	£16,001.27	£0.35p interest
Property Trust	£7,454.24	unchanged

79/21 Planning

21/01924/HOUSE Long Ridges, The Spinney – proposed one and a half storey rear extension, extension of existing porch ridge line to form gable end, new dormer windows and alterations – supported by the Parish Council

21/01730/HOUSE 51 Woodlands – proposed first floor extension over existing garage and proposed double story porch

21/01787/HOUSE Langford Old Hall, Gainsborough Road, Langford – erection of timber framed triple garage building with three sets of wooden double doors – supported by the Parish Council

21/01736/S73M Farol Ltd, Godfrey Drive, Overfield Park – request for variation of condition 02 to replace approved landscaping plans and addition of drainage drawings attached to planning permission 20/01219/FULM – supported by the Parish Council

21/0527/TWCA Owls Wood, 84 Gainsborough Road – tree work approved by NSDC

21/01428/HOUSE 53 Woodlands – single storey rear extension, first floor front and side extension over porch and garage, application of render and cladding – approved by NSDC

21/01410/TWCA 55 Gainsborough Road – tree work approved by NSDC

21/01109/HOUSE Stable Cottage, 72 Gainsborough Road – installation of 6 foot fence within garden – application refused by NSDC

There are a couple of items to look into, namely the trees at Winthorpe Hall and whether they have TPO's. Mr Smith to talk to Mrs Dales about this. Also 5 Speight Close, Mr Smith to look to see if this is a recent application or a retrospective one.

80/21 Correspondence and AOB

Email received from Gabriella Gregory on behalf of Wesley and Alison Smith. Mr and Mrs Smith are exploring the idea of offering part of their grounds as a destination venue. The ideas are centred around wellbeing, social gatherings, intimate weddings and wishing to offer something back to the local community. Ms Gregory offered an invite to the Parish Council to visit Winthorpe House to see their plans. The Parish Council discussed the matter and felt that it would be more appropriate to invite Mr and Mrs Smith and/or Ms Gregory to the October Parish Council meeting to give a presentation of their proposals. Clerk to email Ms Gregory.

Insurance renewal – last year we agreed a three year fixed deal with our insurers BHIB Ltd. The renewal is due on 3rd October 2021 in the sum of £225.67. Clerk to arrange payment.

Email received from Countryside Charity with a questionnaire relating to public transport in the village. Mr McClymont volunteered to complete this and forward it on.

Letter from NSDC informing us that they are reviewing the Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005. Consultation period is from 7th September to 12th October 2021.

Email received from a resident in Langford who is very concerned about overgrown hedges making it difficult to walk on the pathways. The main problem is the hedge line along Gainsborough Road from the entrance to the village to the final property and fields on the left as you leave the village all the way along to the village copse. The hedge has become very overgrown and the

copse out of shape and overgrown with nettles. This forces pedestrians on to the road in some parts and walking in single file in others.

Residents of Langford walk to school along this path and not being able to walk on the pathway is a safety concern on a busy stretch of Gainsborough Road where the school is situated.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the householder of 2 Gainsborough Road and ask that the hedge be cut back to allow access along the pathway.

Email received from Sarah-Jane Page. This was to make the Parish Council aware that the Winthorpe Road Estates Residents Group have initiated a Facebook campaign to support the travellers living in Stable Yard. NSDC is now consulting on the Amended Allocations and Development Management and the Options Report is open for comments from 27th July to 21st September 2021. The Facebook page of Winthorpe Road Residents Group is encouraging residents to support the residents of Stable Yard. It was felt that the Winthorpe village has an interest in voicing their opinions through this consultation, but are possibly not aware of the consultation.

The Parish Council felt that it had already voiced its views on this subject. Unfortunately, there was no timespan to put the details in the next Focal Point to inform the village of the consultation.

Meeting Closed 9.10 pm