

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th November 2021 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr L Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr P Smith, Mr B McClymont, Mr P Farmer and Mr B Allen

District Councillor: Mrs L Dales

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

90/21 Apologies: Mrs M Dobson, Mr S Lord, Mr M Kneen and Mr B Wright

91/21 Declarations of Interest: None

92/21 To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st October 2021

The Chairman confirmed that he and Mr Leary had met with Mr Matthews and Mr Pickles of Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club. The meeting was very positive and convivial.

There was agreement on various issues. The Chairman asked about the ongoing work on the Club House. The Club are looking to erect a roof to cover the area from the Club House to the existing store to make it more secure and to put a further unit in that area. This would require planning permission but the Parish Council had no immediate objection as it may be used to store mowing equipment. Mr Matthews asked if the Parish Council could support this, and any other, projects with funding. It was suggested that the Cricket Club prepare a presentation to give at a Parish Council meeting so that their request for funding could be considered. Funding could be considered from the Property Trust Account.

During the meeting the Parish Council representatives encouraged the Cricket Club to pick up links with the village and indeed Coddington village. Communication needs to improve to show what the Cricket Club are doing and to try and embrace the support of villages. This was agreed. The Cricket club do have a page on the village website, and this could be used to greater effect.

An area of the Cricket Club known as the “Bermuda Triangle” was discussed. The Cricket Club use this area for parking and the Parish Council pay for Doug Lyne to cut the grass which seems somewhat strange. The Cricket Club would be prepared to share the cost or indeed, if they do get their own mower, they could cut the grass themselves. Action – Clerk to check with Doug Lyne the cost of having this area cut.

A meeting with the Show Ground CEO is still to be arranged. The Chairman suggested that the meeting could be combined with the A46 Action Group. The Chairman could represent the Parish Council and Mr Smith the A46 Action Group. Mr Smith will check that the A46 group are happy with this. If so, the Chairman will arrange the meeting on this basis.

Clerk to check what the “Jubilee Field” action was. The action was first mentioned in the July minutes as follows:

Bank between the Community Centre and the Jubilee Field – Mr Bateson, Chair of the Community Centre has been in touch in relation to the state of both sides of the bank towards the brook. There are lots of nettles and it really does need sorting out. Mr Bateson wondered if the Parish Council would pay 50% of the cost. The Parish Council confirmed that they were happy to do this. The Chairman will confirm this to Mr Bateson and he can then get a quote from Doug Lyne.

It was suggested that this area could be looked after by a volunteer working party every couple of months just to keep it under control. This could be made a community and social affair. Mr Lord said that the Allotment Association were also happy to be involved. Mr Lord will speak to Mr Harriman about this and set up a date.

Overgrown hedge at 2 Gainsborough Road – this seems to be slightly better having been cut but not an ideal job.

The numbering of houses on the Spinney – The Chairman has put an item in Focal Point. It cannot be enforced as it is up to the resident to make the choice. Councillor Dales suggested that we at least put the sign at the entrance to The Spinney which gives a direction to various properties. Councillor Dales will arrange this with NSDC.

Speed Gun – Councillor Dales has secured some funding for the purchase of a speed gun in the sum of £120.00. The Chairman thanked Councillor Dales for her efforts in this regard. It was agreed to purchase the speed gun from Amazon for approximately £300.00 as long as it is Police approved. Mr Smith

will organise the purchase and then the Clerk can reimburse him and apply for the £120.00 via Andy Hardy at NSDC. The Clerk requested that Mr Smith ensure that the invoice showed Winthorpe and Langford Parish Council as the purchaser.

Councillor Dales confirmed that she had some speed watch signs from “Alfie” for the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Watch – following Mr Foden’s decision to step down as co-ordinator, the Chairman approached a former Police Officer in the village to see if he would consider replacing him. That person felt that the Neighbourhood Watch didn’t provide much in the current day and age. Social media might be a better medium using apps such as “Next Door”. Mr Farmer will send the Chairman details of the Next-Door App and the Chairman will discuss this with Mr Foden.

Tarmac Grant application – the Clerk confirmed that she had sent the documentation for the application and paid our contribution to Tarmac in the sum of £720.96. Sally Nadin who is dealing with our application had asked for estimates from proposed contractors. Mr Farmer confirmed that Kompan are the only company to supply the equipment we require and he would confirm this with Sally Nadin accordingly.

The Clerk asked whether she should wait to do the VAT refund until the adult gym equipment had been purchased as there would be a sizeable chunk of VAT paid. It was agreed to put a VAT request through now and the gym equipment would be on the next request. Action Clerk to organise this.

Minutes approved by Mr McClymont and seconded by Mr Leary

93/21 A46 By-Pass Update

No update. Still waiting for decision on the preferred route and Mr Smith felt that this was likely to be in the New Year now.

94/21 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mr Smith confirmed that he was moving forward with the questionnaire. He had pulled this together and now had a final version which had been agreed by Councillors. The questionnaire will be available via Survey Monkey. An entry will go in Focal Point explaining the various ways you can complete it. The flyer

will also go on the website and notice boards and 400 are being printed for distribution. 50 hard copies of the questionnaire will be available at The Lord Nelson and finished questionnaires can be dropped off there too. Any queries can be directed to the Parish Clerk. The closing date for completion is 17th December 2021.

Mr Leary asked if there were any disclaimers which should be included in the questionnaire e.g. in relation to GDPR. Mr Smith said he had asked this question of Steve Kemp and he assured him that nothing was required.

The Business Focus Group for Neighbourhood Plan is being covered by Mark Brown.

The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email from George Breed a Strategic Land Manager for Persimmon Homes. Mr Breed wanted to arrange a meeting to learn more about Winthorpe village and the plans aspirations and present a site for consideration which holds significant scope to benefit both the locals and the Thomas Brewer Charity. The Parish Council decided not to take Mr Breed up on his invitation. Action – Clerk to respond.

Mr Smith confirmed that the draft version of the Housing Needs Assessment has now been done.

Councillor Dales confirmed that Jill Sanderson of NSDC had raised the question of the land at Branston Close as a potential plot. This is purely for information purpose. The plot would require archaeological reports. NSDC were asking if we would want a Housing Needs assessment. Mr Leary felt that we should wait until the Plan had been written.

95/21 District/County Councillor Update

Councillor Dales

Councillor Dales will talk to Ben Stacey (NSDC) about the Village Hall having a bin.

Chapel Lane Tree – Ben Stacey has confirmed that the land is common land. The meeting felt that the tree needs attending to and is a big job. The Parish Council might be prepared to give a limited contribution based on the fact that it has assisted with other trees in that area.

Councillor Dales felt that the Parish Council should try and take ownership of the land. The Chairman said that this had been tried before and was not successful. It was agreed to try and get NSDC to sort the tree out and then, in the New Year, we can look at see if we can make an application for the land. Councillor Dales will talk to Ben Stacey about the tree work.

Councillor Dales confirmed that there was no update on the Traveller Site. NSDC have insufficient traveller pitches and as a result, appeals are being granted because of this. NSDC are working on pitch provision and an update should be forthcoming in December.

Yellow lines around the school – there is a planning notice outside the school. This is a County Council issue, and we will need an update from Councillor Dobson.

96/21 Invoices for approval and any other financial matters

The Clerk confirmed the account balances:

Current Account £72.32

Expenditure during the month – Focal Point funding £750.00, PKF invoice 2020 £240.00, Clerk's Wages £170.00, Tarmac Grant £720.96 and Glasdon, litter bin labels £45.30

Tennis Club £4,726.37 - Unchanged

Focal Point £1,355.91

£750.00 transferred from current account for funding. £242.00 to Willsons for November printing

Holding Account £14,001.12

£1,750.00 transferred to current account

Festival Account £770.53 - £0.01p interest

Events Account £235.97 – Unchanged

Property Account £7,454.24 – Unchanged

The Clerk asked if she was to wait for the adult equipment to be completed before applying for the VAT refund. It was agreed to put a claim in now and then do another one in March.

Clerk to check if there are any grass cutting invoices to pay before the winter.

The Chairman asked if the Allotment Association had paid their rent. The Clerk confirmed that they had not, and he will chase the payment.

97/21 Planning Applications/updates

Applications

21/02238/HOUSE 2 Gainsborough Road – 2 storey side extension

21/02089/HOUSE Braeside, 37 Gainsborough Road – Conversion of old conservatory to orangery with addition of a utility room – supported

Approved Applications

21/02110/HOUSE – 5 The Drive – Replace existing single storey garage with new timber garage to existing concrete slab base – APPROVED

21/01014/ADV – Land at Overfield Park, Godfrey Drive – 5 advertising signs in connection with John Deere dealership - APPROVED

21/01048/TPQ 21 Gainsborough Road – Tree works, fell one Scots Pine Tree – APPROVED

20/01260/FUL- Structural repair work to The Lord Nelson to the external wall of host building and outside store building and re-building/repairs to boundary wall to rear of existing public house - APPROVED

21/01730/HOUSE – 51 Woodlands – Proposed first floor extension over existing garage – APPROVED

Big Box Development A17 (next to Currys) – this has been rejected but could be appealed.

Brunel Drive G7 allocated land for business

98/21 Correspondence/AOB

Email received from a resident expressing concern about the way the Parish Council communicates with the village as there were issues within the village that he was unaware of. This was discussed and it was agreed that we needed to have more lines of communication. Mr Farmer said he would start putting planning applications on the "Next Door" app. Mr Smith said that Collingham have a twitter account and that this might be a good idea as immediate information can be conveyed via Twitter. Mr Smith to look into this. Clerk to respond to the resident.

Email from Andy Hardy at NSDC that £120.00 funding had been granted in relation to the purchase of a speed gun.

Email from a concerned resident informing the Parish Council that work was still ongoing at Winthorpe House despite planning not having been granted.

Emails were received from three residents objecting to the planning application at Winthorpe House

Mr Farmer said that there were fallen tree branches in the Fleet alongside the Lord Nelson. Councillor Dales will contact the Internal Drainage Board.

Mr Farmer has complained to the company which supplied the Oak tree on the village green tree and has asked for a replacement. He has not had a response and will ring them.

Mr Allen spoke of the litter on Drove Lane which is coming from the Show Ground. Signs left on the roadside after an event which can cause accidents. Councillor Dales will look into this.

The Chairman confirmed that the December meeting will be followed by the traditional Christmas meal at The Lord Nelson on the Wednesday 15th December 2021 and partners are welcome.

Meeting finished 8.52 pm