

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th December 2021 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr Lee Cammack (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr B McClymont, Mr B Wright, Mr M Kneen, Mr S Lord, Mr B Allen, Mr P Smith and Mr P Farmer

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman spoke of the sad news of the death of Councillor Maureen Dobson. Maureen had been a great servant to our Parish Council and was always very generous with her time and support. Maureen will be sadly missed.

99/21 Apologies: Councillor Mrs Dales

100/21 Declarations of Interest: None

101/21 To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th of November 2021

The Clerk had been asked to find out from Doug Lyne the cost of cutting the "Bermuda Triangle" near the cricket pitch. The Clerk confirmed that this is £8 per cut. The meeting questioned this sum and asked the Clerk to check again.

Meeting with the Show Ground – this is still ongoing and Mr Smith and the Chairman will arrange this for the New Year.

Jubilee Field bank – The Community Centre want to tidy this area up as it has become overgrown and have asked if the Parish Council would like to be involved. Mr McClymont felt that the area should remain as an area that attracts wildlife. The Parish Council agreed in principle to help and the Clerk is to confirm this to the Chair of the Community Centre and ask for further details of the planned action.

Mr Smith has purchased a speed gun at a cost of £171.12 including batteries. The gun is one that is recognised by the Police.

The speed watch signs have been provided by N.C.C and are in Mr Smith's garage.

Mr Farmer is to send the details of the Next-Door App to the Chairman as per the previous meeting. On the subject of Neighbourhood Watch, Mr McClymont felt that the best course of action was for neighbours to physically look after one another. It was agreed that the app was the way forward although we must keep other sources of communication going for those who are not on social media, ie village notice boards and Focal Point.

Mr Smith is looking into arranging a Twitter account for the village.

Mr Farmer gave an update on the Tarmac grant. Kompan were due to put the exercise bikes in place on the 13th December 2021, however Tarmac are not responding to Mr Farmer in relation to the funding at the moment. Both his calls and emails are not being answered. Kompan will keep things on hold until we can confirm the funding from Tarmac.

The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted a VAT claim for £2,134.63

A46 – no further updates

Allotment Rent – The Clerk confirmed that the Allotment Association were unsure how much rent to pay as they have two empty plots. We are waiting for them to come back with the calculation and the payment.

The Fleet near the Lord Nelson appears to have been cleared by the Drainage Board.

Oak Tree – Mr Farmer has been asked by the company who supplied the Oak Tree to provide a scratch test. They are saying that because the grass around the tree was not cut, it was taking all the nutrients from the tree and hence it died. Mr Smith has a 7-foot self-set oak from his garden which he is happy to plant as a replacement.

Proposer Mr B McClymont

Secunder Mr P Farmer

102/21 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mr Smith confirmed that the survey was going well with 81 responses so far which is about a third of the village households. The deadline is “close of play” on Friday 17th December.

When the results are in, Steve Kemp will work out a breakdown and will come to a meeting and discuss it. He will then work with the working group to analyse the results.

The Chairman mentioned the new pathway alongside the Jubilee field that Smith Construction had completed. It was paid for out of the current account and should it have come out of the property account? It was agreed to leave the costs as they currently are.

The Chairman confirmed that he had been working on the Precept for 2022/23, and he was proposing to request a moderate increase. This will be discussed at the Finance Meeting in January 2022.

103/21 District Councillor Update

No updates

104/21 Invoices for approval and any other financial matters

Current Account £402.32 - since the accounts were sent out the Clerk had paid for the Speed Gun £171.12 and £54.00 for the cost of the survey flyers

Tennis Club £4,726.37 – No change

Focal Point £1,391.91 - £264 credits from advertisers and £228 paid to Willsons for December printing

Festival £770.54 – No change

Events £235.97 – No change

Property Trust £7,454.24 – No change

The Clerk confirmed that submitted a VAT claim in the sum of £2,134.63

105/21 Planning Applications/Updates

2 Gainsborough Road – groundwork has started on the extension to the main house prior to planning being granted.

Winthorpe House – No change and this application appears to be on hold. N.S.D.C Enforcement Officers have been on site. If the application fails, there will be a reinstatement order in relation to the work that has been carried out before planning had been granted. Mr McClymont felt that no work should be carried out prior to planning permission being granted and he failed to understand why people did it and, more importantly, got away with it.

Councillor Dales sits on the Planning Committee and the Clerk will ask her what the Enforcement team do and see if we can get someone from the Planning Department to attend a meeting and explain the workings of that department.

Mr Kneen confirmed that according to Parish Online, 2 Gainsborough Road is in Winthorpe Parish and the proposed chalets are in Langford Parish.

106/21 Correspondence and AOB

N.S.D.C. are offering free trees to local groups. Either Wildlife Hedge 30 x whips or Carbon Capture 5 large feather. It was agreed to opt for the Wildlife Hedge. Clerk to confirm.

Playground Inspection – Clerk to forward this to the Chair of the Community Centre.

The Clerk had received an email from Michele Cammack, Secretary of the Community Centre, in relation to providing a listening bench for the village green. Clerk to forward the email to the Councillors for consideration.

The Clerk confirmed the costs of the stickers for the bins. The total cost was £45.30 which included £7.55 VAT and a delivery charge, due to the order being so small.

The Clerk confirmed that she had asked Doug Lyne about the cost of cutting the “Bermuda Triangle” and that this was £8.00.

Mr Kneen raised the opportunity of Holme village joining in with the Village Plan. There are conflicting opinions in Holme. It was agreed that this should be put to the residents of Holme to see what they want to do. The Chairman is

to speak to the Holme Chairman but it was felt that the residents should raise it with their committee and Mr Kneen will feed this back accordingly.

Mr Lord confirmed that he was working with Jim Hallam, land owner in Holme, to erect gates off Holme Lane and on the flood embankment.

Meeting closed 8.00 pm