

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th March 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Before the main meeting got underway, the Chairman introduced Julie Hill to the meeting. Julie has agreed to become the new editor of Focal Point. The Chairman warmly welcomed Julie and said he was delighted that she was taking on the role.

Julie gave us a bit of insight into her background. She used to teach at Carres Grammar School where she worked with Mr Lord. She was involved in a lot of voluntary work within the school, where she ran the school magazine and debating club amongst other things. Julie now works as a private tutor, mainly from home. Julie felt that she couldn't let Focal Point fold, knowing that she has the skills to take the role on.

Julie has met with Lizzie and is ready for the handover. She has also spoken with Duncan Richardson and Andy Leary who is the link between Focal Point and the Parish Council. Julie has plenty of ideas for Focal Point and will be setting a new deadline for submissions probably 15th/16th of the month.

One of the guest residents wanted to speak about the planning application for The Lodge before the meeting got underway. He said how refreshing it was to see a planning application produced in such a professional way. Also, no work had been done before the application was considered, only to secure the area for safety. Mr Smith responded to say that the majority of applications that the Parish Council see are good applications.

The Clerk was asked if Councillor Debbie Darby had indicated that she would attend the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any communication. Apparently, Councillor Darby is due in the village next week.

It was suggested that the Clerk invite her to the April meeting so that we can discuss how she is going to work for the village and complete her mandate.

19/22 Apologies: Mr P Farmer, Councillor L Dales and Councillor E Davies

20/22 Declarations of Interest:

Mr Allen and the Chairman both confirmed that they may have interests in relation to planning applications.

21/22 To receive and accept the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 24th February 2022

The Chairman confirmed that the meeting with the Showground CEO has been altered to the 18th March and he will be accompanied by Mr Smith.

Holme Village – no response in relation to joining the Neighbourhood Plan

Jim Hallam – The Chairman has still to write to Jim for his work on the new gates along the fold bank and will buy him a bottle as a thank you.

Listening Bench – Mr Lord has found a suitable bench and it was agreed to go ahead and have a plaque in memory of Councillor Maureen Dobson.

In relation to the other benches in the village which require some attention, Doug Lyne does not carry out this work. Bearing in mind there are 6 benches which need maintaining, it might be worth setting up a contract with someone to maintain them. Mr Allen will have a word with Nigel Cook of Collingham. Mr McClymont mentioned a scheme he had seen in the Advertiser about apprentices doing voluntary work to improve their skills. He will look into this further.

Dog Bins – The Chairman will let Mr Lord have the two spare dog bins for opposite the allotments and on Gainsborough Road. The Clerk will inform NSDC so that they get emptied.

Almshouses – Councillor Dales had emailed to say that she is waiting for the new tree officer to start on the 21st March. He will visit the site along with Councillor Dales and decide what needs to be done.

Mint Leaf - Councillor Dales has reported our concerns to PC Nicholls and she will raise the fly tipping issue with NSDC.

The Chairman reported that there is still an issue with dogs on the cricket pitch. The season is coming soon, and this is going to be a problem. People are still walking their dogs off the lead. The Chairman has seen it and has challenged people and people still seem unwilling to pick up after the dogs. This is clearly not acceptable and irresponsible.

Dogs on the Community Centre field is also a problem as they are prohibited from this area. Wherever children are, it is a real concern. It was agreed that new signs will need to be put up. Mr Allen suggested a sign on the entrance to the Cricket Club saying that the land is owned by the Parish Council and asking people to adhere to keeping their dogs on a lead. Mr Kneen will work on the wording for the sign. The piece that Mr Kneen did previously about this issue, will be put in Focal Point again as a reminder.

Mr Smith asked if we should patrol the area. It was agreed that if Parish Councillors witnessed people allowing their dogs on the cricket pitch, that they should challenge them.

The dead swan is still on the bank. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to DEFRA but will contact them again.

Holme Lane development work - enforcement: an enforcement case has been set up. There has previously been a part-retrospective application for this building and some new stables back in 2018 (18/00183/FUL) but nothing since. This looks like unauthorised extension of the above agricultural building, Awaiting an update

Confirmed as a true record – proposed by Mr Allen and seconded by Mr McClymont.

22/22 A46 Update

Mr Smith gave an update. The new route is close to “our” option 3, the only problem is it has been modified and issues still remain that will affect Winthorpe village.

A meeting was held with National Highways on 16th March. There were 11 people from Highways and 5 from Think Again. Atkins are doing the survey and new contractors have been brought in, Skanska and Mott MacDonald. Mike Hillier was on the call from National Highways and John McGinty for Mott

MacDonald. Mr McGinty said that the changes brought about by Think Again was almost unheard of.

There is concern that there will be a play off between the village and Winthorpe Road. The further south the road goes, the more it will affect Winthorpe Road. Access to the kennels will be via a Winthorpe Road underpass.

Mr Allen said he had tried to organise a meeting with Highways in relation to their land.

Mr Smith said there are various options for the Construction villages, these are the Showground, Council Depot opposite the Cattle Market Site, behind Aldi and land off the Farndon Roundabout.

Mr Kneen confirmed that it was made quite clear on the call that the Think Again Campaign is sponsored and supported by the Parish Council.

Mr McClymont was concerned about the speed that vehicles will approach the Winthorpe roundabout at and that there should be traffic lights. Mr Smith assured him that there would be traffic lights and also that the roundabout will be an oval shape which will also slow down the traffic.

Mr Smith said in relation to the noise survey which is being undertaken, he has asked that the monitoring equipment be put closer to Hargon Lane and Owls Wood and this has been agreed.

Mr Smith said that whilst Highways are open to talking about the route of the road, there is a fixed amount of money to complete the project.

23/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mr Smith reported that things were moving forward. He has received an email from the Funding Organisation and whatever funding hasn't been spent by the end of the financial year has to be returned. We knew that this was the process. We can reapply for more funding up to £10k in the new financial year. Unfortunately, it means completing the application forms again when they come out in the new financial year, which is very time consuming, but that is the way the system works.

We will need to pay Steve Kemp another payment to the end of March. Mr Kemp has promised a blueprint for the next meeting on the 5th April. He does have 15 other plans ongoing at the moment and Mr Smith does feel that we

are doing a lot of work for him. It was suggested we could book and pay in advance for the meetings at the Community Centre, however this is a relatively small amount.

Mr Smith felt that the village meeting went well and he had received good feedback. The next meeting is the 23rd March and he asked everyone to spread the word.

Mr Kneen confirmed that a leaflet had been circulated about the Neighbourhood Plan and from this an email distribution list has been collated with 15 names. Mr Kneen asked if the Parish Council were happy with this? It was agreed that people were opting in and giving their permission and as long as GDPR is followed, this gives us an additional line of communication which can only be a good thing.

There is a meeting of the Business Focus Group on the 12th April. Lots of people are now working collaboratively on the Plan and the feeling is, it is making the Parish Council more relevant in the village.

24/22 District/County Councillor Update

Below is an update from Councillor Dales:

Update from District Councillors for Winthorpe Parish Meeting 17th March 2022

South Side paddock, Holme Lane - enforcement: an enforcement case has been set up. There has previously been a part-retrospective application for this building and some new stables back in 2018 (18/00183/FUL) but nothing since. This looks like unauthorised extension of the above agricultural building, Awaiting an update.

2 Gainsborough – appeal dismissed

Yellow Lines and interactive speed sign - am chasing an update

Mint Leaf issues – I have reported these to PC Nichols

Cricket Club funding for side screens – I have asked Mr Matthews to contact me

Trees at Dial House /Almshouses – awaiting our new Tree/Landscape officer to start on 21st March and I will be on site with him soon after to agree what we can do. Sorry that this is taking so long

25/22 Invoices for approval and any other financial matters

Balances:

Current Account	£1,155.36
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Slight change in that the Clerk has transferred the balances of the Events and Festival accounts into the Holding Account. The problem with having them in the current account was that they interfered with the day-to-day balance. The Council were happy with this change and understood the reasoning behind it.

Since the excel sheets were sent out, the Clerk has paid Doug Lyne for the work on the bank in the sum of £912.00. The Community Centre are contributing £485.00 towards this but the funds have not come through yet. The Community Centre are also contributing £500.00 towards the exercise bikes.

Kompan have now been paid £12,905.88 although they have yet to cash the cheque.

The Daffodil grant monies have been received from NSDC in the sum of £320.00.

The Dog Waste Bin invoice has come in for £374.40, once this is paid, the Clerk will put a VAT claim in.

Focal Point	£2,094.91
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Willsons for March printing £214.00 and £5.00 bank charges

Property Trust unchanged	£7,817.60
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Tennis Club unchanged	£4,711.37
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Holding Account	£10,498.37
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Transactions carried out since the balances were sent out. Daffodil monies transferred to current account £320.00. Festival and Events monies transferred into Holding. £1,000.00 transferred to pay Doug Lyne.

Neighbourhood Plan unchanged	£7,776.00
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Clerk to send Tennis Club and Focal Point constitutions and minutes to Santander in relation to opening new accounts.

As Duncan Richardson is standing down as our internal auditor, we need to find a replacement. Mr Kneen suggested Nina who is the treasurer of the Community Centre. Mr McClymont said that the Village Hall is having a new treasurer, Ian Robinson. He will ask him if he would consider the role.

26/22 Planning Application/Updates:

Old Rectory Farm – reducing fir tree and conifer hedge to clear a BT line – no objection

22/00538/LBC The Lodge, The Green, 49 Gainsborough Road – to demolish an existing 3-sided outhouse structure (2 brick walls and 1 wall studded garage door) plus a section of the boundary wall between Winthorpe House and the Lord Nelson pub. It is proposed that after demolition, the bricks be used to rebuild the boundary wall. The Parish Council are happy to support this application and the Clerk to comment, as previously mentioned earlier in the minutes, that it was refreshing to see such a good, professional application.

2 Gainsborough Road – extension to existing property. Retrospective planning appeal turned down.

Winthorpe House – Conservation report has been received. It is well written and against the proposal. The Chairman asked if we needed to respond to the Conservation report? It was agreed that this was not necessary. As yet there is nothing from NCC Highways.

In relation to the noise survey, a resident has responded in an excellent way on behalf of the village. Mr McClymont said he was concerned about the noise issue from the point of view of NSDC. He had read in the Advertiser about the planning department allowing a pub in the town to open until 4 am with little thought for the residents living nearby. He also wondered how much clout the Conservation Report would have. Mr Smith said that this was a statutory document from a legal body and that it would carry weight.

The deadline for comments is Tuesday 22nd March but this could be extended. The application is likely to be looked at by NSDC Planning Department in mid-April.

No Update on the Travellers Site

Correspondence/AOB:

The Clerk received an email from John Wilson of Branston Close informing us that a tree has been uprooted during the storm within the belt of trees adjoining the farmers field behind the burial ground. Clerk to ask Doug Lyne to take a look at this.

Email from Emma Will of Mott MacDonald informing us of the Noise Surveys being undertaken for the A46.

Email from Admin Services offering grant monies for any Parish Council arranging Jubilee celebrations.

Email from the Communities Team at Notts County Council offering spare PPE supplies.

Email from NSDC about dog bins. Clerk to confirm two new bins being put in place to ensure they get emptied.

Mr Kneen said that we need to arrange another speed camera day. Mr Smith to send something out.

Mr Kneen also mentioned the boundary change which happened in the village in 1998. He is currently querying this with NSDC as he feels it may have been done without the Parish Council being made aware. Mr Allen felt sure he could remember Cynthia Morgan attending a meeting and asking the Parish Council if they had any objections to the change as she wanted to be within the Winthorpe boundary. Mr Kneen said that he wanted to be sure that the Parish Council were aware of any future boundary changes.

Mr Kneen also raised the matter of when the minutes of the previous meeting were shared with the village. He felt that by the time the minutes went on the website, they were almost 6 weeks behind. The Chairman explained that the minutes had to be received and approved as a true version by the Parish Council before they could be made public. It was suggested however, that the Clerk send the minutes out as soon as they were done to the Councillors in order that they could check any actions they need to carry out.

There are some trees that have come down during storm Eunice in the Winthorpe House grounds. These may have TPO's and therefore should be reported to the Tree Officer at NSDC. Clerk to arrange this.

Mr Smith confirmed that the Twitter account is going from strength to strength.

Mr Kneen suggested that the Parish Council could offer to hold details of residents who have volunteered via the formal channels to host refugees from Ukraine. This may be helpful to share with other residents who are themselves intending to offer such help, or to advise the authorities so that they can be

aware that there are a number of potential hosts within the village, so that suitable support can be provided. He is to write an article for Focal Point.

The Showground meeting that the Chairman and Mr Smith are attending on the 18th March will discuss the following topics and any other issues raised:

- Highways and access to the new A46 bypass
- Management of the Show Ground
- Litter and noise
- Footpaths
- Who owns what at the Showground
- The plans for the Windrone Cottage on Drove Lane
- Collection of signs after events

Meeting closed at 9.30pm