

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21st April 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Mrs S Sillery

Apologies: Mr R. Allen

District Councillors: Mrs L Dales and Mrs E Davies

Before the main meeting commenced, the Chairman introduced Mrs Denise Day who was present to discuss the plans for the Jubilee Celebrations.

Mrs Day informed the meeting that she was a bit disappointed that the Parish Council were not organising anything to celebrate the Jubilee. However, it was pointed out that the Parish Councils role is not to organise events but provide assistance to facilitate such events.

However, she has decided to hold an afternoon tea for the village. She has had an amazing response to her idea with over 100 people saying they will attend. There are also 19 people on the waiting list.

The Community Centre are offering the venue for free and they intend on conducting a raffle to cover their costs and also raise money for the British Legion. Mrs Day has two grants in place, £200.00 from N.S.D.C. and £200.00 from the Charity for Thomas Brewer. There is no charge for the afternoon tea to the villagers. If all the money is not spent, it will be returned to Thomas Brewer Charity.

Mrs Day is very aware of food hygiene and all the food will be prepared on the day of the afternoon tea. Bakkavar have offered cream cakes for the event and the Co-op have given a £15 voucher which will go in the raffle as a prize.

Entertainment will potentially be provided by Newark Concert Band who practise in the Community Centre. There will be a marquee provided for the band.

The Chairman raised the issue of insurance and the need for a “RAMS” pack. The Community Centre insurance will cover everything inside the building. As for the outside, this would come under the Parish Council insurance as we have public liability insurance. It was suggested having first aiders on site. Mr Farmer offered to talk to Newark Community First Aid to see if they could attend and the Parish Council would contribute to the cost of that. Failing that if, there were any first aiders present on the day, they could be used.

It was agreed that as the Parish Council had arranged the funding with NSDC, they would sort out any payments due. Mrs Day will send the £200.00 Thomas Brewer grant to the Parish Council and the Clerk would sort out all the various payments.

Attending the meeting for the first time was newly elected District Councillor Emma Davies. Emma is working with Linda Dales and is very much involved in other organisations such as Collingham Cricket Club and Collingham Crawling Centre. Emma also teaches first aid. Emma was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for attending by the Chairman.

28/22 Declarations of Interest: The Chairman declared an interest under planning issues.

29/22 To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2022

The Chairman confirmed that he had thanked Jim Hallam him for his efforts in installing the new turn style gates along the River Trent.

Listening Bench – Mr Lord confirmed that he had found a flat arm teak bench for £429 + VAT. We would need an anchor kit and an engrave plaque for Maureen Dobson. Mr Lord to let the Clerk have the details and she will order it.

In relation to the maintenance of the other 8 benches in the village, the Chairman has a contact number and is trying to get a price. He will put the quote on the whatsapp group when he gets it.

Dog Bins are on order. Clerk to change the delivery address to Mr Lord.

Almshouses – Mrs Dales is arranging for Sean from NSDC to come out and look at the area. Mrs Dales will look into registering the area as a village green space. She is doing the same at South Scarle but it is proving to be a long-winded operation.

Mint Leaf – this is ongoing. Mrs Dales has reported the fly tipping to NSDC

Double Yellow Lines – this is a County Council matter, but Mrs Dales will make a call and provide an update. Clerk to email Councillor Darby about this as well.

Signs for the Cricket pitch – Mr Kneen said that the issue was to stop dogs fouling on the cricket pitch. He had walked through the area and found it to be really clean. Mr Kneen suggested we shouldn't insist that dogs be kept on a lead but that their owners pick up after them. Both Mr Farmer and Mr Lord felt that dogs should not have to be on a lead. In their opinion, there are not enough places within the village where dogs can be off a lead as it is.

Mr Kneen suggested that the sign should say

"You are welcome to use this area. Please keep you dog under control and pick up after your dog"

The Chairman said that the agreement that the Parish Council had with the Cricket Club was that dogs should be on a lead on the Cricket field. The Chairman will run the signs past the Cricket Club and ask for their thoughts.

Mr Lord suggested a potential walkway behind the Jubilee Field and over the bridge. There is a track behind the cricket pavilion which is owned by Jim Hallam and this would take the dogs off the cricket pitch. Apparently, farmers have to leave a two-metre strip around the edge of fields. The Chairman will discuss this with Jim Hallam.

Holme Lane Development – The work has stopped and the owner must make a new application for planning permission to continue work.

Mr Kneen noticed in the minutes that the Business Focus meeting date was the 2nd of April when it was in fact the 12th. Clerk to amend the minutes.

Search for a new internal auditor – Mr Farmer will ask Nina who does the accounts for the Community Centre.

Speed Camera – we need another day with the camera. If the pairs that worked together previously organise a date, they can collect the gun from Mr Smith.

Parish Council boundary -Mr Kneen reported that Mark Dukes from NSDC can't confirm when the boundary was changed. Mr Kneen now has, in writing, confirmation that the Parish Council will be notified, in writing, of any changes to village boundaries in the future. Mr Kneen to forward the email to the Clerk for record purposes.

The Chairman and Mr Smith reported a very successful meeting with the Showground CEO. The Showground want to have a bus stop and also a cycle path and footpath from the town to give people a safe means of access and enable people to attend the Showground. The meeting heralded a good collaboration between the Parish Council and the Showground.

Mr Kneen has a list of people in the village willing to help/host Ukrainian refugees.

Minutes approved as a true record by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Kneen.

30/22 A46 Update

Regular meetings have been taking place. Mrs Dales confirmed that Jack Kellas has written to Highways regarding the noise surveys. A meeting is planned with Highways about the A1.

31/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The development work on the Neighbourhood Plan continues to be progressing well, with some significant steps having been taken since the last meeting of the Parish Council. Here are the highlights and the key points of interest:

- The second NP Village Meeting took place on the 23rd March and again was quite well attended. We also added new people to the e mail circulation list and new volunteers to various focus groups. It has been agreed by the WG that we will not hold another village meeting until later in the year
- We also agreed to defer the Parish 'Walkabout' until later in the year when it was felt we would be in a better position to take advantage of the idea and it would also help progress the work of the focus groups first
- Ground Work UK have requested the re payment of the remaining money received by the PC for funding of the Plan development, PS is progressing this.

- We will also now need to apply for 2022/23 funding which PS is also progressing
- The last meeting of the Working Group took place on 5th April and was very well attended. Steve Kemp from Open Plan provided some good insights into plan development and has provided the starting point for a plan outline
- The Business surveys have been completed by Mark Brown and have been circulated to all residents. Feedback will be provided once all comments etc have been received
- It was considered that it would be helpful to have a Land ownership/tenant 'map' of the Parish, this is being progressed
- It was felt that the Village Website needs to feature the Plan more significantly ideally with its own separate tab on the front page. We could then include all relevant plan documents perhaps including areas for each Focus Group
- The outline for the Heritage Trail has been completed by the Village History Focus Group and they are now looking at options to put this in place
- Various Focus Groups have met over the last month and are now beginning to get traction and supportive members involved
- It is felt that we are also beginning to develop a Parish wide network of people who want to contribute more generally, this has possibly been stimulated by the A46 and other issues in the Parish.

Mr Leary thanked Mr Smith for preparing the above report and circulating it prior to the meeting. He wondered whether declaring how much AOB there would be at the beginning of the meeting might be a good idea in order to manage time. It was also suggested that we start at 7 o'clock. Not everyone can make a 7 o'clock start. It was agreed that if reports were put in prior to the meeting for A46, Neighbourhood Plan, Finances and Councillors, this would help keep the meetings to an hour and a half with a 9.00pm closure.

32/22 District and County Councillor Updates

Mrs Dales didn't have anything else to add other than the Community Grant Scheme is open, and she will let Mr Matthews at the Cricket Club know.

Emailed report received by Councillor Debbie Darby

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide a written report to your Parish Council meeting.

Firstly, I was pleased to attend a virtual meeting of the Think Again campaign on 22nd March. The meeting was attended by a number of passionate campaigners who are making a real difference making resident's voices heard. I was very interested to hear about resident's feedback to preferred route announcement, the 50mph road design, the Carriageway land-take, the road structure in vicinity of underpass and the plans going forward. Residents can be assured that I am on their side and I am making representations to Highway's England and Nottinghamshire County Council on

behalf the group. It is critical that residents don't suffer any adverse impact from the scheme going forward.

Following my election as your new County Council on February 18th – I have hit the ground running. I have reported a number of broken roads and pavements to Nottinghamshire County Council in the Winthorpe area. Due to the sad death of former councillor, Maureen Dobson – we were unable to submit our Highway's priorities as they were due in August. I am pleased that Nottinghamshire County Council have agreed that I can now provide a list of 3 roads or pavements that need fixing and 3 major transport infrastructure improvements. I will shortly be launching a consultation with all residents including residents of Winthorpe. I hope the Parish Council can help me put this together.

I have met on a number of occasions with Shaun Brown, the Via East Midlands' Highway's Manager to discuss urgent road repairs and other highway's concerns.

My next round of Councillor's Divisional Funding will be available from May and if you know of a community organisation in Winthorpe that needs financial support then please get in touch.

Don't hesitate to contact me on 07773 149702

34/22 Invoices for Approval and any other financial matters

Finance Update – Meeting 21st April 2022

- Balances for the year end have been circulated. We are now working on two bank accounts, the Holding and Current Accounts. The balances of the Focal Point, Tennis Club, Events and Festival accounts sit within the Holding Account. As per the Finance meeting held earlier in the evening, the unaudited accounts have been seen by the Parish Council and there were no questions/queries raised. The accounts were therefore agreed as correct as at the year end.
- Santander update – Miles McClean from Santander has said that they cannot assist as our Constitutions do not work as per their rules. Focal Point according to the Constitution requires dual signatures which Santander can't give us with faster payments etc. Also, Focal Point's Constitution requires 4 signatures and the maximum number is 3. We

either amend our Constitution and resubmit the application, or Santander is a no go.

- Clerk working on end of year paperwork from PKF. Currently £25.00 out in her calculations. Duncan Richardson has kindly offered to look at it.
- Secured £200.00 funding from NSDC for the Jubilee Celebrations.
- Balances of accounts –
 - Holding - £14,216.65 - £200 funding having been added since figures were initially sent out
 - Current Account - £3,153.33 – VAT refund of £2850.83, Focal Point printing for April £288.00, Clerk's Wages £170.00 and Doug Lyne March mowing £394.93
 - Open Plan Consultants were paid £2,085.00 prior to the end of financial year.

35/22 Planning Applications/Updates

There have been no additional applications received for either Winthorpe or Langford Parishes

However, the application for Winthorpe House is still ongoing. Since the last meeting of the PC further information has been received by the applicant, noise surveys etc. Many residents have also forwarded additional comments highlighting objections against the application.

NCC Highways have posted a document which seems to support the revised access for the proposed venue with restrictions. However, this requires several requirements to be met before any work could be undertaken.

There also continues to be a lot of unease in the village regarding the proposals in general. Through discussion with various neighbours to the property and other villagers, it's clear that people are suggesting the application is just a series of pieces of information which have been cobbled together since last Autumn. It's therefore very difficult for people to see the whole picture. Also, because NSDC Planning Department has not rejected or agreed with the application, people feel that they are 'helping' the applicant.

Decisions:

The Lodge, 49 Gainsborough Road - Reconstruction of garage wall and removal of conifers

The Old Post House, 31 Gainsborough Road – Reduction in the height of a Scots Pine by no more than 3m

Greencroft, The Spinney - 2 Storey front extension

36/22 Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from Chris Briggs in response to her email regarding the fallen trees at Winthorpe Hall. Mr Briggs confirmed that Woodland TPO's don't necessarily have to be replaced – it is assumed that the regenerative nature of woodland compensates for any which naturally fall. Individually TPO'd trees, say in someone's garden, do have to be replaced if they fail or are felled without permission.

Email from Notts County Council confirming that dates for workshops are available for the Nottinghamshire Plan – Mr Smith has taken the details.

Bus timetables available – put in the pub and shop

Email from Sunisha Tharappan of National Highways informing us that further surveys will be undertaken to understand more about the local environment, from trees and wildlife to local archaeology. They will also be looking at river depths, surveying for utility services and understanding how the roads and fields drain. The surveys will help them develop an understanding of the surrounding area and will inform their environmental impact assessments as well as the development of the scheme design.

37/22 AOB

Mr Smith asked who owned the ginnel which runs from Gainsborough Road to the Community Centre, where the new Council bungalow has been built. The fencing is in a terrible state and there are trees overhanging. Mrs Dales confirmed that is owned by NSDC and she and Emma will look at getting this sorted out.

Mr Lord confirmed that this will be his final meeting as he is resigning from the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Lord for his efforts and said he had been a good servant to the Parish Council and will be sorely missed.

The Chairman will put a piece in Focal Point inviting villagers to apply for the post of Parish Councillor.

It is also the Chairmans last meeting in the role of "Chair" as he is standing down at the Annual Parish meeting after almost 7 years as Chairman. There was a vote of thanks for all the work he had done as Chairman and the impact he has made during his time as Chairman.

A new Chairman will be elected at the Annual Parish meeting in May.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm