

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19th October 2023 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30PM

Present: Mr P Smith (Chairman), Mr B Allen, Mr B Wright, Mr C Bentley, Mr M Kneen, Mr A Leary, Mrs L Cutts, Mr B McClymont

Apologies: Mrs A George, Mrs L Dales (District Councillor), Mr P Farmer (District Councillor), Mrs D Darby (County Councillor)

Clerk: Ms M Horley

Visitors: Mr Mark Brown

97) No declarations of interest

98) Acceptance of previous minutes proposed by Mr Bentley and seconded by Mr Allen

99) Matters arising

- i) Cricket Club
 - Mr Smith said that there was a good response to the Focal Point dog walking clarification.
- ii) Mr Kneen said that there was a better position and positivity from Cricket Club and that all councillors need to know that the relationship is positive. Not everyone reads Focal Point so all communications must reflect real situation which was agreed by Mr Smith.
- iii) Mrs Cutts asked if there were signs and if not do we need them and is everyone clear that it can be used October to March? They could be removed out of season or use a different sign? To be suggested to the Cricket Club
- iv) Mr Leary agreed that messages need to be clear and that the PC had previously offered to go 50/50 on costs with the Cricket Club. He also reminded the council about the potholes at the entrance.
- v) Mr Smith suggested that the PC would deal with the potholes.
 - Action: Mr Leary to tell the Cricket Club that it is in hand and the PC will keep them updated.

- vi) Jubilee Meadow. Mr Smith said that a grant funding offer had been received of nearly £5000. This would be received in three stages: Planting, maintenance and ongoing care.
 - Action: Mr Smith, Mrs Cutts, Mr Kneen and Mr Miles Harriman to get together to decide how to deliver the work.
- b) Defibrillator
- i) Mr Kneen has purchased the defibrillator and cabinet. Mrs Pauline Lockwood is holding the defibrillator temporarily and it is listed on The Circuit as such. There are four parts to the defibrillator: the defibrillator itself and the cabinet which have arrived, the mounting bracket for the lamp-post, and the lamp-post works.
 - Action: Ms Horley to arrange reimbursement for Mr Kneen
 - ii) Mr Leary checked that the license fee from VIA was a one-off and not yearly.
 - iii) Mr Kneen said that it is a lot of money but there no other place to access power for the cabinet. £2228 is the total raised. Mrs Darby's finance manager has promised £200 in writing and is trying to get to £400. Can Mrs Dales get £500? Mark has asked how confident she is in this. Funding gap of £266 as it stands. In a previous meeting it was agreed that the PC would fund the gap. Mr Kneen has also applied to a national grant scheme for £750 match funding.
 - iv) Mr Leary said that the PC was effectively providing a Section 137 grant to fill in the gap.
 - v) Agreed unanimously
 - Action: Ms Horley to send purchase order to VIA
- c) Park
- i) Mrs Cutts said there is nothing to be done on skatepark until the trees are planted. There is to be a 50-year celebration of the existing tree planting and the school is keen to be involved. Date TBA.
 - Action: Mrs Cutts to apply for funding for bat boxes/bug hotel or similar
 - ii) Mrs Cutts is looking for money for the slide. The Community Centre or Charity of Thomas Brewer are not in a position to support. The Landfill Fund want 10.75% funding to cover tax before the application can be submitted and it is a struggle to find that. Still looking, there are two weeks before the deadline.
 - iii) Mr McClymont asked if the climbing frame had been fixed? Mr Smith said no, it can only be repaired by the original supplier, but that it is solid and safe.
 - iv) Mrs Cutts has consulted parents over options for play equipment and they don't have a preference, so the PC needs to decide whether to choose wood or metal with consequent difference in guarantee length.

- v) Mr Kneen said that Tarmac were keen to help, and that Jessica would check an application before submission.
 - Action: Mrs Cutts to send application
- d) Coronation Bank
 - Action: Mr Smith to circulate information when received from STW
- e) Neighbourhood Watch
 - i) Mr Kneen said that the next meeting would be on 29th November where the newsletter was to be drafted. There has been a slight increase in crime and break ins. He has received calls on suspicious activity and team has acted on them.
- f) Dog Bins
 - i) Mr Smith said that Mrs George has been monitoring and has suggested some changes including some replacements, and a repair for the bin outside the pub. It was suggested that NSDC empties fortnightly to reduce cost. One is to possibly be taken away or moved as very close to another. It was suggested that NSDC may also be auditing at the moment.
- g) Snow Warden
 - Action: Mr Smith to put something in Focal Point
- h) Street Lights
 - i) Mr Leary was asked by Cllr Farmer to monitor street lights and has had several replaced

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- a) Mr Neary said that Think Again is continuing to meet monthly. National Highways is to come back on the Statement of Common Ground which was submitted recently. The project has now exceeded the £0.5bn cost threshold for Treasury involvement, which will mean a delay until the new year. The suggested start date is now 2026. Archaeological and environmental surveys are ongoing. At the previous meeting Cllr Farmer informed the council that traveller site expansion conflicts with open break policy – the council needs to know the situation.
 - Action: Mr Smith to contact for clarification
 - Action: Mr Smith to put in an objection to the NSDC Community Plan before the deadline of mid-November

101) Neighbourhood Plan

- a) Mr Smith said that the grant from Groundworks was still to arrive. Work is ongoing to define a new village envelope. There has been a meeting of the working group and it is currently being drafted with changes to previous village envelope 20 years ago. It is very important to get it right as defines where development can and cannot take

place and is holding up the plan. The next stage is consultation on draft regulation 14 planned for November onwards.

102) County and District Councillor Reports

- a) Mrs Darby sent a report where she suggested another meeting. This has been circulated to councillors.
 - Action: Mr Smith to arrange meeting
- b) Mrs Dales has met with Mr Smith and Mr Kneen to update on a variety of local issues.

103) Invoices for Approval

- a) Flying Colours Flags £217.26 - Approved

104) Planning

- a) 2 Gainsborough Road - Border fencing either side of access drive has been moved back. Hedgerow cut back for visibility splay - hopefully will survive. PC has requested that hawthorn hedging be planted along the road-facing front edge either side of the access drive to provide continuation of the existing hedgerow. - Information/Closed
- b) 23/01833/TWCA - Reduce hedge row at side of track to 2.4 metres high (marked in blue on attached plan), clear trees from power lines and BT cables. Orchard area- remove self-set sycamores, elder, brambles etc leaving fruit trees and trees with good form. Area is to be replanted with fruit trees to re-establish orchard. - Land Adjacent Low Wood Gainsborough Road Winthorpe – SUPPORT
- c) 23/01826/TWCA - Large Horse Chestnut Tree - all-round reduction of 4 metres; removal of deadwood and damaged limbs. - 49 Woodlands Winthorpe Newark On Trent NG24 2NL – SUPPORT
- d) 23/01625/S73 - Variation of condition 4 attached to planning permission 16/00931/FUL to allow the grass area to be tarmacked - Newark Motor Auctions Drove Lane Langford NG24 2NY - SUPPORT

105) Parish Maintenance & General Works

- a) Mr Kneen has a quote for painting of metal on skatepark and other equipment which will be £600 plus paint, it can be done in January. The total cost is estimated at £800 which will take most of Lengthsman money. This will brighten it up until full works done. The rest of the tarmacked area needs attention but separately.
- b) Mr Smith suggested that it should be booked in for April and the new financial year, plus January is not a good time to paint.
- c) Mrs Cutts said that bridge may need some work according to the Community Centre meeting
 - Action: Mr Bentley to check bridge

106) Parish councillor activities since last meeting

- a) Mr Brian Wright said that the Langford Church Warden had enquired about the church grant from the PC this year
 - Action: Ms Horley to check with Mrs Sillery
- b) Mr Allen asked if the PC usually sends invoice for rent to the Allotment Association? They usually pay unprompted, just for occupied sites. This is after their AGM so any time now. They are thinking about a shelter there, is there still a no buildings policy? There has been less trouble with intruders since blocking the path down the bank.
 - Action: Ms Horley to check with Mrs Sillery
- c) Mrs Cutts is checking what policies are needed, especially with reference to those which Farnsfield Parish Council have in place.
- d) Mrs Cutts also reported that school parking was chaos. The head is happy to work with the PC and has put in a request for a CCTV van from Notts County Council. PC Gareth Nicholls is arranging to go in for an assembly during Road Safety Week.
- e) Mr Bentley responded that there is too much going on in the school to do anything and that there were many children at the school from outside the village. Ultimately it is the parent's responsibility to keep children safe.
- f) Mr Kneen said it was an opportunity to build good relations between young people and the police.
- g) Mr Smith has been approached by the school to suggest potential co-opted governors. Mrs Cutts has volunteered but as a parent must be voted for. Mr Bentley was interested.
- h) Mr Bentley will take delivery of the road salt for this winter and distribute and the correspondence address needs to change on the insurance.
 - Action: Ms Horley to talk to NALC about insurers, historically others have been more expensive

107) Correspondence

- a) Mr Allen has been informed that excavation is to take place on Thomas Brewer land

108) Any other business

- a) Focal Point article to include speeding. Tarmac has a policy for speeding, the driver and vehicle is banned from all sites for 24 hours. Seven trucks caught since June.

Meeting closed at 9:30PM