

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th January 2024 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.45PM

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

In attendance: District Councillor P Farmer

Clerk: Ms M Horley

Members of the Public: Mr M Harriman (Allotment Society)

1. Public Forum

Mr Harriman thanked the council for the purchase of the pump and said it was working well. He spoke about the proposed social area at the allotments. He outlined that the allotment is more than vegetables and also provides mental health support and food distribution via Crop Drop at Beaumont Walk, plus informal distribution. Overall, it impacts about 120 households. Mr Harriman's presentation showed the outdoor seating area that the society hopes to create to enhance the social aspects of the allotments and to encourage allotment holders to talk.

The chair proposed that Agenda Item 12a be moved forward to be discussed at this point, resolved unanimously. See Agenda Item 12a for resolution.

- 2. Apologies for absence** received from District Councillor Dales and County Councillor Darby
- 3. Declarations of Interest** - none
- 4. To receive and accept minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st December 2023** - Proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mr Leary
- 5. Matters arising from the minutes**

a. Village Christmas tree

ACTION: Clerk to add to agenda later in the year

b. Cricket Club

Mr Leary reported that they have no rat poison that could have posed a danger to local dogs. He had not yet been able to arrange a date for a meeting regarding the pothole.

c. Jubilee Meadow

Mr Smith reported that trees had been ordered and all equipment had arrived, and the garage cleared. Mr Cammack has the trailer which will go back in the garage when projects are completed.

d. Defibrillator

Mr Kneen reported that the defibrillator is fully installed and working.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Mrs Sillery regarding previous fundraising

e. Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Kneen reported that some individuals had been aggressively pushing for work which had caused concern.

f. School Parking

Mrs Cutts reported that educational initiatives had been well-received among the children but that there has been no overall change in the situation. Correspondence has been received regarding a blue badge holder parking in a dangerous position and Mrs Cutts said that PC Nicholls would respond if it was reported to him.

g. Flooding

Mr Smith reported that the situation during recent storms has been satisfactory due to action taken, but a policy is needed going forwards. Mrs Cutts suggested that it be clarified who people contact to access the Community Centre in an emergency and Mr Smith said that he is the main contact and that there was a key safe to which he had the code. Flood wardens are needed in the village and Mr Smith said that he

would contact some residents who had expressed interest and otherwise would volunteer himself.

ACTION: Mrs Cutts to look into policy

h. Neighbourhood Plan

Next actions are awaited from Open Plan

i. Benches

Mr Bentley reported that he still needed to gain access to the bench on the tennis court.

j. Community Centre lighting

Mr Kneen reported that work is scheduled for mid to late January.

k. Burial Ground

Mr Leary is to attend a meeting with Newark Town Council on 31st January. Mr McClymont enquired as to the responsibilities of the Parish Council, to which Mr Smith replied that the PC is responsible for making sure there is capacity in the village. Mr Allen reported that at present there are three plots in the church yard and when they are filled Hargon Lane will need to be opened up, with costs covered by fees.

6. District/County Councillor updates

- a. Mrs Darby sent a report which has been circulated to councillors. Mr Smith has asked her for a meeting. Mr Kneen asked for clarification as to the IDB's responsibility for dyke clearance as opposed to Nottinghamshire County Council.
- b. Mr Farmer said that he would find out about the traveller site and send an update.

7. Planning

- a. 23/02281/OUTM - Land At Godfrey Drive Winthorpe

Mr Kneen said that there were not enough details for a full response as it is an outline planning permission, and Mr Smith said that better access to the Showground would be positive.

Mr Allen asked whether the new road would be adopted and said that the roundabout would need to be upgraded as it could be taking 10000 vehicles a day as the development on the other side

of the A17 is to start soon. Upgrades to Drove Lane have been promised but it is still in a dreadful state.

ACTION: Mr Smith to discuss at the next meeting with the Showground on 31st January

8. Parish Council Policy Documents

Mr Smith has read through all policies compiled by Mrs Cutts and agrees they all make sense. Mrs Cutts said that there needs to be a schedule for review.

- ▶ Resolved unanimously to adopt the policies and upload to website.

9. Dog and Litter Bin emptying

Mr Smith reported that the new bin in Langford has been added to the NSDC emptying schedule.

10. Parish Councillor activities since the last meeting

- a. Mr Wright reported that the Langford power line work had caused some power supply interruptions.
- b. Mr Bentley reported that potholes continue to be an issue and although some had been repaired, those at the top of Gainsborough Road had not yet reached the threshold of 40mm deep. Mr Smith said that Mrs Darby had triggered improvements but that pothole repairs are only a short-term solution.
- c. Mr Kneen said that he had reported an unsafe footpath which is now listed as complete but is not.

11. Correspondence

Email received from National Highways regarding tree planting alongside the A1 near the underpass, circulated to councillors. Mrs Cutts asked if residents had been informed to which Mr Smith said they had but not accurately.

12. Any other business

- a. Allotment Coffee and Chat area

The council viewed a presentation submitted by Mr Harriman regarding the Coffee and Chat area which is to be situated near the Severn Trent Water facility. Mr Allen asked whether by the road was the best location to which Mr Harriman replied that it is

behind the hedge and would be natural looking, not obvious from the road and would be more prominent if by the Jubilee Field. Mr Harriman also emphasised that the Allotment Society would fully fund the project.

► Resolved unanimously to give permission for the project to go ahead and Mr Harriman was asked to keep the PC informed of progress.

b. A46

Mr Leary reported that the archaeological dig on the Thomas Brewer land at the side of the A1133 has started, a Statement of Common Ground has also been issued between Think Again and National Highways, and that there was to be a Think Again meeting on 20th January.

c. Hargon Lane visibility

Mr McClymont suggested that there be a visibility mirror on Hargon Lane and Mr Leary agreed that it isn't easy to turn there.

ACTION: Clerk to enquire with Mrs Darby

d. Playground fundraising

Mrs Cutts reported that the Baby Market had raised £100 which was lower than expected as the weather was bad. She is also reviewing the playground inspection report.

e. Jubilee Field tree planting events

Mr Smith reported that at least 20 people have signed up for the two tree planting events already and that posters are ready to go out with the Clerk's email address for volunteers. Mr Smith is due to mark out tree locations with Lynn Preece from Nottinghamshire County Council on 14th February.

Meeting closed at 21:00