

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 15th February 2024 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30PM

Present: Mr P Smith (Chair), Mrs L Cutts, Mr M Kneen, Mr B Allen, Mr C Bentley, Mr B McClymont

Apologies: Mr B Wright, Mr A Leary, Mrs D Darby (County Councillor)

Clerk: Ms M Horley

13. Public Forum

Mrs Pauline Lockwood said that the local post-box toppers were impressive and had inspired the village to do more for Remembrance Day. Lots of poppies are being knitted to fill the churchyard and it would be nice to have some of the soldier silhouettes, both the male and female versions. Mrs Lockwood has already been promised donations and doesn't foresee a problem funding the silhouettes, so the decision is just where to site them. It was suggested that they be temporary in the run up to Remembrance Day in order to make more impact, or that they be in several different places. They could be kept in the Parish Council garage for the rest of the year. It is to be put in Focal Point that donations should go to Mrs Lockwood or the Parish Council, and any extra money to go to a related charity to be decided by Mrs Lockwood.

14. Declarations of Interest - none

15. Matters Arising from the meeting of 18th January 2024

a. Cricket Club

Action: Mr Leary to arrange a date for a meeting

b. Jubilee Meadow

Mr Smith reported that all trees and accessories had been purchased and the first planting session had taken place on that day. There had been over 20 people involved on site with more volunteers providing catering. There will be another planting

session on 24th February and the tremendous community effort had been recognised outside the village.

c. Defibrillator

A training session has been arranged for 19th March

d. School Parking

Mrs Cutts reported no change.

e. Flooding

The village now has a flood warden, Jane Bateson, who is also the Community Centre coordinator.

f. Neighbourhood Plan

The finished plan is due early next week. Steve Kemp had been held up by a rush of Parish Councils applying for grants. The next step is Regulation 14 consultation.

g. Community Centre Lighting

Not yet complete. Mr Kneen met Mr Warner from the Community Centre who reported that they had been let down by an electrician so is looking for someone new.

h. Burial Ground

Mr Leary attended the Newark Town Council meeting which was very well attended. He mentioned that this parish has the planned burial ground, but other PCs had more space that they would come forward with if needed.

i. Dog Bins

Action: Ms Horley to cross reference NSDC collections against Miss George's list

j. Hargon Lane mirror

VIA have replied via Mrs Darby that they no longer install visibility mirrors due to distortion and it cannot be put on private land in this location due to obstacles.

k. Playground

Mrs Cutts reported that match funding was £260 short for the FCC Community Fund grant application so it has been withdrawn and will be submitted in the next quarter. It was suggested that she contact Mrs Darby who has £800 left in the County Councillor's Divisional Fund.

16. To receive and accept minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2024 - Proposed by Mr Allen and seconded by Mr Bentley

17. District and Country Councillor Reports

a. District Councillor Linda Dales

Mrs Dales reported that the GRT Strategy Locations Plan has gone to the Planning Inspectorate. There has been a Statement of Common Ground from the Environment Agency (EA) so there is no legal basis to oppose flood defences at Tolney Lane.

A planning application has been submitted for the traveller site close to Winthorpe and that the community there don't want expansion beyond the six plots there now and not into the farmland.

The Staythorpe solar power station planning application has gone to appeal.

Regarding flooding, local volunteers are to go out with the Internal Drainage Board (IDB) and Mat Everett will talk to members of the PC individually, Mrs Dales to organise.

b. County Councillor Debbie Darby

Mr Smith and Mr Kneen met with Mrs Darby in the week prior to the meeting where she reported that repairs are under way to the crumbling path outside the church. The Parish Councillors asked that potholes throughout the village all be done at one time and pushed for a start date for repairs to Drove Lane.

18. Planning

Mr Smith had met with the Newark and Notts Agricultural Society (NNAS) regarding the site by the showground. Lindum

own most of the land and have agreed to buy the remaining land from NNAS. The NNAS deal is that an access road from A17 to show ground via runway will be put in within six months of planning getting approved whether the development ends up getting built or not. Mr McClymont asked if it could later be sold to another company and Mrs Dales said that planning permission was for a distribution centre and anything else would have to go back for further planning permission.

19. Finance

a. Reports

See attached document

b. Defibrillators

Reports show there is a surplus from fundraising, which will be used for parts and maintenance.

c. External Audit

Ms Horley reported that PKF Littlejohn will be contacting Smaller Authorities in the week beginning 18th March.

d. Youth Club Funds

It was asked if this should be used on other initiatives. It is held back for use for the benefit of children in the village so it could possibly be used for the playground. This project will move towards the next stage after tree planting.

20. A46

Nothing further to report this month.

21. D-Day

It was agreed last year that there would be a beacon-lighting ceremony and a decision now needs to be taken on what other celebrations should take place.

Action: All to think of ideas

Action: Mrs Cutts to talk to Mrs Lockwood

22. New website

Mr Smith said that the present website is paid for the next 12 months and that funding is available for a new version with a suggested budget of £800.

Mr Farmer suggested Jolly Good Web who specialise in sites for smaller organisations.

23. Reports from Councillors

- a. Mr Smith reported that a box has been found in the PC garage with a large amount of historical documentation for the parish dating back to the formation of civil parishes. Local historian Christine Hasman will go through it, and it would be good to eventually display it.

There has been no response to the councillor vacancy, so it is to go in Focal Point again in the next edition.

- b. Mr Kneen reported that he has asked for pothole repairs and sweeping which has now taken place.

There are now traffic beacons at the entrance to the village, but they are all in one place on the bend, so he has requested a change.

- c. Mrs Cutts reported that some of the bench leg protection work has been done and will be completed when weather improves. She has also requested a quote for repairs to the park.

24. Correspondence

a. Portrait of the King

Action: Ms Horley to order

b. Best Kept Village

Mrs Cutts said that it was not the right time to enter, and Mr Allen said that it would need another body to take it on.

Meeting closed at 20:52

FINANCE REPORT FOR MEETING HELD ON 15TH FEBRUARY 2024

Lloyd's balance: £17000.94

	Income	Expenditure
February 1/2/24-8/2/24	£0	£259 Willsons Printers
January 2024	£31,486.71 Cheque from HSBC Current Account, Focal Point advertisers, Nottinghamshire C 1000, Baby Market cash	£20,832.02 Green-Tech, VIA East Midlands, Winthorpe Village Hall, NSDC, Open Plan Consultants Ltd, Uxello, Mr Johnson & Mrs Hill

NB: January figures inflated by unpaid cheque from HSBC Current Account that was then re-presented

Focal Point balance within Current Account: £911.63

	Income	Expenditure
February 1/2/24-8/2/24	£0	£259 Willsons Printers
January 2024	£634.50 Advertisers	£120.80 Cruise wifi (50%), Postage

Tennis Club balance within Current Account: £5,366.37

HSBC Current Account balance: £0

	Income	Expenditure
January 2024	£15,135.00 Return of unpaid cheque, Focal Point advertiser	£30,529.75 Cheque to Lloyds account x 2, Transfer of remaining amount to Lloyds

HSBC Holding Account balance: £0

Santander Property Trust: £7680.88

Youth Club balance within Property Trust: £3432.44