

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mr P Smith (Chair), Mr B McClymont, Mr A Leary, Mr L Cammack, Mr B Wright, Mr M Kneen, Mr B Allen and Mr P Farmer

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**Apologies:** Miss A George and Councillor D Darby

**District Councillors:** Mrs L Dales

**60/22 Declarations of Interest** – Mr R Allen and Mr B Wright

**61/22 To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Mr Bark has cut the trees back on the boundary of his property and the alleyway through to the Community Centre. The Council are looking into the repair of the wire. Mr Smith confirmed that the land at the end of the alleyway is owned by the District Council.

Councillor Dobson's bench – Mr Cammack has taken delivery of the bench and has some slabs to put it on. Mr Farmer will assist Mr Cammack with this during the first weekend of August.

Mr Leary confirmed that he had spoken to a potential internal auditor, but the gentlemen was not interested in the role.

Cricket Club – Mr Cammack and Mr Leary are meeting with the Club on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr Farmer read out an email from Mr Steve Acton. He mentioned the repeated verbal attacks on parishioners. He also mentioned the loose netting which is very wildlife unfriendly and that this should be tied up. Mr Cammack said that he felt sure that Mr Matthews would push for the trees which separate the Jubilee field from the Cricket Club to be cut back as they are encroaching. Mr Smith felt that the trees might be protected. However, Mr Allen said that if it was a safety issue, we cannot deny this. Apparently, it is just removing a few branches that are encroaching. Mr Smith will have a look at the trees and report back.

Mr Kneen also asked Mr Smith to look at the overhanging trees on the Jubilee walk with a view to asking Doug Lyne to trim them back.

Parking on the Jubilee field during cricket games had been raised. It was agreed that so long as the parking was sensible and did not block the path, this was not a problem. Mr Cammack will raise this with the Cricket Club during their meeting.

Councillor Dales confirmed that the Cricket Club's application for funding has been successful.

The Clerk confirmed that she had invited Jenny Palmer, the New Community Relations Office at NSDC to this meeting. However, she could not attend the meeting due to her workload with the Ukrainian refugee programme. Jenny would like to attend the September meeting.

Minutes confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Mr Farmer and seconded by Mr Leary.

Mr Smith said that he felt we needed a better solution in relation to the signing off the minutes. Residents need to know what is happening now not in two months' time. It was suggested that the minutes be confirmed via email. If it is necessary to change the Constitution or the Standing Orders, this could be arranged.

### **62/22 A46 Update**

There was a meeting of the Think Again Group on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. Not an awful lot is happening at present, although they are looking to change the Constitution. There does seem to be some issues in the way that National Highways have handed things over to the contractors. National Highways seem to be trying to take control over meetings setting the agenda. There seems to have been a huge change and the Think Again Group do not feel so involved.

Mr Cammack asked if the project was still viable given the increase in inflation and the current financial crisis? Also, there will be a new Prime Minister in September, will this change things?

### **63/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The NP Working Group last met on the 13<sup>th</sup> July and was well attended by members. The NP is progressing well with a lot of really good work being undertaken by members and Focus Groups.

Some of the key items of note over the last month include the following:

- Following a lot of hard work, we have been successful in receiving Grant Funding to support the development of the NP for the rest of the financial year
- The £10k funding includes support for the overall completion of the Plan including the Winthorpe Heritage Trail and re development of the Village Website. The Heritage Guide is finished with just a few typos to sort out before printing. This will go in Focal Point. There will be some in the pub and Mr Leary will take some to the Tourist Office and the Civil War Museum. It also might be worth contacting the Newark Advertiser.
- We have also received additional funding for Technical Support for the development of 'Design Codes' to follow on and support the work undertaken in the Housing Focus Group so far and the Housing Needs Assessment which was undertaken last year
- AECOM will be visiting the Parish towards the end of July to work with us in understanding the village scape and to take the first steps in the Design Code work
- The Winthorpe Heritage Guide is now complete and is out for print. We have agreed to print sufficient copies for one copy to be included in a future delivery of Focal Point. This will ensure that all people in the Parish will have a copy. It will also be placed on the Village Website and copies will be available in the Nelson. It will also be promoted on the PC Twitter account and possibly through the Newark Advertiser and even placed in the Newark Tourist Information Office/Civil War Centre? A big thanks here to Andy for all his work in getting this over the line
- We are currently looking at several Website developers who specialise in Parish/Town Council sites and we'll be seeking ideas and costings over the next few weeks
- Steve Kemp our Consultant on Plan Development has produced several outline policies which the WG went through in detail at this meeting. The structure seems good, and members agreed where necessary to add in some of the supporting material ahead of the next meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- Steve has also started to develop the overall outline plan, so we are currently on target to achieve a first draft Plan by September

- Most focus groups are on hold at the moment as the work that needed to be undertaken has been completed. The Housing group will probably start again once we have more input from the Design Code work
- Julia Loach Martin has agreed to work with Martin Shapley on the Active Travel work and similarly Duncan Loach Martin will be working alongside Phil Farmer in taking the Recreation and Green Spaces work forward to completion
- The Conservation and Built Heritage Group has now met 3 times and some interesting outcomes have been delivered. They have now drafted a revision plan to the Winthorpe Conservation Area which includes justification for suggested changes. This will be worked through at a future meeting which will be attended by Oliver Scott, the N&SDC Conservation Officer. Work is currently being undertaken to complete the list of Non-Designated Heritage Assets in the Parish and also those properties/buildings which are believed to be Assets of Community Value. This work is largely complete, but a review will be undertaken in August via a village 'Walk About'
- An article covering the key areas of progress will be included in this month's Focal Point as usual.

#### **64/22 District/County Councillor Updates**

Mrs Dales confirmed that the Mint Leaf site was ongoing. The enforcement order ends on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August.

Mrs Dales has a meeting with Ben from NSDC on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July to confirm the ownership of the alleyway between Gainsborough Road and the Community Centre field.

No date yet arranged for the September Police Awareness Day.

Report from Councillor Darby

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present my regular report to your Parish Council. Unfortunately, my daughter is in labour and by now I could be a grandmother (again) I hope to attend your next meeting.

I am pleased to report that I have been put on Nottinghamshire County Council's Children and Young People's Select Committee. On 27 June, I attended my first meeting and raised some important issues. Firstly, I called for more support for schools and others across the Collingham Division which I represent. The Council have promised to look at what additional support they can give to rural schools including analysing and acting upon the provisions of the latest School's Bill. I also raised the issue of growing child poverty in Nottinghamshire. A fifth of all pupils are now on free school meals and more don't qualify due to the strict criteria including only qualifying if you earn less than £7400 a year. I followed this up with interviews with BBC Radio Nottingham, Notts TV and the Nottingham Post.

Earlier this month, I took part in a meeting with the Clinical Commissioning Group for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. They are the group who currently distribute resources to our hospitals and GP practices. I raised the issue of access to GP practices including the lack of GP surgery in Winthorpe and waiting times for an appointment. They have promised to look at each and every complaint I receive so please feel free to pass on any complaints you have. I am continuing my campaign to

improve services at Newark Hospital. I attach a copy of the slides produced by the CCG at the meeting for your information.

Talking of healthcare – last, at my instigation, I held a meeting with the Chief Executive of East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) Richard Henderson and his colleagues to discuss my concerns about ambulance response times. Dozens of residents have been in touch. Some complain about having to wait hours to get picked up in an emergency and others sitting in ambulances outside Kings Mill Hospital. I feel that this completely unacceptable and made this clear at the meeting. If you know of anybody who has a complaint or indeed concern, then please contact me at [cllr.debbie.darby@nottscg.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.debbie.darby@nottscg.gov.uk)

I would like to make Councillors aware of the Make Notts Safe Community Chest fund from Nottinghamshire Police. It offers funding awards of up to £5,000 to community groups who help transform lives and Make Notts Safe. The Community Chest is aimed at third sector community-based organisations to support projects that help meet police priorities in the Make Notts Safe Plan. The priorities of the are: Preventing crime and protecting people from harm; responding efficiently and effectively to local needs; and supporting victims, survivors, witnesses and communities.

The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – so not much time to apply. Examples of how the money could be used include funding community events to build trust and confidence in Nottinghamshire Police, running small scale activities for young people at risk, undertaking outreach or awareness-raising initiatives, or purchasing small items of equipment for community initiatives.

Finally, If you haven't already – you will shortly be receiving a copy of the biggest ever transport survey ever undertaken in the Collingham Division. I have produced 6,000 of them and my team and I are delivering them door to door. If you receive one – please send it back to my freepost address.

Each and every response will be sent to County Hall as I endeavour to fight to fix our broken roads and pavements.

As ever, please contact me on 07773 149702 if you would like assistance with any matter. Please also contact me if you would like assistance with funding to help any voluntary groups helping our community via my Councillor's Divisional Fund and the Communities Fund.

## **65/22 Invoices for Approval and any other financial matters**

### **Current Account - £530.16**

#### Expenditure

£150.00	Thomas Brewer Lawn Mower VAT refund
£160.20	Thomas Brewer refund of unused Jubilee grant
£239.60	Denise Day refund of Jubilee expenditure
£5.80	Bank Charges
£170.00	Clerk's Wages
£140.00	Payment of Bouncy Castle for Festival
£50.00	Festival donation to Newark Community First Aid
£1040.40	Doug Lyne Grass cutting June

## **Holding Account - £13424.65**

### Expenditure

£270.00 Focal Point transfer to Current Acc for printing  
£190.00 Festival transfer to Current Acc for bouncy castle and Newark First Aid  
£1000.00 Top up transfer to current account

### Income

Festival Funds £942.90

**Focal Point - £1555.91**

No income and £270 for printing

**Tennis Club - £5151.37**

No Expenditure and Income of £180.00

**Property Trust - £6877.60 - Unchanged**

The Clerk informed the meeting that she was still having trouble finding an alternative current account provider. The contact at Santander she had been dealing with has now left the business and it is doubtful that our case has been passed on to anyone else. Mr Leary confirmed that Santander had changed their business model and that there are no Business Bank Managers in the branches. He gave the Clerk a number to contact that he was given whilst in the Newark Santander branch. The Clerk will endeavour to make contact and try and get a decision as to whether we can open two more current accounts.

The Clerk also reported that whilst trying to pay in the funds from the Festival into the HSBC account, the Newark branch no longer accept cash. She was told that they needed a deposit card and then this can be used to pay the cash in at the Post Office. An application form for the deposit card was taken and has been completed and signed at this meeting.

It was suggested that the Post Office may offer current accounts. Clerk to investigate this.

The Clerk updated the meeting on an email from PKF in relation to the end of year AGAR return. Section 2 Box 3 relating to the variance in receipts as against the previous year, has not been explained sufficiently. Clerk to respond accordingly.

PKF have raised the issue of Fixed Assets. As we have confirmed we have purchased a lawn mower and exercise bikes. These and any other assets should be shown on the AGAR. Mr Leary said that any asset over £250 in value should be shown and therefore the Clerk is to respond and confirm the value of the lawn mower, the container at the Allotments and the exercise bikes. We do have a fixed assets register, but we have no idea of valuations of land owned by the Parish Council.

## **66/22 Planning applications/updates (if any)**

### **Applications:**

- 1) The Grove 73 Gainsborough Road

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations including alterations to the internal layout to create ensuite bathrooms, installation of underfloor heating and installation of an Air-Source Heat Pump to the rear elevation

Suggested PC response:

Support – No change to external appearance apart from air-source heat pump. Adds ensuite bathrooms to first & second floors.

2) Proposed 5G Telecommunications Installation for H3G UK (A17 roundabout)

Proposal: Proposed 15.0m Phase 9 monopole and associated ancillary works.

Suggested PC response:

No objection

3) Lowfield Farm 111 Gainsborough Road Langford Nottinghamshire NG23 7RN

Proposal: Demolish existing dwelling and garage and erect replacement dwelling

Suggested PC response:

No issues. (New property will be more attractive than the current one).

### **Decisions: (Info)**

1) Oakdale 88 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe Nottinghamshire NG24 2NR

Proposal: Fell tree numbers 1 - 28 (mixed species) T29 Beech - Crown lift to 6m from ground level

Decision: Application permitted with no objection. Comment made that road noise from A1 may increase due to reduced tree coverage.

### **Appeals:**

Mr Kneen informed the meeting that there has been a change in the procedure of the appeal in relation to Land off A17, Coddington, Development of Site for distribution uses by Tritax Acquisition. It is now going to a hearing based on written representation rather than a hearing as is the norm with appeals. Mr Kneen said he was concerned that NSDC were stepping back from the original refusal. Mrs Dales confirmed that the Council feared for their costs in relation to this situation. Mrs Dales added that there are better areas in the district for such a project. Mr Kneen asked if we can still voice our concerns? Mrs Dales will check the situation with Lisa and Roger.

Currently there has been no notification of an appeal in relation to Winthorpe House.

Mr McClymont asked if the planning sub committee were making final decisions on planning applications. Mr Kneen confirmed that the sub committee reviewed the application and brought the information to the meeting for the Parish Councillors to decide upon the ultimate outcome.

### **67/22 Correspondence**

Letter from Nottingham Hospitals Charity asking us to display a poster in relation to Hike for Your Hospital - done

Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council asking us to display a poster for the Tour of Britain cycle race commencing on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September - done

Email from Sally Page, Landlord Liaison Officer at NSDC asking if we would display a laminated A4 poster on our noticeboard in relation to Real Home Tenant Finder Service for Landlord. This was agreed and Clerk to write back.

The Clerk confirmed that more information had been received in relation to the Lengthsman Scheme which the Clerk had circulated via email. There was concern that the grass cutting payment we receive from NCC would be no longer received if we entered this arrangement. This would have to be considered when assessing whether the grant that is received is financially viable on this basis. Mr Cammack asked whether we can select whatever jobs we want off the list. There are things on the list which never happen such as cleaning the village sign and should be undertaken. More information is required and a study of the agreement that has been forwarded. It was felt that we need to be able to cherry pick off the list, but it would give us more control. If we sign up, it will be a 3-year contract. Mr Farmer will look into this, and Mr Smith will ask Collingham PC if they have considered it.

### **68/22 AOB**

A resident has informed Mr Leary that there is a problem with the cat's eyes at the level crossing towards Holme. Mr Cammack agreed and confirmed that there are actually no cats' eyes and only the metal is in place. It was agreed that this is a Highways issue and that individuals can raise these concerns directly with Highways. Mr Leary to inform the resident.

Mr McClymont informed the meeting that the woods behind the village hall have been purchased by the person who rents the house next door to the village hall. He has purchased it to preserve and safeguard it. He has been in touch with the school as it is a very interesting place to visit, and he is happy to show the school children around.

Mr McClymont raised the issue of Standing Orders and that we must give 14 days' notice of Parish Council meetings and that when cheques are signed, the signatories must initial the cheque stub. Mr Leary is to review the Standing Orders and bring an updated version to the September meeting for discussion.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm