

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mr D Aldridge, Mr R Allen, Mr L Cammack, Mr S Jackson (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mr R McClymont, Mr B Wright

CC/DC M Dobson

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr G Thompson – Accepted
Ms S Masheder – Accepted

2. **Declarations of interest:** None declared

3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**

A, Copies of the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday December 10th had been circulated. It was proposed by Mr Allen and seconded by Mr Wright that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

A, The Clerk had written to the Youth Club Management Committee to invite them to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May, to give an annual report on the years activities and a statement of the years accounts.

B, Mr Lyne had been contacted following reports of ivy growing across the land in front of the Alms houses on Chapel Lane. It was reported that the ivy would be treated within the next few weeks.

C, The Chairman raised the ongoing issue of part of Chapel Lane which required resurfacing Chapel Lane. Mrs Dobson confirmed that the County Highways Agency had now confirmed that the section of road had been adopted and would be properly reconstructed. The Chairman explained that he had a letter confirming that the County Council had adopted this section of road. Mrs Dobson requested a copy of this letter in order for her to take this matter further.

D, Mr Aldridge informed the clerk that there were still a couple of agendas missing from the website. The Clerk would rectify this when she rearranged the minutes and agendas into date order on the website, which she had hoped to be able to do within the week.

E, Mr Leary felt that although the minute relating to the attendance of Mr Hill and Mr Pope at the December Parish Council meeting was factually correct, he was still unsure of what involvement the Parish Council had with this matter. The Chairman explained to Mr Leary that the Parish Council had, over a number of years, helped the Youth Club to raise funds each year through the use of the Parish Council's insurance and other

matters, which amounted to approximately £600-£700 each year. This help amounted to financial support from the Parish Council and as such the Council had a clear duty to ensure that this money was properly utilised for the purposes intended. Not to do so would have serious consequences for the Parish Council under the relevant Local Government Financial Regulations. Mr Leary felt that if the Parish Council had an involvement such as this then it would perhaps be best to outline this in a letter to those concerned.

F, The Chairman, nor the new Youth Club Management Committee, had heard from the previous Management Committee members following their attendance at the December Parish Council meeting. The Clerk would write to them including a copy of the minute, to allow them the opportunity to follow up the discussion held in December.

5. Finance

A, There were no invoices for payment as at 15th January 2015:

B, The Clerk had circulated the accounts. It was agreed unanimously within the earlier meeting of the Finance Committee that the accounts be adopted.

C, Mr Cammack asked when the Parish Council would be looking at distributing grants to the relevant local organisations. The Clerk would be liaising with Mr Aldridge to confirm how much would be distributed. These amounts would be submitted to the February's Parish Council meeting for approval.

6. Planning:

A, Two Applications had been received. The First was from the Winthorpe Showground, for an extension to their Lady Eastwood pavillion, no objections were found with this application, providing it was specified that the building should not be used for late night events that could cause excessive noise pollution. The second application was from the Winthorpe Air Museum, for the construction of a display hanger with café and toilets. The Parish Council could see no reason to object to this application, however Mr Allen believed that the land could be better utilised if the building was erected along the perimeter of the field rather than centrally. Mr Aldridge would respond with the Parish Councils comments.

B, A letter had been received regarding the proposed erection of a wind turbine at Bathley. The proposed turbine would be situated alongside two existing turbines and comments were invited from nearby Parishes. It was thought that the turbine would cause further considerable sight pollution. Mr Aldridge would respond accordingly.

7. Embankment Clearance:

A, The Chairman reported that the embankment clearance was now almost completed. It had become apparent however that there were a few trees that required assessment and one tree in particular, an Ash Tree, which was partially rotten and was now unsafe.

A tree surgeon had been contacted and would assess all trees in the area and advise the Parish Council accordingly.

8. Correspondence:

A, An email was received from the Newark and Sherwood District Council informing the Parish of estimated election costs. It was thought that the Parish could expect costs of approximately £1000 in May 2015 and funds would have to be earmarked for this expenditure.

B, The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the East Trent group of Churches. The letter confirmed that there were now very few burial plots remaining at Winthorpe Church. A subcommittee would be asked to consider this and report back.

C, A letter had been received from a resident of Gainsborough Road regarding a planning application submitted by their neighbour which related to the erection of a garage that was now blocking light to their property. The planning application had been approved, it was estimated around 10 years ago. Although the Parish Council sympathised with the resident they were unable to offer any support as the Parish Council did not have the power to approve or otherwise any planning applications. The Council were only consulted on relevant applications, and there was nothing it could do on this matter. This should be taken up with the District Council.

Any Other Business:

None

Meeting Closed 9.15PM

Action Points:

A, Focal Point Article	19 th January 2015 – Clerk
B, Real Time Information	31 st January 2015 – Clerk
C, Parish Council Website	31 st January 2015 – Clerk
D, Adjust accounts layout	31 st January 2015 – Clerk
E, Submit grant amounts to be paid	31 st January 2015 - Clerk
Out to external parties	
F, Write to previous members of the Youth Club Management Committee	19 th January 2015 – Clerk/Chairman
G, Write to District Council regarding Traffic congestion at the entrance to the Showground	19 th January 2015 – Clerk/Chairman
H, Respond to planning letter received	19 th January 2015 – Clerk/Chairman

I, Chapel Lane – on going road construction issue

TBC - Chairman