

# Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th November 2023 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Mr B Wright, Mr P Farmer (District Councillor), Mrs D Darby (County Councillor)

Clerk: Ms M Horley

**109. No declarations of interest**

**110. Public forum - no public present**

**111. To receive and accept minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
19 October 2023, proposed by Mr Kneen and seconded by Mr Bentley**

**112. Matters Arising**

- a. Cricket Club - Mr Bentley and Mr Kneen suggested that signs be permanent, but with dates explaining the rules - dogs on lead between March and September. The potholes on the entrance to the field will be fixed before the new season. Mr Allen suggested Doug Lyne be asked
- b. Jubilee Meadow - There was to be a meeting on 22nd November in the Lord Nelson at 7pm to discuss the Jubilee Meadow and Coronation Bank including councillors, residents and Miles Harriman
- c. Defibrillator - Mr Kneen displayed an updated spreadsheet of figures. Ongoing costs have been added, for example pads must be replaced at certain timescales. He reported that everything was on order with a wait of four to six weeks to install the pole and the invoice is to be paid on completion. The grant application to NSDC is progressing.
  - Action: Ms Horley to go back through to check the initial figure from Pauline Lockwood

- d. Play park - Mrs Cutts reported that there was to be a fundraiser on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, with Mrs Dales to look into further funding. Mr Leary suggested a formal application to the Charity of Thomas Brewer even if a token amount as it demonstrates several parties backing the project, and a formal request to the community centre on the same basis. Mr Smith suggested that Severn Trent Water could also be approached. Mr Kneen suggested splitting the play park from the skate park as funding can be applied for both and the skate park works will be in the next financial year.
- e. Coronation Bank - Mr Smith confirmed that money had been received, along with £500 to be received from Thomas Brewer, more information had been requested from TB which Mr Smith had provided.
- f. Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report from Mr Kneen
- g. Dog Bins
  - Action: Mrs George to be asked to circulate her research
- h. Snow Warden - No one has come forward since the request in Focal Point
- i. Parish Maintenance - Mr Kneen reported that skate park painting has been arranged to be done in the second week of April. Potholes have been reported but Nottinghamshire County Council says there is no risk to safety. One has been mended outside Mr Allen's farm. The Jubilee Walk bridge over The Fleet is slightly worn but poses no danger at the moment. As part of the Coronation Bank re development raised decking/boardwalk has been suggested in the area. 10 Community Orchard trees will also be received from Lynne Preece from the Sherwood Forest Trust to be planted near the allotments, with space to be left for the Internal Drainage Board (IDB).
- j. Policies - An example list has been sent to Mrs Cutts along with the criteria for the Quality Foundation Award
- k. School parking - Mrs Cutts had a productive meeting with the school, with no long term solution but some smaller projects going ahead this week, as road safety week. Mrs Darby is going into the school, there has been support from Skanska and VIA with posters etc. and the teachers have it on their radar.
  - Action: Mrs Cutts to enquire which bus company is doing three-point turns in Woodlands with a double decker bus
- l. Insurance

- Action: Ms Horley to look for better value insurance
- m. No feedback has been received from Mr Kneen's Focal Point article about speeding

**113. A46**

- a. No Think Again meeting has been held since the last PC as there has been nothing to discuss until after further developments and a meeting will now probably not be held until January.
- b. Bus stop - see the update from Mrs Darby. There was a general feeling that the proposal was not sensible.
- c. Mrs Dales highlighted that flood impacts must be considered in any A46 developments.

**114. Flooding**

- a. Mr Smith said that a PC flood action plan is needed regarding flooding and the Fleet, which needs clearing periodically. Mrs Cutts said a resident also clears the Fleet when they can. Mr Allen said the Environment Agency (EA) have a list of grids that are cleared out after heavy rain
- b. Mrs Dales said that there is a plan and IDB maintenance teams walk it regularly. The EA is responsible for the main waterways but can't always get to the work so put it out to tender, then IDB tenders for the work.
- c. Mr Kneen wanted to know who was responsible for flood mitigation, Linda said not a simple answer, Mr Allen outlined the history of the IDB and EA.
- d. Mrs Dales is to ask Mat Everett from the IDB to the January or February meeting to talk about flooding.
- e. Mr Allen would go on the IDB if asked

**115. Neighbourhood Plan**

- a. Mr Smith reported that the revised village envelope plan had been received from Open Plan so the NP is now very close to Regulation 14 consultation after some final tidying up.
- b. Funding had been challenged regarding money put in for website update, Mr Smith informed them that it was a 70/30 split and is awaiting confirmation from the provider who will split it out in quote.
- c. Payment is still owed to Open Plan who will be paid on receipt of funding.

**116. Councillor's reports**

- a. Mrs Dales reported that two solar farms had been submitted as single applications, not one larger one in order to be decided at NSDC planning committee rather than being classed as a national scheme. She also reported that a traveller site in Besthorpe had been approved. Mrs Dales also highlighted that the NSDC Communities Grant Scheme was just about to come online along with the Shared Prosperity Fund at some point.
- a. Mrs Darby's written report was circulated.

**117. Finance**

- a. Ms Horley is not yet on the bank account mandates so opportunities to do a full reconciliation were limited. Mrs Sillery has been making payments in the meantime.
  - Action: Ms Horley to research cheaper insurance for 2024
- b. The donation to Winthorpe and Langford churches has been paid
- c. Mrs Cammack has paid the allotment rent into the property trust account
- d. The precept was discussed in preparation for the January Finance Committee Meeting and a comparison with other parishes was viewed. Financial risk management is to be taken into account as well as inflation. Mrs Cutts suggested formulating a 10-year plan and Mr Kneen suggested basing it on the Neighbourhood Plan.
  - Action: Mr Leary is to discuss with NSDC, facilitated by Mrs Dales
  - Action: Mr Smith is to look into NALC training

**118. Planning**

- a. 23/01910/TELPA - a 5G tower at Fosse Service Station, replacing a slightly taller tower. Mr Kneen recommended no objection
  - Action: Ms Horley to send off consultation with no objection

**119. Correspondence**

- a. Mr Bentley has the grit as supplied by NSDC with two bags to go at the back of the village hall to be used with the rest in the garage behind the community centre, Mr Kneen and Mr McClymont have keys for the garage.
  - Action: Mr Kneen to write to the county council about grit bin repair or replace, Mrs Dales to check who is responsible

**120. AOB**

- a. Mr Leary attended a special meeting of the Langford Quarry Liaison Committee due to flooding where Tarmac outlined what they believe happened with the Slough Dyke flooding, that the real cause of the problem was Slough Dyke backing up. EA are being asked why flood defences didn't work. Mr Smith said that emergency plans for Holme and the surrounding area need to say Winthorpe Community Centre not the church. Mr Smith and Mrs Dales said that we need an emergency plan, community resilience store and a flood warden. The Lord Nelson and possibly other properties need sand bags to be available for use. Mrs Dales is to get a council member to talk to the Parish Council about it
- b. Mr Bentley has checked the benches for missing plaques and also found that some need reinforcement after strimmer damage. Mr Smith said that the one outside the village hall has very recently had plaques removed! Mr Kneen said that a bench audit is needed.
  - Action: Mrs Cutts to see if her husband can repair bench legs
- c. Mr Bentley queried the lighting at the Community Centre, Mr Smith and Mrs Cutts said work was planned.
- d. Mr Allen said that Drove Lane needs resurfacing. Mrs Darby's report says that it is not on the list, but she is chasing. The increase in traffic when the A46 is shut has exacerbated it.
- e. Mr Smith reminded the council about the Christmas meal which is to follow the 21st December meeting at 20:30.
  - Action: Mr Smith to circulate menu and Mrs Dales to invite Mr Farmer

Meeting closed at 21:24