

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21st September 2023 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

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

Clerk : Mrs S Sillery

District Councillor : Mr P Farmer

Visitors : Paul Matthews and Craig Pickles from Winthorpe & Coddington Cricket Club. Julie Hill, Focal Point, Susie Conning and Mary-Ann Horley, new Clerk.

83/23 Apologies for absence : Mr B McClymont, Miss A George and Mrs L Dales

84/23 Declaration of Interest : None

85/23 Winthorpe and Coddington Cricket Club

Mr Matthews and Mr Pickles attended the meeting to bring the Parish Council up to date with how the Club is progressing. The junior section is booming and there are ten children from the village, so that it is good in itself. The senior team won the league and were unbeaten all season. The Club are talking to the school about organising some coaching.

The Club are working with Parish Councillors Andy and Chris. They want to enhance the area. The planning application in relation to the new storage area has been passed and they are now looking for grants to help purchase a new mower. The training nets will need repairing in time.

The Cricket Club would not encourage the football pitch on Jubilee meadow but are happy with the proposed planting.

The Club want to put to bed the dog walking issue. The message they want to get across is that dogs are kept on a lead during the cricket season to enable the owners to see and pick up their mess. In the nonplaying season, dogs are able to be off their leads as it is not such an issue during that time. It was agreed that the Club would benefit by communicating more with the village, and Focal Point/social media outlets are the ideal way of doing this. Mr Smith will add a piece on dog walking around the cricket pitch in Focal Point to get this message across to the village.

In relation to the overhanging trees on the pitch, Mr Pickles will apply to NSDC for permission to cut them back. The Parish Council can help with the cutting back.

Mr Smith confirmed that the Parish Council see the Cricket Club as a fundamental part of the village, and he wanted to keep the relationship good between the club and the village. We all need to work together.

Mr Allen raised the question of applying for grants. He felt that the Parish Council and Cricket Club should liaise in relation to grant applications, to ensure that either is not missing out. The Club and the Parish Council will now meet quarterly which will help with communication going forward.

Mr Matthews said that the Cricket Club had an open-door policy, and everyone is welcome to the very picturesque area of the village.

There are pot holes leading into the entrance of the ground. Mr Allen suggested that if they are 1.6 metres or less from the Highway, then it was Highways responsibility.

Mr Pickles asked that if there were any events happening in the village, the Cricket Club would like to be involved. The Village Festival would be ideal, and Mr Leary will ask Sue Mascheder to contact the Cricket Club next summer.

Mr Smith suggested that the Cricket Club use our social media as another outlet.

Mr Smith thanked Paul and Craig for attending the meeting.

86/23 Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2023

The minutes were circulated back in July. Proposed by Mr Leary and seconded by Mr Kneen.

87/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes :

Jubilee Field

Mr Smith confirmed that the village consultation had been a good process. There were lots of responses both positive and negative. These have all been posted on the village website.

Phase 1, the tree planting was very well received and will go ahead.

Phase 2, the football pitch, received many negative responses, many of them valid. Responses were in relation to the area in question getting water logged, the changing rooms at the Community Centre not being big enough for an adult team. An increase in traffic and noise for people living on the Woodlands and the impact on dog walkers.

Mr Allen felt that we have to accommodate the younger people in the village, and couldn't we give it a trial period? Mr Smith felt that the strength of feeling was so strong against the football pitch, that the Parish Council couldn't go against it. He suggested we could review the situation in a years' time. Phase 1 however will now go ahead and be completed this winter. Lynn Preece from Sherwood Forest Trust is all ready to go with this.

Mr Smith proposed a change of name from Jubilee Field to Jubilee Meadow as it sounded nicer, this proposal was suggested by Pat Finn and was agreed by the meeting. Mrs Cutts suggested reaching out to companies for sponsorship for bug hotels and tree protectors. She also said we should include the school in the planting.

Mr Smith confirmed that he will talk to Trent Albion FC about the decision not to create a football pitch.

Warm Spaces at the Village Hall has now been renamed Community Cuppa. They have advertised on Facebook which read really well. They have also received three separate fundings.

Defibrillator

Mr Kneen confirmed that we now have enough money to purchase the defibrillator and cabinet for the Pocklington Crescent site. The cabinet requires power and Via have come up with a proposition to take the power from a lamp post, however the cost of this will be £800 to set up. Mr Kneen has asked Via to formalise that figure. We also need a licence for putting the defib next to the lamp post and this will cost £553. Mrs Dales will see if she can help with the cost via NSDC. The Clerk was given £140 cash from a recent fundraiser. Mr Kneen has asked Councillor Darby for funding of £200. He suggested that the Parish Council lend the money to finally get the Defibrillator in place and this was agreed.

Skate Park – looking shabby and it was suggested that should get it painted. Mr Kneen will try to find someone to do this. The Skate Park will require work in the future, and we are currently looking at ideas and fundraising options available.

Coronation Bank – Mr Smith and Mr Miles Harriman have applied for funding from Severn Trent Water. The next meeting for grants to be agreed is in October so we hope to hear something next month.

Safer Neighbourhood – Mr Farmer attended the meeting but said that there was not much to report only really the noise from the festivals in the summer.

Neighbourhood Watch – Mr Kneen will be preparing the next newsletter in December.

Village Website – Mrs Cutts confirmed that she had applied for funding. She can now also update the website.

88/23 A46 Update :

The Think Again Group have their next meeting on the 3rd of October. Archaeological survey work carried out recently and more to come. Bat survey also being done. Still in discussions about Statement of Common Ground.

Mr Farmer said that there is a planning application from Lindum which include a new access to the Show Ground off the A17. There are also plans to elongate the entrance to the Show Ground to help with traffic. The starting point for the A46 work is the first quarter of 2026 however preliminary work will start in 2025.

Mr Smith reiterated about the problems of vehicles coming into the village when the roundabout was being resurfaced on two consecutive weekends. He has complained to Highways as the disruption was terrible. He has yet to have an explanation.

It was suggested that there might be funding available for parish projects from National Highways/Skanska (Kerry McCarrigle).

89/23 Neighbourhood Plan Update :

Following the 6-week Neighbourhood plan draft consultation process which was undertaken earlier this year we have taken into account comments received from residents, local landowners and N&SDC. This has helped to improve and fine tune some of the content and we have now updated the document to reflect these changes.

During this process we agreed to hold a Zoom discussion with Mathew Norton and Adrian Allenbury from the N&SDC Policy Management and Infrastructure team to discuss/answer the comments they made on the content of the draft plan. This was a really useful discussion and we have taken on board many of the comments they made, and the plan is in the process of being updated as a result. During the discussion it became apparent that the Winthorpe 'Village Envelope' which we had referenced in the plan no longer existed and had been removed by N&SDC at the same time all other village envelopes had been rescinded several years ago. We were informed during the meeting however that we were in a position to define a new village envelope in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following this meeting a new meeting of the NP Working Group was arranged to discuss defining the village envelope and drafting the agreed extent of the envelope onto a plan for inclusion in the NP. This meeting took place on Wednesday 19th September and work is now underway to draft this new version of the village envelope together with changes and adjustments to the wording within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Once this is complete, which is expected to be mid-October, the plan will then be circulated to all statutory consultees and all residents of the Parish as a final draft document. This consultation will be for a period of 6 weeks. At the close of the consultation the NP Working Group will then consider all comments and make any further amendments/changes necessary. Following this (expected to be in November) it will then be forwarded to N&SDC for them to progress the next stage. All residents will have an opportunity to vote to approve or reject the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan during a Plan Referendum which is likely to take place early in 2024.

Mr Allen asked about a Village Envelope for Langford which he appreciates it would be harder to define. It was suggested that this be reviewed in 5 years' time.

90/23 District and County Councillor Updates :

Mr Smith confirmed that he had exchanged emails with Councillor Debbie Darby. She had been unable to submit a report due to internet issues. Another meeting with Councillor Darby is going to be scheduled week commencing 9th of October to follow up on previous meeting.

Mr Farmer informed the meeting of a solar farm that is planned for South Clifton. This will have no detrimental impact on us.

Mr Farmer mentioned the Newark Community Plan which aim to meet housing needs. Included in this is the need for 169 traveller pitches. This is the biggest need in the country. The site in the village which is currently occupied by travellers is proposed to be part of the Council pitches and the number of pitches will increase from 6 to 14. There is obviously a concern that the site is right on the side of the A46 and A1.

The numbering of the houses on the Spinney is still ongoing with Councillor Dales. The current Council policy needs to be amended. Mr Smith will keep on top of this.

91/23 Invoices for approval and any other financial matters :

Holding Account Balance £14,447.74

Interest £68.89

Current Account Balance £192.09

Clerk's Wages 184 x 2 = £368.00

Primeprint for Neighbourhood Plan Flyers £68.60

Banks Charges for August £9.99

Primeprint for Jubilee Field Flyers £72.00

Doug Lyne Grass cutting £874.80

PKF Auditor £252.00

Focal Point - £951.43

Credits £195.00

Costs – Postage £17.60 and Printing £589.00 for August and September

Tennis Club - £5366.37 – no change

Property Trust Account £7335.88 - no change

Audit completed by PKF – All well although Clerk forgot to put our name on the first two pages. (More concerned with the monetary content). They did make a mention that two questions were answered by the Internal Auditor as N/A and these should be yes or no answers.

Application sent in for the new bank account with Lloyds. The Clerk received a phone call from Lloyds to say that the identification that Mr Allen took into the local branch had not been stamped as being a copy of an original document. Much to the Clerk's dismay, Mr Allen has been asked to revisit the branch with his identification!

92/23 Planning :

No new applications other than trees. As mentioned previously, the Cricket Club application has been passed.

93/23 Parish Maintenance and General Works :

Mr Bentley suggested moving a spare bench to the bus stop to replace the one that is badly damaged. Just got to decide which bench to move and how.

Mr Farmer asked Mr Kneen if he would be kind enough to talk to Thorney Parish Council about the benefits of the Lengsthman scheme.

Mr Bentley mentioned that some residents have trouble deciphering the dog bin from the waste bins. Mr Smith will mention this in Focal Point.

94/23 Parish Council Activities since the last meeting :

Mr Wright has cleaned the Langford bus shelter

Mrs Cutts has started the consultation for new play equipment. The Pirate Ship, which is the preferred option will cost £13k. She has started applying for funding through Wren and set up a Facebook group.

Mr Bentley talked about the congestion relating to school parking. Vehicles including buses are doing three point turns in the Woodlands. Mr Farmer said he would write to Marshalls Bus Company about this. Mr Bentley suggested that congestion was a choice at school opening and closing times. It was also suggested that the PSCO could go into school and talk about road safety.

Mr Kneen – as mentioned, work on the defibrillator, Neighbourhood Watch and Skate Park

Mr Leary – garage sale details circulated

Mr Allen – worked with the Drainage Board in relation to getting the Fleet dredged.

95/23 Correspondence :

Email from NSDC asking if anyone would like to become a Volunteer Snow Warden for the village. This will involve contacting the Council with information relating to depth of snow, is the traffic moving, are vehicles leaving black wheel tracks etc.

Email from NSD about the CCTV Review – Clerk to forward this to all Councillors

96/23 AOB :

Mrs Cutts has been looking at Farnsfield PC social media and they have a lot of policies. It made her think, do we have a gap in our policies. Mrs Cutts will circulate the Farnsfield details for everyone to have a look at.

Mr Smith introduced Mary-Ann Horley as the new Clerk to replace Mrs Sillery. Mrs Sillery and Mrs Horley will work out a handover during the next few weeks with Mrs Horley taking the minutes at the October meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm