

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM

Present:

Mr D Aldridge, Mr B Allen, Mr L Cammack, Mr S Jackson (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Mrs Masheder, Mr B McClymont, Mr B Wright
CC & DC – Mr V Dobson, Mrs M Dobson
Public attendance – Mr Sumsion
Clerk – Miss S Tomlinson

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Thompson (Work commitments) - Accepted
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **To receive and accept:**

- a) Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2012.

The Minutes were taken as read and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mr Leary.

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

- a) Action Point 1 – **Accounts to view document** – The Clerk completed this form as per the audit request, this was then displayed on the village notice board to invite any villagers who would like to view the accounts to contact the Clerk for an appropriate time to do so.
- b) Action Point 2 – **Monthly Newsletter** – The clerk had prepared a newsletter which was then published in the monthly village magazine. It was requested that this now become a regular article.
- c) Action Point 3 – **Safety Check Lists** – The Clerk distributed an updated version of the Village Safety Checklist to members of the council. Record forms (to be completed when the checks have been carried out) will be distributed by the 31 November 2012.
- d) Action Point 4 – **Purchase New Dog Bin** – The dog bin has been purchased, and had now been fitted.
- e) Action Point 5 – **Bridge Repairs** - various quotes for the repairs required had been sought and this work had now been completed.
- f) Action Point 6 – **Standing Orders** – Mr Leary would complete the financial section of the standing orders for consideration at the December Parish Council Meeting.

5. **Finance:**

- a) To approve expenditure as at 15 November 2012:

<u>Expenditure:</u>	£
Flying Hire – Generator hire – Winthorpe Bonfire	86.32
Party Time – Fireworks – Winthorpe Bonfire	1899.63
Newark Advertiser – Advert - Winthorpe Bonfire	168.48
Mr B King – Jubilee Bridge Repairs	163.70
Mr Jackson – Expenses – Building Materials for Jubilee Bridge repairs	33.17
Clerk Salary Oct 2012 (awaiting standing order set up)	154.00
Winthorpe Youth Club – 2012 Winthorpe Bonfire Profit	745.11
Total Expenditure	£ 3250.41

Note: All expenditure relating to the Bonfire celebrations is paid out of the income received for the event.

- b) The Clerk presented the members of the council with a Profit and Loss account for the Youth Club's Bonfire event. (Document A attached much of the expenses above relate directly to this event).
- c) The Clerk updated the members of the council about the current VAT reclaim situation. Following the letter received by Mr Aldridge, the clerk had sent the relevant information off to the HMRC and it was anticipated that the VAT refund would be received by the next meeting.

- d) Following the recommendation made by Mr Leary in the October Parish Council meeting to appoint an external auditor to regularly view the council's financial controls, Mr Jackson had approached Mr Richardson to see if he would be prepared to undertake this task. This request now required to be followed up by way of a formal offer and Mr Richardson invited to the December meeting.

6. Planning.

One application was received:

- a) Application number: 12/01481/FUL

Removal of Leylandi Hedge – No objections. The Clerk will respond accordingly.

7. Correspondence.

- a) None.

8. Any other business

a) Mr Sumsion, owner of the Langford Hall estate, attended the meeting to seek support for a case he is putting forward to the County Council for a reduction in the A1133 speed limit. The Limit is currently set at 60mph between the A46 Winthorpe Showground roundabout and Langford village, however Mr Sumsion is campaigning to reduce this limit to 50mph, as he felt that the current speed limit was set too high for the following reasons:

1. Accident hot spot
2. Village junction on the bend
3. Mr Sumsions driveway (located on the A1133) is difficult to get in and out of safely.

County Councillor Mr Vincent Dobson explained to Mr Sumsion that a speed reduction had already been proposed by the council and is in the pipe line; however the A1133 was not seen to be a priority as there were other areas in the county where more frequent and fatal accidents were occurring therefore those areas would take precedence. Although the A1133 is not seen to be a high risk area the County Council will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr Sumsion felt that the action to reduce the speed limit should be accelerated to prevent the current accident rate worsening. He referred to a fatal accident that occurred May 2012. This was linked directly to excessive speed. Mr Sumsion told the council of his plans to draw up a petition; he would approach the school governing board, parents, teachers and residents of village to encourage supporting this proposal. Mr Dobson would be happy to present such a petition to the County Council if one were produced. In the meantime it was recommended that Mr Sumsion make notes of any incidents that occur on the A1133 in the near future.

The chairman explained to Mr Sumsion that the council would be happy to support a 50mph speed limit. It was also explained that the Parish council when considering the plans for Mr Sumsion's driveway last year, they pointed out the dangers of having a driveway leading onto the A1133 on the blind hill leading into Langford, these views were not acted upon.

b) Mr Allen asked if it would be possible to get a 'No through Road' sign for the farm entrance opposite the Air museum as there have been a number of unwanted visitors. Mrs Dobson recommended that the home owners affected write to the County Highways department at Ollerton.

c) Mr Aldridge felt that the local Newark and Sherwood D C 'voice' newspaper received by Winthorpe residents was a waste of tax payer's money. He proposed we write to Mr Muter to oppose further publications of this paper. This was seconded by Mr Cammack and approved. The clerk will follow this up.

Action required	Person to undertake the action	Date to be completed by
Write a letter to Mr Richardson to invite him to attend the Dec meeting	Clerk	Within 7 days of Oct Meeting
Write Focal Point monthly newsletter	Clerk	20 th November 2012
supply councillors with report forms to record the safety checks	Clerk	23 rd November 2012
Put bonfire account up on notice boards	Clerk	20 th November 2012
Respond to Planning Application	Clerk	20 th November 2012
Prepare 3 rd quarter accounts	Clerk	December parish meeting
Re write financial section of the standing orders and code of conduct together with any other relevant sections.	Cllr Leary	December parish meeting

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 12th December 2012 – 7.30PM in the Village Hall