

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: Mr D Aldridge, Mr B Allen, Mr L Cammack, Mr S N Jackson (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Ms S Mashedor, Mr G Thompson, Mr B Wright

Clerk and Finance Officer – Miss S Tomlinson

Cc/DC M Dobson

Public attendance – None

1. Apologies for absence:

Mr B McClymont

2. Declarations of Interest:

None were declared at this time, however, Cllr Dobson later declared an interest during the discussion relating to the recent bonfire event, as a trustee of the Community First Aid Group.

3. To receive and accept:

- a) Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2013, prepared by the Chairman due to the clerk's absence.

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Mr B Wright and seconded by Mr D Aldridge.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

- a) The chairman had discussed the question of two trees situated down Hargon lane with the local resident concerned. It was very doubtful that permission would be given for the trees to be taken down as they were healthy and not interfering or obstructing anything. There was also a possibility that the council would require a tree or shrub line to border the entrance to this land.

5. Finance:

- a) To approve expenditure as at 21st November 2013

<u>Expenditure:</u>	£
Current Account:	
Chq 101069/101070 - Mr D Lyne – Grass Cutting	1826.74
Events Account	
Chq 100053 - Flying Hire - Generator Hire - Bonfire	111.36
Chq 100054 - Party Time – Fireworks - Bonfire	1881.79
Chq 100055 - Newark Advertiser – Bonfire advert	261.00
Chq 100056 - Community First Aid – First aid support	100.00
Chq 100057 - Collingham Young Farmers – Stewards	200.00
Total Expenditure approved	4380.89

- b) The Councillors were presented with the accounts for October; in addition to this the clerk had circulated the accounts for the first half year. The Councillors were asked for their opinions regarding these accounts.

Mr Aldridge raised many queries that the clerk answered accordingly. Mr Aldridge also requested a copy of the property trust accounts, the clerk would normally produce these at the end of the financial year; however it was agreed that these now be produced twice a year.

c) The Clerk read out the external auditor's comments following the audit of the financial year 2012/13. It was recognised that there were no issues raised with the accounts produced for the financial year and that the variances discussed with the auditors related to the increased expenditure and Income relating to the Jubilee festival.

d) The chairman requested that the council begin to consider the precept for 2013/14. The Clerk circulated the precept for the current year along with the expenditure to date. The precept for the next financial year was not expected to increase. The main area of expenditure discussed was grass cutting. It was agreed that the clerk should look into this cost and predict the expected cost for next year. The clerk would complete this and present a proposed precept to the council within the December Parish Council meeting.

6. Planning:

a) The Chairman explained that a Newark and Sherwood application had been received from the Newark and Notts Agricultural Society requesting an extension to their liquor and music licenses for the showground. The Parish Council had written to oppose this application on the grounds of noise and disruption to residents.

b) A notice of decision was received regarding application 13/01114/FUL – The application was refused.

7. Bonfire Celebrations:

a) The chairman expressed his thanks to the members of the council who had been involved in both organising and running the bonfire celebration held on Nov 2nd. The event had been very successful and had made a good profit. The chairman circulated a profit and loss summary of the event (attached).

b) Thanks were given to the Community First Aid Group for their assistance with risk assessments and first aid for the event.

c) Thanks were also given to the Collingham Young Farmers for their assistance with stewarding on the night.

d) It was agreed that a donation of £100 be given to the Community First Aid Group and £200 to The Collingham Young Farmers by way of a thank you for their assistance with this event. The Parish council look forward to working with both groups again in the future.

8. Correspondence:

a) A letter had been received by a local dog owner asking the council to assess the locations of the dog waste bins around the village. It was expressed that although there were numerous bins located around the village they may not be located in the most frequently walked areas. The chairman contacted the NSDC (who are responsible for emptying the bins on a weekly basis) who would report back to the chairman to advise him of which of the bins were most frequently used.

b) An email was received from the Clerk of Coddington Parish Council asking for support for a local first aid and defibrillation unit. The chairman had written an article to appear in the December edition of the Focal Point to see if any volunteers were interested in this training. It was explained that The Parish Council would need to look into the costs involved with this also to establish whether this would be financially viable. Mr Thompson offered to assist where he could as he has extensive knowledge of this subject.

c) The clerk had received a letter from the County Council regarding to a consultation period for changes to the local bus services. County Councillor Dobson reported that this would not affect the Parish of Winthorpe with Langford.

9. Any other business:

a) Mr Aldridge had received the NCC mineral plan, this would really only affect the adjoining parish area of Langford.

b) Mr Allen reported on the impact of the recent A46 closure when the traffic had been temporarily diverted down Drove Lane. The increased traffic had caused significant damage to the road surface and road edgings. Cllr Dobson under took to bring this matter to the attention of the Highways Department.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 18th December 2013 – 7.30PM in the Village Hall.

Action required	Person to undertake the action	Date to be completed by
Present Property Trust Accounts to the Parish Council	Clerk	18/12/13
Produce a proposed precept following discussions for 2014/15	Clerk	18/12/13
Complete internal audit with Mr Richardson	Clerk	18/12/13