



# LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

*Serving the grouped parishes of Barlings, Newball, Stainton by Langworth and Reasby*

## **Notes of the Langworth Group Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 in the Memorial Hall, Langworth**

**Present:** Councillors' Mrs Yvette Green (YG) - Chairlady, Mr Mike Herbert (MH) - Vice Chairman, Mrs Sheila Burnett (SB), Mr Clive Buttress (CB), Mrs Chris King (CK), Mr Peter Bowser (PB), Miss Angie Gould (AG), Mr Jack Machin (JM), District Councillor Mr Chris Darcel. County Councillor Mr Ian Fleetwood (IF) Parish Clerk Maxine Soroka

The meeting was opened by the Chairlady.

### **141 15/16 PUBLIC FORUM**

**No Public Attending**

### **142 15/16 APOLOGIES**

District Councillor's Anne Welburn & Alex Bridgewater - Absences explained and accepted.

### **143 15/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Peter Bowser declared interest as the land owner of suggested site for a bus shelter at Stainton By Langworth.

### **144 15/16 MINUTES**

Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Accepted by the Parish Council & signed by the Chairlady.

### **- PLANNING**

133433-No Official letter received as yet, however, application refused

133733- Reserved Matters Application.

CK- stated that in the original application the flood wardens gave a long list of criteria, can we confirm that these are taken into account.

MH- Suggested that the application report could be found on the WLDC website.

IF- Stated that this was true if the decision was made by full committee, however, not if delegated. Therefore the PC should request a full committee decision rather than delegated as the drainage for development was an important part of the planning application.

**Resolved-** Clerk to comment, reiterating the importance of drainage issues & requesting full committee decision

### **145 15/16 POLICE MATTERS**

## REPORT OF LOCAL INCIDENTS

Items from the report were read out by the Chairlady. Total reports for January 2016 = 8 including 1 sudden death. 2 suspicious, 1 RTC & 4 traffic offences.

### 146116 15/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood addressed Lincoln Eastern bypass, envisaged that a start will be made if permission given. Suggestion that the inspector would be making a judgment in February.

Approximately 1 week ago County Council had a cyber-attack from an email attachment & are now working to reduce the back log caused

Environment agency have budget to de-bush on Barlings, south of Langworth. However, delay caused by being seconded to flooded areas. Major maintenance still needs resolving.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Councillor Chris Darcel updated the PC in regards to a meeting at the Lorry yard. Also referred to planning application 133433 stating that he expects an appeal or a further application, however, Nettleham have an application for 200 homes & Secretary of State have stated that if the DC supports the application against the Neighbourhood plan they may call it in.

IF: Nettleham referendum 91% in favour of adopting their neighbourhood plan with a 40% turnout. This adds weight to their neighbourhood plan.

Chairlady read District Councillor Anne Welburn's report. (See Appendix 1)

### 147 15/16 CORRESPONDANCE AND REPORTS

#### Highway matters-

- Verge Parking on Barlings Lane
- Request for black ice warning sign at Hardy Gang Wood
- Request for addition of Stainton, Snelland & Wickenby roads to be added to the gritting route
- Scothern Lane/Langworth Road- speeding & signage
- Barlings Lane dangerous parking by junction

**Resolved** – Clerk has sent letter to Mr Paul Little, leader of County Council Martin Hill & Cllr Richard Davies. No reply as yet. Agenda for next meeting.

- Footway Slurry Seal

Chairlady YG read letter received from Highways regarding upcoming works.

AG- Stated that the footpaths are broken with potholes and gradients, was there any point in resurfacing over & not fixing the problems

IF- Stated that County Council would fill larger holes then bind to stop frost and further damage.

**Resolved:** To wait and see what happens after Slurry seal works have been carried out.

## Correspondence & Reports

- a) PC Website- Updates. **Resolved**- Website has now been updated with this month's Langworth Local & alterations had been made. Clerk to maintain website & keep up to date.
- b) Request for a bus shelter in Stainton. **Update** - Grant sub-committee researched and reported that there are grants available from LCC of £3000 Max Inc. Vat per application. Sub-committee to look into whether planning permission is required. Vote taken & agreed for Cllr's CK & AG to proceed.
- c) Play equipment – **Resolved**- response received from Nick Taylor of ROSPA, who will confer with the inspector who carried out the inspection & report back.
- d) Environmental Issue, Lorry Park – **Resolved**- Meeting with environment officer at site. Further issues with fires and lorry washing at site. **Resolution**- Letter and photographic evidence requesting further investigation to be sent to environment officer.
- e) Neighbourhood development Plan – Discussed & **Resolved** for Clerk to arrange for Luke Brown of WLDC to talk at next meeting.
- f) Proposal to collate & review policies and check against LALC model policies- Lengthy discussion, **Resolved**- Clerk to collate policies & email to councillors in advance of a meeting on 08/03/2016 to agree them.
- g) Proposal to provide clerk with delegated authority to pay invoices between meetings if required- **Agreed by the PC**.
- h) Best kept village – Discussed what was required in the village, CK asked for a suggestion box to be provided in the hall for residents. **Resolved** for AG to make a suggestion box & AG/CK to walk around the village to note any required work.
- i) Lych Gate – CK: Been researching the Lych Gate as could be listed, several avenues to apply for funding/grants for repair works. IF: suggested local business could also be approached for donation toward work required.
- j) Bench-Site already agreed for corner of St Hugh's but requires setting in. **Resolved**- PB & JM to set bench in required spot.
- k) New Flood Wardens & equipment – Chairlady read a letter from LCC regarding Community Emergency Volunteers, a new way of covering a variety of issues, working with the community & liaising with LCC. CK: Advised the PC that she had been in touch with LCC regarding this & would like to advertise in Langworth Local for volunteers. CB: Read an inventory of flood warden equipment & stated that he is happy to keep the equipment stored if required. No one to look after CCTV equipment at present.  
**Resolved**: Advert to be placed in Langworth Local for volunteers, will look into equipment storage, insurance etc. Discuss further once information is collated.  
**Resolved**: CCTV, SB to request Memorial hall to maintain it at next committee meeting.
- l) Post Office, Lack of service. Update given by Clerk. **Resolved**- SB to bring up at Memorial hall committee meeting.
- m) The New Station (unkempt appearance) - **Resolved** – Clerk has emailed the owner of the New Station, informing of appearance and requesting a tidy up. Referenced WLDC link to report properties empty and in disrepair if action required.
- n) Cllr Scott's resignation – Letter of resignation read out by the Chairlady. PC agreed to advertise the vacant position in the Langworth Local and on notice boards.
- o) Bridge gritting in Stainton- resident no longer able to do this. **Resolved**: Cllr Bowser to approach local residents to request they may take over.

## Finance

- a) Financial report Cllrs' received report prior to meeting. No requests for further information
- b) Accounts for payment. ( Appendix 2 )
- c) Half yearly Audit report

### **148 15/16      Comments from Vice Chairman**

Chairlady Yvette Green stated that an SD card is needed for the recorder as it doesn't hold enough memory. **Agreed:** Purchase of SD card.

Chairlady clarified her position with regards to the chairman's allowance & how it is used.

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

### Appendix 1

District Councillor update for Feb 2016

*Anne Welburn*

#### **Proposed changes to parish precepts**

For many years the Council has had a policy of providing a contribution to parish/town council precepts. Currently this is that the Council will meet the first £100 of any parish/town precept and thereafter half of the rest of the precept up to a maximum of £2 per adult on the electoral register at the appropriate time. The policy on a general contribution originated at a time when parish council precepts counted as District Council expenditure for the purpose of calculating government grant and it was seen as a way of "paying" parishes their "share" of the grant.

Government grant is not now calculated in the way it was, and any expenditure over and above a Council's SSA not met by Government grant and share of the business rate pool falls directly on the council taxpayer. A weakness of the policy is also that it masks the accountability of parish councils and their net expenditure. West Lindsey is looking to stop this payment which will not mean an increase to the residents as the sum involved can be precepted in the normal way but will mean a saving on administration fees.

This will be discussed at Council in the coming months and a decision made in time for Parish Councils to adjust their precept to ensure a smooth transition. I will pass on details of the amount it affects each parish as soon as possible.

#### **Neighbourhood Plans**

The first two Neighbourhood Development Plans have been adopted in West Lindsey on Thursday (28 January).

In Nettleham the plan was overwhelmingly supported with 41.25 per cent of the electorate voting and an impressive 91.08 per cent giving their support for the plan. The Caistor Neighbourhood Plan, albeit a lower turn out, also gained strong support with 74 per cent of all votes cast in favour of the plan.

#### **Community Awards**

Nominations are now open for West Lindsey's 2016 Community Awards which aim to give special recognition to our local unsung heroes. Entries are open until Friday 25 March. To put forward a nomination please fill in the form available at [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/chairman](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/chairman).

The categories are: • District Champions - Citizen of the Year 2016 • Parish/Town Council of the Year 2016  
• Parish/Town Councillor of the Year 2016 • Volunteer of the Year 2016 • Community Group of the Year

## **Appendix 2**

### Accounts For Payment

#### February 2016 Meeting

Bridget Solly – Examination & Audit of PC records - £30

Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Langworth Local - £70.55

LALC – Annual Training – Scheme - £60