



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 1st of November 2016 in the Memorial Hall, Langworth

Present: Councillors' Mr M Herbert - Vice Chairman, Mr C Buttress, Mr P Bowser, Miss A Gould, Mrs C King, Mrs H Walker, County Councillor Mr I Fleetwood, District Councillors' Mrs Maureen Palmer, Mr Chris Darcel & Parish Clerk Mrs M Soroka.

Vice Chairman opened the meeting and requested that agenda item 8c" Precept" be moved into item 11 "finance" - all Councillors in agreement.

74 16/17 PUBLIC FORUM

No Members of the Public attending

75 16/17 APOLOGIES

Cllr S Burnett, District Cllr A Welburn, Chairlady Y Green – Absence explained and accepted by the PC. Cllr J Machin not in attendance, absence unexplained at time of meeting.

76 16/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Buttress declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 134318

Cllr King declared a non-pecuniary interest for precept matters relating to the Memorial Hall.

Cllr Bowser declared a non-pecuniary interest for precept "grass cutting" matters relating to Stainton Church.

77 16/17 MINUTES

Amended minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th of September, agreed by PC, proposed by Cllr C King seconded by Cllr C Buttress.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th of October, agreed by PC, proposed by Cllr C King seconded by Cllr H Walker.

78 16/17 PLANNING

a) 134318 - Outline planning application to build a dormer style bungalow with all matters reserved for subsequent application – **Appeal.** Cllr Gould advised of various documents regarding application 134318 on WLDC website and offered concern of flood risks. The Parish Council had no additional comments.

b) 134930 – **PROPOSAL:** Outline planning application to erect 1no. dwelling-all matters reserved. Cllr Bowser shared his knowledge of the local area, which was reiterated by Cllr Buttress, C/Cllr Fleetwood provided information referring to another planning application in a similar location, on the edge of a village. The Parish Council offered no objections, however, would like to raise concerns regarding the close vicinity of the railway crossing.

c) 135014 – **PROPOSAL:** Planning application for erection of 2no. poultry units with 6no. ancillary feed silos and hardstanding. The Parish Council stated that the application site is not within the Langworth parish although close to the boundary, therefore, no comments/ objections.

d) Procedure for Dealing with Planning Applications: Cllr's discussed the procedure that had been drawn up, however, agreed that it needed further detail. **Action:** Vice Chairman to work on it ready for the next PC Meeting **Resolved:** Agenda Dec Meeting.

79 16/17 POLICE MATTERS - REPORT OF LOCAL INCIDENTS

Local incidents read out by Cllr King: Sept total number of incidents = 9, including 1 vehicle, 1 domestic, 1 violence, 1 suspicious, 1 hazard & 4 traffic offences.

80 16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C/Cllr Fleetwood advised of the devolution issue referring to a vote at a District meeting which was for the devolution, C/Cllr Fleetwood advised that he did not attend this meeting, however, he did attend a meeting of the County Council where he voted against devolution. C/Cllr Fleetwood advised that he had yet met anyone who had asked him to vote for the concept of a Mayor.

On a local note, C/Cllr advised that he had been out washing street signs and trimming back branches.

C/Cllr Fleetwood then presented the PC with £250 in cash as his promised contribution toward the repair of the 4 notice boards in the parish.

Vice Chairman thanked C/Cllr Fleetwood for his kind donation. Resolved: Clerk to bank and send a receipt for the donation.

81 16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

New D/Cllr, Maureen Palmer introduced herself to the PC.

D/Cllr Welburn & D/Cllr Palmer's report had been sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Vice Chairman asked if everyone had received it & if anyone required further information. No further info required. *See Appendix 1*

D/Cllr Darcel addressed the PC & stated that he too had voted against a Mayor & devolution as there wasn't enough detail yet to make an informed decision. D/Cllr then referred back to the Police reports, stating that the Police are interested in coming up with a better way of reporting incidents back to Parish Councils i.e. electronically rather than manually input information.

82 16/17 REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE

a) **NCS Programme:** The NCS group have completed their planning stage of the play area project and will be starting work on Saturday 5th November. The pc will need to provide equipment for the work; Hose. Pressure washer, forks, trowels etc. The group also have a budding artist who would like to paint tentacles down the ladder of the slide if PC in agreement. Work will continue on the 12th and 26th of November. List of closures has been printed in the Langworth Local. **Resolved:** Paints have been purchased, Clerk to organise gardening equipment & ask Cllr Machin to loan his pressure washer, PC agreed NOT to allow "tentacles" artwork on play equipment.

b) **Emergency Plan** – Cllr King advised the PC of the next phase of training booked for the 9th of November

c) **Precept:** *Moved to agenda item 11*

d) **Noticeboards:** The PC has received £250 through the Councillor Initiative fund toward the noticeboard repairs. C/Cllr Fleetwood kindly offered to personally donate £250 toward the repairs in July's PC meeting. This donation has now also been received. **Resolved:** Clerk to organise the repairs.

e) **Defibrillator:** Cllr King gave a short presentation on the Defibrillator Scheme stating WLDC is currently offering defibrillators at a greatly subsidised price of £300. This includes the defibrillator, the case, fixing the defibrillator in position and the training of 12 people on how to use it. Cllr King proposed that the PC purchases one. Cllr's all in agreement that the defibrillator is an excellent idea, however, there was some concern toward the upkeep of the equipment & the ongoing costs of maintenance, insurance & monitoring after the initial purchase cost of £300. .

Cllr Gould advised that the PC can apply for the defibrillator without being tied to purchasing.

Resolved: Cllr King proposed that the PC apply for a defibrillator and gather further information for the next meeting. Seconded by Cllr Buttress. PC voted unanimously for this proposal

f) **Tree Planting:** Vice Chairman read an email regarding an offer of free tree planting. Cllr Gould suggested that the PC asked the parishioners whether they would like trees planting. Cllr Gould Proposed to print poster in the Langworth Local where parishioners could apply directly or to contact the PC to request tree planting. Seconded by Cllr King. **Resolved:** Clerk to print poster in the Langworth Local.

g) **Council tax referendum's letter to MP's:** Past deadline, therefore, item withdrawn.

83 16/17 Highways

Barlings Lane: Resident's concern over overgrown hedge causing hazard. Cllr Gould advised that this item has now been resolved. **Resolved:** No further action.

84 16/17 Memorial Hall Play Area

a) Cllr Gould reported back to the PC on her meeting with the new play inspector. Cllr Gould stated that all aspects of the play area, reporting & maintenance was discussed. The play inspector does not carry out the maintenance, however, he recommended the person that provides maintenance for Welton PC. **Resolved:** Cllr Gould & the clerk to meet with the maintenance man to discuss costs.

b) Goal Posts: Proposal by Chairlady to use leftover Youth club funds to replace the goal posts as in disrepair. Vice Chairman revised that the Chairlady is not present. Cllr Buttress advised that he had looked at the goal posts & that apart from one in need of re-setting they were in good order. Cllr Buttress then advised that when the Youth Club closed some 25/30 years ago the committee decided to lodge the remaining funds with the PC in the hope that in time a new Youth Club would be formed & use the funds. Cllr Buttress advised that the remaining members of the original committee had stated that they would be happy for the funds to be used for the benefit of

the Parish i.e. new goalposts, defibrillator etc. **Resolved:** To agenda to a meeting when the Chairlady is attending.

8.50pm D/Cllr Darcel, D/Cllr Palmer & C/Cllr Fleetwood left the meeting

The Vice Chairman called a 5 Minute comfort break due to upcoming precept discussions.

9.00pm Meeting reconvened

85 16/17 FINANCE

a) Accounts for Payment

(Listed below & emailed to Cllrs prior to meeting)

Lonsdale Direct Solutions (Langworth Local) - £77.70

Glendale Countryside (Grass Cutting) - £179.81

Welton PC (Sept play inspection) - £20.00

Welton PC (Oct play inspection) - £20.00

Grant Thornton (Annual Audit) - £120.00

RBL Poppy appeal (poppy wreath) - £20.00

Clerk's expenses October - £77.43 *(including phone, utilities, Mileage & postage reimbursement)*

B Solly (internal audit) - £40.00

M Herbert – £98.87 *(Reimbursement for paint & other equipment for the play area project)*

Clerk's November Salary/pension contributions (post-dated)

Accounts for payment agreed, proposed by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Gould.

b) Precept

Vice Chairman Herbert checked that all Cllr's had the precept information sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Vice Chairman Herbert then read out correspondence from Rev P Green & parishioner, Mr Peter Clay (appendix 2 & 3)

15/16	16/17	Precept 2017/2018	Estimated	Outcome
xxxx	xxxx	Clerks Salary	xxxx	Proposed to remain: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr King
	1606	Superannuation	2126	Proposed to remain: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr King
400	756	Clerks Expenses (see footnote)	780	Proposed to remain: Cllr King. Seconded: Cllr Buttress
100	100	Chairman's Allowance	100	Proposed to remove by Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr Bowser
150	100	Cllrs Mileage for attendance at courses (see footnote)	100	Proposed to remain: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr Bowser

100	100	Computer cartridges/repairs	100	Proposed to remain: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr King
300	660	Lalc Training for Cllrs/Clerk	160	Proposed to remain: Cllr King. Seconded: Cllr Gould
180	180	Audit fees	220	Proposed to remain: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr King
350	310	Insurance	350	Proposed to remain: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr Gould
70	70	Play Area Lease	70	Proposed to remain: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr Gould
220	215	Play inspections	240	Proposed to remain: Cllr Gould. Seconded: Cllr King
80	80	Annual ROSPA inspection	90	Proposed to remain: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr King
150	195	Hall Rental (see footnote)	205	Proposed to remain: Cllr Bowser. Seconded: Cllr Gould
175	175	LALC Subscription (see footnote)	210	Proposed to remain: Cllr Gould. Seconded: Cllr Buttress
2603	1800	Incidental expenses	1500	Cllrs voted to remain at £1,500. For-4 votes, Against - 1 vote
250	0	Church Contingency	0	Proposed to remain at zero: Cllr Buttress. Seconded: Cllr Bowser
625	750	Langworth Local	800	Cllrs voted to remain at £800. For- 3 votes, Against - 2 votes
1000	1000	Grass cutting - 9 cuts per year	2697	Cllrs voted unanimously to reduce cuts to 8 per year reducing costs to £2397
200	50	Set aside for computer upgrade	50	Proposed to remain: Cllr King. Seconded: Cllr Gould
0	0	Parish Plan	0	To be removed
417	388	Set aside for future election costs	388	Proposed to remain: Cllr King. Seconded: Cllr Gould

Clerks expenses include; telephone, broadband, utilities, mileage for courses, noticeboards, Langworth Local delivery, urgent items, also postage reimbursement.

Cllrs Mileage for attendance at courses: Please note that Cllrs have not made a claim for this in the last precepted year.

LALC training: Most Cllrs have attended courses this year so estimate is to cover 20 courses at £8 per course.

Hall rental increased in May 2016: Estimate based on 11 x £15 for meetings and 4 further hrs at £10 per hour for unexpected meetings

Grass Cutting - We no longer receive funding toward this therefore, estimate is for full cost if the PC is to continue 9 cuts to all areas currently cut.

Clerk's salary is for 15 hrs with a 1% pay increase. Pay not increased in April 2016 as estimated in 2016 precept.

LALC Subscription: No increase in LALC element, 1.9% increase in NALC element

Clerk advised the PC that she would draw up the figures agreed & the Parish Council must decide at the next meeting whether to increase cost to parishioners through their Council tax or to use reserves in the PC account.

72 16/17 ACTION LOG REVIEW

The log was reviewed & updated accordingly.

73 16/17 COMMENTS FROM VICE CHAIRMAN

No Comments

Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th December 2016

Appendix 1

Report for Parish Councils.

Nov 2016

Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn

Devolution

The results are in: Eight of the ten Councils in Greater Lincolnshire supported the proposals and the deadline date for the offer to be accepted is 21st Nov 2016. Negotiation are still ongoing. 59.3% of respondents supported the pursuit of extra powers and funding, 73.1% said that the ten Councils should be looking to work together to prioritise and deliver economic growth, infrastructure and housing across the area and 77.2% stated that we should be pursuing further funding as a priority for Greater Lincolnshire. Most people are against the idea of a mayor but those in WL were marginally accepting if it meant devolution taking place.

WL has launched a **Community Defibrillator Scheme** in conjunction with lives, I know some PCs have already installed one in their communities but that does not stop you applying for a 2nd especially if you are a large village or have local hot spots.

Further details and copies of the Guidance Notes and Application Form.

www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/defib

Each appliance will be part funded by WL but the rest - £300 will need to be raised locally from local fundraising, donations or grant funding. The first tranche may be over subscribed but the scheme will be repeated.

Report from Highways.

Eastern Bypass. At the preferred bidder stage; road will start June/July next year and open by December 2019. The cost is estimated to be more than £100M. Issues regarding bridge construction etc. have finally been agreed with Network Rail. *A15 Duelling.* Estimated cost £400M. It was felt that some benefit could be achieved without spending this amount, i.e. greater separate junctions (flow-overs and under-passes) at pinch points. *Bottle necks on the bye-pass.* To see where a small amount of investment can make a difference, such as flow at roundabouts.

Police. I have two presentations, 1. Shared service across the East Midlands and 2 Blue Light Collaboration, I have permission to share if you are interested please ask.

Appendix 2

Hi Maxine,

I was expecting this as it is a problem with all the villages and so I recognise the issues. I think the priority for me would be to ensure that the Churchyard on Barlings Lane is kept cut and tidy. Once that is dealt with whatever comes beyond that at the two churches is a bonus. I haven't, however discussed that with either PCC.

Best regards

Penny

Appendix 3

Hi Maxine

I understand the PC will possibly start their deliberations at the meeting on Nov 1st and I would have like to give some views at the Public Forum but will be in London that day and I doubt will be back in time.

Would you therefore please bring these observations to the PC?

Knowing that both County and District councils are cutting their support, the PC will again face major decisions on next year's precept. Whilst I appreciate services need to be paid for, could I ask why the Parish is still supporting both the Church and Langworth Memorial Hall when these organisations have their own means of raising cash - why should the rate payer have to support them when VERY many of the local residents do not use the service they provide. These organisations need to fund their own activities and raise funds like charitable bodies.

Grass cutting -has consideration be given and would it not be cheaper to invest in a lawn mower and employ some body locally to use it. I feel there may be residents who might be prepared to cut grass on their outside verges if approached, again to save money.

Some years ago when the loan was obtained for the pedestrian crossing, residents were advised that the precept would have to be increased whilst the repayments where being made. It is now two years since it was repaid and as yet we have seen no reduction. What are these funds being used for?

I feel the PC now has to look closely at all its expenditures as many of the elderly residents who are on limited income would not welcome any increase next year.

I know the PC are our elected members but perhaps more parish consultation is required before these decisions are made.

Regards
Peter Clay