



LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Langworth Group Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 4th of October 2016 in the Memorial Hall, Langworth

Present: Councillors' Mrs Y Green – Chairlady, Mr M Herbert - Vice Chairman, Mr J Machin. Mr C Buttress, Mr P Bowser, Miss A Gould, Mrs C King, Mrs H Walker, County Councillor Mr I Fleetwood, District Councillor Mrs A Welburn, Parish Clerk Mrs M Soroka & Mr L Brown, Mr D Evans from WLDC.

1 Member of the Public attending

Chairlady opened the meeting and requested 1 minute's silence for the loss of parishioners Mr Rex Tanner & Mr John Priestley.

61 16/17 PUBLIC FORUM

Resident asked for PC action in relation to an overgrown hedge on Barlings Lane, causing residents to walk on the roadside. **Resolved:** Chairlady requested item to be added to November's agenda.

Resident also complained about the state of the footpaths & the removal of a bus stop at the corner of Barlings Lane some time ago. **Resolved:** Chairlady responded by advising of work done to date & of ongoing slurry seal works promised by Highways.

62 16/17 APOLOGIES

Cllr S Burnett, District Cllr C Darcel – Absence explained and accepted by the PC.

63 16/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

64 16/17 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th of September. Vice Chairman requested that his comment during the discussion of an Emergency Plan advising the PC that "he had not received a copy of the Emergency Plan" be added.

Amended Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th September 2016 to be presented at the November meeting.

65 16/17 PLANNING

a) 133433- Chairlady advised of the appeal being dismissed then thanked D/Cllr Darcel & Mr M Herbert (who attended as a resident) on the behalf of Cllr Burnett for their attendance & input at the hearing **Resolved:** No further comments.

b) 134977 - Proposal: Planning application for change of use of land to site 10no. touring caravans. – Cllr Gould offered concerns over the flood risk to the additional 10 sites. A discussion followed & local flooding knowledge shared. **Resolved:** Clerk to advise WLDC of concerns.

c) Procedure for Dealing with Planning Applications - The Pc discussed & debated the best way to deal with planning applications within the 28 day deadline, should the application arrive directly following a meeting etc. **Resolved:** Clerk & Chairlady to draw up a procedure to be agreed at Nov Meeting.

66 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.

Cllr King reported back to the PC after attending the Nettleham policing team panel meeting held on 28th September at Nettleham police HQ

NPT panel advised Cllr King that the Stats sent out monthly are a set format for all villages & will not be changing. If individuals wished for more information they could contact the police via: email, twitter, Facebook etc.

The police have been prioritising verge parking & anti-social behaviour. Any incidents should be reported to 101.

The NPT advised that they are prioritising speeding & they would try to attend one PC meeting in three. **Resolved:** Clerk to send list of PC meetings to the NPT & Cllr King to continue to attend meetings and report back to the PC.

67 16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C/Cllr Fleetwood talked briefly regarding planning application 133433 stating that he was pleased that the inspectorate had upheld its decision. C/Cllr Fleetwood then advised the PC that WLDC occasionally provide training on planning & interpretation of how the planning system works & would encourage the PC to attend if a session becomes available.

C/Cllr Fleetwood went on to refer to the County Council's Cultural Services decision to offload several of their cultural sites in the hope that the admission fees to them is going to cover the overall running costs.

C/Cllr Fleetwood then referred to "Devolution" as a major issue advising that some of the 10 Council's in Lincolnshire are in support of it but personally, although in support of devolution itself he was not in support of devolution with a Mayor.

An update on environment issues was then given to the PC by C/Cllr Fleetwood.

68 16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

69 16/17 REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE

a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Chairlady welcomed Luke Brown & Daniel Evans from WLDC to the meeting. Luke Brown then addressed the PC, provided information & gave an in depth update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Gould reported back from a Neighbourhood plan meeting she had attended & offered her view on the way forward for the Parish & the work involved.

A lengthy discussion ensued with some Cllrs offering their views & Luke Brown answering questions.

Resolved: Clerk to advise Parishioners of both the Parish Plan & the Neighbourhood Plan via the Langworth Local.

8.30pm Luke Brown, Daniel Evans & Vice chairman left the meeting.

b) **NCS Programme:** Clerk to meet with a risk assessor prior to the youth group doing work to the play area. The PC will need to provide a pressure washer & purchase the paint, brushes and any other equipment required. **Resolved:** Cllr Machin may be able to loan a pressure washer for the project. Cllr Machine proposed to purchase paint etc required & Cllr King seconded

8.35pm Vice Chairman returned to the meeting & member of the public left the meeting.

c) **Emergency Plan** – Cllr King provided an update on the progress of the emergency plan to date & gave a rundown of dates actions were taken and information sent to Cllrs.

Cllr King also gave a list of those participating and requested that if anyone did not wish to participate to please say something.

Cllr King then stated that she would like to book the next phase of training on the 9th of November

Resolved: Cllr King to book next phase of training and find out whether there are any age requirements for volunteers.

8.45pm C/Cllr Fleetwood & D/Cllr Welburn left the meeting.

d) **Parish Plan** - Funding through village SOS has been agreed & arrangements are being made to deliver the Parish Plan Surveys to Community Lincs. The remaining Parish Plan funds are £371.47. Cllrs agreed that the report from the Parish Plan can be used to move forward into a Neighbourhood plan.

e) **Precept:** The Chairlady read out the Clerk's report to the PC. *See appendix 2*

A discussion took place over where possible savings could be made & clerk asked for clarification of time line for discussing & agreeing precept. **Resolved:** Clerk to issue Cllrs with a breakdown of Grass cutting costs & the current precept in preparation for next month's meeting. Cllr Burnett to discuss cuts at Memorial Hall & Church meetings to warn of upcoming budget cuts.

70 16/17 Memorial Hall Play Area

Proposal by Vice Chairman Herbert to discuss Play inspector/ ROSPA findings and to agree an action on routine maintenance. Cllr's had been sent the ROSPA report prior to the meeting & had an in depth discussion on the findings and how to provide maintenance. **Action:** Clerk to email ROSPA report to play inspector, Cllr Gould to meet with play inspector on 24/10/2016 to discuss options for repair & maintenance. **Resolved:** Agenda for next meeting.

New fencing to be installed on 05th October 2016. Date for photograph for Chestnut Homes agreed - 10.30am 11th October 2016.

Chairlady thanked Cllr Gould & Cllr Buttress for their hard work in removing the Hawthorne trees prior to fence installation & Clerk for getting the funding.

71 16/17 FINANCE

Accounts for Payments

(Listed below & emailed to Cllrs prior to meeting)

Lonsdale Direct Solutions (Langworth Local) - £76.15

Glendale Countryside (Grass Cutting) - £525.21

Playsafety Ltd (Annual Inspection) - £88.20

Clerk's expenses September (including phone, utilities, Mileage & stationary reimbursement) -
£68.43

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

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

72 16/17 ACTION LOG REVIEW

The log was reviewed & updated accordingly.

73 16/17 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRLADY

Chairlady asked if there was any information regarding the development at the George – no news yet as to when work will start.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 1st November 2016

Appendix 1

**Report for Parish Councils -Oct 2016
Anne Welburn and Maureen Palmer**

The Devolution agenda is progressing and over the coming month the 10 councils involved will hold council meetings to vote on acceptance or not. The WL meeting is to be held on 10th Oct 2016.

Power cut? Call 105. Electricity network operators have introduced an easy-to-remember number to call that will put you through to the local people who can help.

Aviation Heritage Lincolnshire, part of Lincolnshire County Council and working in partnership with West Lindsey District Council, has received £423,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for their Lincolnshire in World War One: Bastion in the Air. The project, which will begin in early 2017 and run through to 2020, aims to highlight the importance and significant contribution Lincolnshire made to the defence of the country and the development of aviation in World War One. Thanks to this grant the public will have the opportunity to see a depiction of a World War One airfield, including flying replica fighter aircraft from the period, within a hangar on an operational RAF station in 2018. There will also be travelling exhibitions at community centres and village halls throughout Lincolnshire, detailing specific themes to local areas and what their particular contribution was and where community volunteers will be recruited and given training on supporting this project.

Appendix 2

Clerk's report

The amenity grant for grass cutting will cease at the end of this financial year, this will mean that the PC will have a shortfall of £1627.43 if we were to continue with the grass cutting as is.

Glendale have advised that if we were to reduce the cutting to 7 or less a year they would need to use alternative machinery & cutting would take much longer than normal hence increasing cost.

We currently cut the Memorial hall at £38.55 per cut (total £346.95 for 9 cuts), St Hugh's & St Johns churches at £61.56 per cut (total £1,454.04 for 9 cuts) as well as the verges.

In addition to this WLDC have confirmed that they will continue to pay the first £100 of our precept, however, the Local Council Tax Support Grant is to stop at the end of this financial year. This will be a loss of £1266.90 to the PC based on last year's figures. The cost to parishioners is worked out by dividing the precept minus £100 by the number of households, this changes on a yearly basis with new houses being built etc. With this year's precept the cost to the average Band D householder was £76.07, if the precept were to be kept at the same amount the cost this year would increase to £82.39.

WLDC suggests that the PC decides what services it wants to deliver & the budget requirement. Then look to see whether reserves could be used to support the budget or whether the full budget is precepted at a cost to householders.

Cuts within our precept will have to be considered.

Clerk & Cllr King to attend a free forum on 25th Oct to gather further information.

Clerk