

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2015 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Chris Judge (Vice Chair)
Mrs Gill Walton, Mrs Chris King, Mike Herbert, Peter Bowser,
Miss Jackie Scott, Mrs Sheila Burnett, Clive Buttress,
Mr John Dearman (Flood Warden), County Councillor Ian Fleetwood
District Councillor Chris Darcel, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk)

92 APOLOGIES – None

93 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair reported that Mr Terry Vickers, resident, had complained in writing to LCC Highways about the condition of the footways in Langworth and received acknowledgement.

A suggestion of kerbing on the corner of Church Lane, Stainton was raised. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Yvette Green declared an interest in items 7gi and ii on the agenda, as a resident of Barlings Lane.

95 POLICE MATTERS

Report received as follows:-

11/12/2014 - collision between a car and a lamppost on the A158 on Station Road, there were no injuries.

Three separate incidents of diesel being stolen from lorries parked on a yard on Station Road, between 15th December and 31st December 2014, this matter is being dealt with accordingly with ongoing enquiries.

LANGWORTH INCIDENTS NOV 2014

ASB	
INCONSIDERATE	2
BURGLARY:	
FRAUD	1
THEFT	1
ABANDONED 9'S	1
POACHING/COURSING	1
TRANSPORT	
HAZARD	2
TRAFFIC OFFENCE	1
Total	9

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ASB	
INCONSIDERATE	2
BURGLARY:	
FRAUD	1
THEFT	1
ABANDONED 9'S	1
POACHING/COURSING	1
TRANSPORT	
HAZARD	3
TRAFFIC OFFENCE	1
Total	10

96 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2014

Amendment: Add to Councillors present - Councillor Peter Bowser

Following the above amendment it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge and **Resolved** that the notes be signed as a correct record.

97 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Ian Fleetwood reported that there would likely be a 1.9% increase on the Council tax for the County Council.

98 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC Chris Darcel reported that WLDC Planning Department were currently experiencing several staff changes in the Planning Department.

99 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

A) Flooding issues – Mr John Dearman, Flood Warden, reported on a flood alert on Thursday 1st January 2015 when the river rose to 2 ½ metres.

It was noted that the Witham Third IDB had cleared the beck substantially of vegetation.

B) Installation of gas in Langworth – A unanimous decision was made to make enquiries about the installation of gas to Langworth.

C) Suggestion of speed camera in Langworth – It was noted that the Police were to undertake a speed check through Langworth and agreed to await their comments/date before considering any installation of a speed camera.

It was suggested that a request be made to LCC Highways to carry out an Archer Survey on the main road through the village to ascertain the amount of traffic exceeding the limit.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Mike Herbert and **Resolved** that the above request be made to LCC Highways.

D) Seat and planter(s) – The Chair had approached Knights of Langworth for a price for the making of a wooden planter which was awaited. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Mrs Gill Walton that it be sited at the corner of Barlings Lane.

Funds were available from the grant allocation by District Councillor Chris Darcel (£511.70 remaining) for a seat for the village. Quotations had been sought for a seat made from recycled material which would be maintenance free, in the sums of £249 plus delivery and fixtures and £519.89 plus delivery, the lower priced seat being the more favourable.

Discussion re the necessity for another seat in the village ensued. A vote was taken:-

For = 6 Against = 3

Resolved that a seat be purchased from Agri.cycle in the sum of £249.00 plus delivery and fixtures, site to be agreed at a later date.

E) CCTV replacement camera – Mr John Dearman and Councillor Clive Buttress were thanked for replacing the broke camera being part of the CCTV system at the Memorial Hall.

F) Parish Plan – update – The Clerk reported that an End of Grant Report had twice been requested, since November, and this had been forwarded to the Chair of the Parish Plan Committee. It was understood that the Report was currently being compiled.

Councillor Mike Herbert reported that the Plan was awaiting printing.

G) Highway Matters

- i. **Parking problems, Barlings Lane** – Nothing to report.
- ii. **Safety issues, Barlings Lane** – Reports had been received that a dog and a cat had been killed on Barlings Lane.

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood offered to arrange a meeting with Alan Aistrup, Head of Highways, North Division, to discuss if any more could be done to reduce the speed in that area.

Proposed by Councillor Mike Herbert, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett and resolved that County Councillors offer be taken up.

H) Forthcoming Elections 7th May 2015 - The Clerk had obtained some information in that the Cabinet Office together with the Electoral Commission have agreed that WLDC should take steps to maximise the number of people included on the electoral registers ahead of the May 2015 polls and letters will be delivered to all households during late January.

Nomination papers for the elections would be available at the end of February.

The Clerk was asked to publicise the forthcoming elections in the notice boards and the next edition of the Langworth Local.

100 FLYPOSTING IN VILLAGE – PARISH COUNCIL POLICY

It was reported that several commercial notices had recently been attached to street nameplates, screwed to the wooden bridge near to The George and in the parish notice boards i.e. auto jumble, estate agent directional signs, house cleaning etc.

Members felt that this was not acceptable and agreed the policy for Langworth Group Parish Council be that commercial notices displayed in such manner be removed.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Yvette Green, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett and **Resolved** as above.

Orchard Burial Ground, Stainton By Langworth - It was noted that the Orchard burial ground had a semi permanent notice fixed to the bridge near to the George and the Clerk was instructed to enquire with Highways whether a permanent directional sign could be provided.

101 LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS TRAINING EVENTS 2015/CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

A list of all training events had been supplied to each Councillor.

The Chair and Clerk would attend the Audit training at Coningsby on 3rd February and if Council agreed to join the training scheme for the next year the Clerk would be interested in attending IT training at Dunholme on 16th April; - Effective Council Management at Dunholme on 23rd April; and New Councillor training at Welbourn on 15th June.

(Noted that the Council were currently members of the scheme until end March 2015).

The cost of training scheme from April 2015 – March 2016 would be £75.00.

Proposed by Chair Mrs Yvette Green, seconded by Vice Chair Chris Judge and **Resolved** that the Council do join the LALC training scheme as above.

102 FINANCE

A) Internal Audit - An Internal Audit had been carried out of the Council accounts to 30th November 2014 and reported to be maintained to a high standard.

B) Invoices for payment:-

LALC – Training day lunches - £28.00
Langworth Memorial Hall – room hire / lease of play area - £135.00
LALC – 2015 training scheme - £55.00
Mrs B Solly – Internal Audit - £30.00
Veolia – grass cutting - £335.52
Mrs C Myers – litter grabber - £3.95
Mrs C Myers – expenses - £57.16

Proposed by Councillor Clive Buttress, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge and **Resolved** that the payments as presented are approved and can be paid if not already done so.

103 REVISED MODEL STANDING ORDERS CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AND ADOPTION

The recently adopted Standing Orders for Sudbrooke, formalised from Model Standing Orders compiled by the National Association of Local Councils, had been circulated to members by the Clerk for consideration and adoption.

Councillor Mike Herbert disputed the Standing Orders for accuracy and had made several amendments. The Chair requested that Councillor Herbert forward his suggested

alterations/amendments to the Clerk to circulate to members for consideration prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

104 PLANNING

A) Permission – Fair Lea Barn, Scothern Lane, Stainton By Langworth – 131991 – Erect two cattery buildings.

B) Amendment of Policy Strat 3 – Settlement Hierarchy of the WLDC Local Plan – Reply from Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Manager that the already adopted West Lindsey Local Plan could not legally be amended.

District Councillor Chris Darcel agreed to take the matter up with Mark Sturgess, Head of Planning, WLDC.

105 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRPERSON

Mr Peter Malone had sent a note of thanks for the gift taken to him by Cllr Mrs Yvette Green on behalf of the Parish Council during his period of sickness.

The Chair requested that suggestions for improvements to the village be given some thought for consideration at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chair stated that there appeared to be many empty properties in the village and expressed concern about their disrepair. She requested that this be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Correspondence had been received regarding a scheme for students to take part in village projects to give them experience for work. It was considered that the Church could possibly consider a project for tidying the Barlings Lane cemetery and that the correspondence be passed to Reverend Penny Green for consideration.

The Chair reported that on the bridge near to The George there appeared to be some railings which required replacing. The Clerk was asked to report this to LCC Highways.

106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd February 2014 7.30pm, Memorial Hall.

107 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – STAFFING MATTERS

Members unanimously resolved to move into closed session to discuss Staffing Matters.