

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2015 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Mrs Chris King, Mrs Sheila Burnett, Miss Jackie Scott, Mrs J Walton, Clive Buttress, Mike Herbert, Peter Bowser
County Councillor Ian Fleetwood, Mr J Dearman, 1 member of the public
Mrs Chris Myers (Clerk)

108 PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public thanked Councillor Clive Buttress for carrying out gritting of the footpaths.

The same member of public stated that he had written to LCC Highways regarding the condition of the footpaths in the village and a letter of reply was read out to the meeting which stated that the although additional funding had been approved from Central Government for the next 5 year period the backlog of essential repairs to the carriage ways was the priority.

109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Yvette Green declared an interest in Item 7e1 and 11 on the agenda – Barlings Lane Parking problems and safety issues.

110 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2014

Proposed by Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge and Resolved that the notes be signed as a correct record.

111 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Ian Fleetwood reported on a transport seminar that he had attended where a Park and Ride service from Langworth had been mooted. He stated that Virgin trains would shortly be operating the East coast main line.

Discussion ensued as to whether Langworth Station could be opened and it was agreed that this be an agenda item for the next meeting.

112 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

A Flooding issues – Mr John Dearman, Flood Warden stated that the river was coping adequately at present.

Cllr Clive Buttress stated that the Snow Wardens had gritted Scothern Lane; Main Road from The George to the Memorial Hall Car park; Barlings Lane; St Hugh's Drive; Oxeney Close.

The Chair thanked Councillors Buttress and Mr J Dearman for their efforts.

It was noted that RTC's in the bad weather had occurred in three locations in the parish, one being at Hardy Gang Wood, Newball. It was agreed that an agenda item for the next meeting be consideration of a 'black ice' warning sign.

B Installation of gas in Langworth - Following the Parish Council's request for consideration of the installation of gas to Langworth a reply from National Grid had indicated that it would cost approximately £21,000 plus VAT per property and 40% of properties in the village were required to accept a quotation for the scheme to become valid.

The Clerk reported that only two persons had contacted her showing interest in the installation. Obviously the scheme could not proceed.

C Planter/Seats – locations – The Chair had received a quotation for a planter in the sum of £200. Resolved by members as being too costly to pursue.

Further to minute 99d, one seat had been ordered. A vote was taken on the locations for siting as follows:-

Junction of St Hugh's Close, Barlings Lane – 3
Fronting the church – 3
Scothern Lane - 1

An amount of £264.35 remained in the grant fund. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Yvette Green, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett and resolved that a second seat be purchased and that the seats be sited to the front of the church, and at the junction of St Hugh's Close, Barlings Lane.

D Parish Plan update – Cllr Mike Herbert reported that the Chair of the Parish Plan Committee was arranging a meeting of the Committee to be held in March.

It was brought to the Council's attention that a receipt had been submitted for payment for expenditure at the Senior Residents tea party. The receipt included 6 bottles of wine which it was understood had not been used for the tea party and could not be accounted for. Members **Resolved** unanimously that payment for the wine be not made.

E Highway Matters:-

i Parking Problems, Barlings Lane – A request be submitted to LCC Highways for repairing the verges on Barlings Lane.

li Safety Issues, Barlings Lane – Deferred for two months.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Judge, seconded by Councillor Peter Bowser and resolved that the above agreed.

lii Archer Survey, Station Road, Langworth – LCC Highways had agreed to carry out an Archer Survey but requested a location.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Judge, seconded by Councillor Mike Herbert and Resolved that locations be requested for the Archer Survey opposite entrance to Strawberry Fields, Main Road and just past The George.

F Revised Standing Orders – Councillor Mike Herbert had drawn up amendments to the Standing Orders presented at the meeting of 7th January.

Discussion took place and save for the amendment of “Chairman to read Chair woman, Chair person or Chair” Proposed by Councillor Mrs Chris King, seconded by Councillor Clive Buttress that the Standing Orders be adopted. The Chair requested a recorded vote be taken that the Standing Orders as presented at the meeting of the Parish Council on 7th January be adopted. This was taken as follows:-

For:- Councillors Mrs Chris King, Miss Jackie Scott, Mrs Yvette Green, Mrs Sheila Burnett, Clive Buttress, Peter Bowser, Mrs Jill Walton, Chris Judge.

Against: – Councillor Mike Herbert. Councillor Herbert requested that his views of disagreement with the Standing Orders be recorded.

Resolved: That the Standing Orders as presented at the meeting of 7th January be adopted.

Councillor Chris Judge thanked Councillor Mike Herbert for his time taken on the Standing Orders.

G Elections – 7th May 2015 – The Clerk reported that the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils had urged Councils to publicise the elections. The forthcoming election had therefore been advertised in the Langworth Local, the notice boards and the parish website.

H Fly posting in village – The Clerk reported that the Highways Officer had confirmed that it was in order to remove fly posting in the parish.

I Finance course attended by Chair and Clerk – 3rd February 2015 – The Chair reported that this course had been very interesting and informative. A particular point had been emphasis on the Transparency Code in that it would shortly be required to publish all invoices of £100 or over on the parish website.

It was also noted that enquiries had been made with VAT experts Elysian Associates who had confirmed that Langworth Group Parish Council were in order to continue with allowing advertisers in the Langworth Local to make donations to local organisations without the requirement for VAT implications.

113 SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE

Members were invited to offer suggestions for improving the village, one being that the Best Kept Village Competition be advertised early in order to give residents advance notice to make additional effort to the properties. The Clerk would advertise this in the Langworth Local.

A ‘Suggestion Box’ in the Memorial Hall for residents to write down their ideas, was proposed by Councillor Peter Bowser. The Chair seconded and offered to organise this.

114 KERBING, CORNER OF CHURCH LANE, STANTON BY LANGWORTH

It was noted that during periods of heavy rain fall flooding was occurring at this junction and it was considered that kerbing and the installation of gullies would prevent the problem. Proposed by Councillor Peter Bowser, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge and **Resolved** that the LCC Highways Department be requested to install kerbing and gullies.

115 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR BROWN DIRECTIONAL SIGN TO ORCHARD BURIAL GROUND, STANTON BY LANGWORTH

Mr Paul Disley, owner of The Orchard Burial Ground, Stainton By Langworth, had requested support for the siting of a brown directional sign at the junction of A158/ Stainton, at his expense, directing to the Orchard Burial Ground.

Members agreed unanimously to give their support. Council instructed the Clerk to contact LCC Highways Department to give consideration for the siting of the sign and also to the Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee asking that the committee also support Mr Disley's request.

116 EMPTY PROPERTIES IN LANGWORTH

It was noted that the stone cottage, 4 Main Road, had been empty for a number of years and becoming in disrepair. The Chair requested that Standing Orders be suspended at 8.40 to allow the resident at the meeting the opportunity to join in the discussion. Standing Orders resumed at 8.45pm.

CC Ian Fleetwood agreed to furnish the Clerk with the details of the Officer responsible for empty properties at WLDC in order that he may be notified of this particularly property.

117 FINANCE

A Income:- HMRC Vat refund - £823.96 (the bulk of this being the VAT paid out on the bus shelter)

District Councillors Initiative Fund – grant for seat/Flood Wardens protective clothing - £345.80

B Accounts for payment:- Agri.cycle – Bench and delivery - £297.00 (£49.50 VAT)

Agri.cycle – bench £247.50

Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Langworth Local February edition -
£61.70

Mrs Hazel Drake – expenditure for Senior Citizens tea party for parish
plan on 12th July 2014 - £26.18

Mrs C Myers – expenses - £25.30

C Funds in bank account at 1 February 2015: - £12,081.28

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Jill Walton and **Resolved** that the payments as presented are approved and can be paid if not already done so.

118 LINCOLNSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

The Chair invited Councillor Ian Fleetwood to address the Council on this Plan.

CC Fleetwood reassured members that he could see no reason for the Plan to affect Langworth but if at a later date when the plan was discussed at Lincolnshire County Councils and there were any concerns for Langworth he would bring it to Councils attention.

119 PLANNING

A Amendment of Policy Strat 3 – Nothing further to report.

B Proposed development on land off Barlings Lane, Langworth – Globe Consultants had requested that they attend a meeting of the Parish Council to explain a solution that would allow the primary access to be from a junction with the A158 at Strawberry Fields, adjacent to the fishing lakes.

The Chair suggested that a representative attend at the commencement of the March Parish Council meeting in order to explain this. Members unanimously agreed.

120 COMMENTS FROM CHAIR PERSON

The Chair had nothing further to report.

121 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 3RD March 2015 7.30pm – Memorial Hall

122 STAFFING MATTERS

Deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council