

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

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Chris Judge ((Vice Chair),
Mrs Sheila Burnett, Miss Jackie Scott, Clive Buttress, Mrs Chris King,
Mrs Jill Walton, Mike Herbert
County Councillor Ian Fleetwood
District Councillor Chris Darcel, Flood Warden Mr John Dearman
Mrs C Myers, Clerk
Mr Phil Scrafton, Globe Consultants, 23 members of the public

123 APOLOGIES Councillor Peter Bowser

124 PUBLIC FORUM

Residents present at the meeting were made aware that Mr Phil Scrafton was in attendance to give an address later in the meeting about the suggested alternative route to the proposed development on Barlings Lane, and that questions from the public could not be answered at that time but it was hoped that a meeting could be arranged at a later date to explain this further to residents.

The Clerk drew attention to a report she had received from a resident about a slippery surface under the children's climbing frame. She had acted immediately by putting up temporary warning signs and ordered more permanent fixtures which Councillor Clive Buttress had fixed. These would be checked by the Play Equipment Inspector.

The Play Equipment Inspector was preparing a price for pressure washing the area in the spring.

125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Mrs Yvette Green declared an interest in Item 7c on agenda – Verges, Barlings Lane, Langworth.

126 POLICE MATTERS

LANGWORTH INCIDENTS FEB 2015

BURGLARY:	
DOMESTIC	1
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SUSPICIOUS	3
TRANSPORT	
TRAFFIC OFFENCE	2
Total	7

Police Community Panel – A letter had been received for a nomination of a member to the Police Community Panel. It was noted that this was an invitation to the community, not just the Parish Council. The Clerk was therefore instructed to include this in the Langworth Local.

127 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2015

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

128 ADDRESS BY MR PHIL SCRAFTON, GLOBE CONSULTANTS

Mr Scrafton produced a suggested plan of an alternative route to and from the proposed development on Barlings Lane across the strawberry fields onto the A158.

Points noted/queried were:

- Some form of traffic calming would be required - i.e. chicane
- There may be a risk of flooding to the area – Mr Scrafton stressed that the land was low risk for flooding.
- Mr Scrafton stated that larger garages and drives were planned for the properties on the development.
- Re foul drainage – concern expressed that drainage would be fed into the recently upgraded pumping station on Scothern Lane which was upgraded prior to the suggestion of the development.
- Mr Scrafton stressed that the Highway Authority were not looking towards the construction of a roundabout on the A158 for ingress and egress at the site.

Mr Scrafton was thanked by the Chair for his address and updating the Parish Council.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Yvette Green, seconded by Councillor Mike Herbert and **Resolved** that an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council be held and Standing Orders suspended at the meeting in order to allow residents to speak to the Council about the proposed development and alternative route.

Mr Scrafton left the meeting at 8.20pm.

129 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood stated that there would be a slight increase in the County Council and Police element of the Council tax bills.

Mobile Library visits would be reduced in the next financial year.

CC Fleetwood confirmed that to his knowledge there were no planned extractions for the parish in the Core Minerals and Waste Local Plan

130 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC Chris Darcel spoke of the benefit of open spaces in villages where developments are taking place.

DC Darcel confirmed that there would be no Council tax increase on the West Lindsey element of the council tax bills which would shortly be arriving with residents.

131 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

A) Request for brown directional sign to The Orchard Burial Ground, Stainton – Reply from LCC Highways stating that the green burial site does not constitute an attraction which national guidance would consider to be a destination for which the use of brown and white signs is appropriate, instead any directional signing provided should take the form of standard black on white signs.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 8.35pm until 8.40pm to allow Mr Paul Disley, owner of The Orchard, to speak. Mr Disley thanked the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall Committee for their support in this matter.

Members were still not entirely satisfied that a sign could not be provided for the assistance of the bereaved/visitors to the site and proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Clive Buttress that the Parish Council request that a standard black on white sign be provided.

B) Flooding issues – Flood Warden John Dearman reported that the Barlings Eau was presently running at an acceptable depth of 330mm.

A resident from Newball had requested advice from the Flood Wardens regarding insurance problems they were experiencing. It appeared there was some confusion about riparian ownership of the waterway in Newball and the resident had been advised to contact the IDB.

C) Parish Plan – update – Cllr Mike Herbert reported that the survey would shortly be sent to residents.

D) Highway Matters:-

i. Verges, Barlings Lane – LCC Highways had stated that they would be re-seeding the verges in the spring. Agreed unanimously that this was not a practical solution and that another method of tidying the verges should be sought.

ii. Archer Survey – LCC Highways had stated that this would be carried out in two areas on the Main Road.

iii. Elections 7th May 2015 – The Nomination papers had now been received by the Clerk and these were handed to each Councillor. Notification that they were available would be publicly advertised.

iv. Empty properties in Langworth – It was noted that one of the empty properties previously mentioned was currently having work carried out to it. The Chair suspended Standing Orders between 8.45 and 8.50pm to allow a resident to speak on the matter.

E) New benches – These had now been delivered. Councillor Chris Judge offered to site one at the church and the remaining one at the corner of St Hugh's Drive following permission from LCC for structure on the Highway.

132 TO REQUEST 'BLACK ICE' WARNING SIGN NEAR TO HARDY GANG WOOD, NEWBALL

It was noted that several motorists had experienced problems in this area during icy conditions and that a warning sign may assist. Proposed by Councillor Clive Buttress, seconded by Councillor Mrs Burnett and **Resolved** that LCC Highways be requested to provide a sign.

133 TO REQUEST LCC HIGHWAYS ADD STANTON, SNELLAND AND WICKENBY ROADS TO THE GRITTING ROUTES

This was considered being the main bus run for the school bus for youngsters from those villages. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge that Highways be requested to add the route.

134 TO REQUEST LCC HIGHWAYS TO WIDEN OR PUT IN PLACE PASSING POINTS ALONG SCOTHERN LANE, BETWEEN BRIDGE HOUSE AND SCOTHERN LANE RAILWAY CROSSING – PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE HERBERT

It was pointed out that this road was not Scothern Lane but Langworth Road and that an amendment should be made. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Mike Herbert that the amendment be made to read 'Langworth Road'.

It was noted that the road was in poor condition, potholes by the verge being very deep in places.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge that a request be made to the LCC Highways Department to widen the road.

135 POSSIBILITY OF REQUESTING THE RE-OPENING OF LANGWORTH STATION FOR PASSENGERS

The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of The Station with a suggestion that with the agreement of East Midlands trains the location could be used as a stopping place for trains to Lincoln.

136 PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICATION SCHEME – UPDATE AND AMENDMENTS

The Clerk had updated the Publication Scheme adding items now required and able to be on the website. Proposed by Councillor Clive Buttress, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett and **Resolved** that this be adopted.

137 FINANCE

A) Income - WLDC – Local Council Initiative Grant – for second seat - £206.25

B) Accounts for payment:-

Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils – Annual subscription = £203.08

Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils – Lunches for Chair and Clerk attending Audit Seminar – 3rd February 2015 = £14.00

Lonsdale Direct – Langworth Local March = £57.40

Mrs C Myers – Reimbursement for purchase of ‘Slippery Surface’ signs for play area = £2.47

Mrs C Myers – expenses = £16.85

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

C) Donations for Langworth Local - The Clerk pointed out that donations for adverts for the Langworth Local were made by the choice of the advertiser to one of the three village organisations – Langworth Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch; Langworth Memorial Hall or the Local LIVES Group which had now folded due to lack of volunteers. The Clerk suggested that it may be appropriate to offer an alternative suggestion to advertisers to donate to St Hugh’s Church along with the other two local organisations.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Judge, seconded by Councillor Clive Buttress and **Resolved** that the above suggestion be carried.

Note: Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett declared an interest in the above as a Church Warden. Councillor Mrs Burnett took no part in the discussion.

138 PLANNING

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

B) Applications for planning

Application 132366 – Langworth Village Hall – erect rear extension.

Note: Councillors Mrs Sheila Burnett and Clive Buttress declared an interest in this application. Councillor Mrs Burnett as a member of the Memorial Hall Committee and Councillor Clive Buttress as Trustee and the named applicant.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Judge, seconded by Councillor Miss Jackie Scott and **RESOLVED** that there be no objections to the above application.

Application 132272 – Station Garage House, Station Road, Langworth – Change of use to B1/B8 use with ancillary trade counter and facility to repair and sell machinery.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Judge, seconded by Councillor Miss Jackie Scott and **RESOLVED** that there be no objections to the above application.

Permission – 132223 – Manor Farm Bungalow – Remove condition 2 of planning permission W4 557 85 granted 7 August 1985 relating to agricultural worker occupancy.

139 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

A request had been received from the Chair of Langworth Memorial Hall requesting a contribution to an induction loop fitted and supplied with hand held radio mic and table top stand in the Memorial Hall. The contribution required from the Parish Council would be £364.72.

The Clerk was asked to put the request on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council and invite the Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee to attend meeting to explain how the loop worked.

140 STAFFING MATTERS

Clerks Contract – The Chair and Vice Chair felt it would be useful to carry out a Risk Assessment of the Clerk's Office prior to offering the revised contract. This would hopefully be carried out prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

141 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Extraordinary meeting to be arranged by Clerk and publicised.

Parish Meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday 7th April, followed at 8.00pm by Parish Council meeting.