

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2015 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Mike Herbert (Vice Chair), Mrs Chris King, Miss Jackie Scott, Mrs Sheila Burnett, Peter Bowser, Clive Buttress, Jack Machin, Mr John Dearman (Flood Warden), Mrs Chris Myers (Clerk), 2 members of the public, County Councillor Ian Fleetwood, District Councillor Chris Darcel

42 15/16 PUBLIC FORUM

No items mentioned.

43 15/16 APOLOGIES:

Councillor Miss Angela Gould, District Councillors Alexander Bridgwood, Mrs Anne Welburn. Proposed by Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Peter Bowser that reasons given for apologies be accepted.

44 15/16 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR FOR NEWBALL

Mr Jack Machin had applied for co-option to the Council. Proposed by Councillor Peter Bowser, seconded by Councillor Clive Buttress and **Resolved** that Mr Machin be co-opted to Langworth Group Parish Council to represent Newball.

Councillor Machin duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given Register of Interest form for return to the Clerk.

45 15/16 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19TH MAY 2015

Amendment – Minute 27 after ‘equipment’ add ‘*In relation to flooding and snow clearance only.*’

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Chris King, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett and **Resolved** that subject to the above amendment the minutes be signed as a correct record.

46 15/16 POLICE MATTERS

a) Statistics for Langworth for May 2015

ASB	
INCONSIDERATE	1
THEFT	1
CONCERN FOR SAFETY	1
TRANSPORT	
HAZARD	2
TRAFFIC OFFENCE	2
Total	7

b) **Nettleham Police Community Panel – issues requiring raising** – Members suggested that residents be invited to put forward their concerns through bringing it to their attention in Langworth Local.

c) **Horses loose on A158** – no reply received from Chief Constable to date.

- d) **Upgrading of footpath between Old School at the junction of Stainton By Langworth and Bullington** – reply from LCC Highways awaited.

47 15/16 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Ian Fleetwood reported on the following:-

- That the County Council was currently dealing with issues with regard to the proposed closure of libraries.
- The portfolio holder for Highways is requesting that parishes identify areas of concern.
- The County Council is looking at areas with poor broadband issues.

48 15/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC Chris Darcel distributed leaflets to those present at the meeting re proposed wind turbines at Nocton Fen.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORT

It was pointed out that as it had only been two weeks since the previous meeting of the Parish Council replies were awaited on many items.

- A) Flooding Issues** – Flood Warden John Dearman stated that he had little to report at present.
- B) Verges, Barlings Lane** – Northing further to report.
- C) Black ice warning signs** – Northing further to report.
- D) Kerbing, Church Lane, Stainton By Langworth** - Councillor Peter Bowser reported that he would be meeting a representative from LCC Highways during the next two weeks.
- E) Request for additional roads to gritting route** – Nothing further to report.
- F) A158 speed readings** – Discussion ensued regarding the A158 speed readings. It was considered that there was a high volume of traffic through the village and that the junctions were dangerous.
- G) Closure of Hawthorne Road** - The Chair pointed out that the proposed closure of Hawthorne Road could increase traffic through Langworth as vehicles sought alternative routes onto the A158.

Proposed by Councillor Clive Buttress, seconded by Councillor Peter Bowser and **Resolved** that the Council write to the Planning Inspector raising objections to the proposed closure.

49 15/16 TO RECONSIDER THE WAY THE PARISH COUNCIL DOES THINGS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PARISHIONER INVOLVEMENT AND AWARENESS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MIKE HERBERT

Councillor Herbert reported on a recent training course he had attended when it was suggested that it may attract residents to attend Parish Council meetings by inviting guest speakers, or by increasing meetings per month and having shorter agendas. He also suggested that members may like to write a short article about themselves with a photograph to be included in the Langworth Local.

50 15/16 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

This to be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

51 15/16 PURCHASE OF RECORDING SYSTEM

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Clive Buttress and **Resolved** that the Chair be given authority to purchase a recording system up to a maximum of £150.00.

52 15/16 SHOP FOR VILLAGE

Discussion took place about the possibility of building premises adjacent or attached to the Memorial Hall to be used for a shop.

The Chair of the Memorial Hall would be asked to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to seek her views on this suggestion.

53 15/16 ELECTORAL REVIEW

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood outlined the proposed electoral boundary review. He stated that it would affect the edge of Lincoln and was unlikely to have any impact on Langworth.

54 15/16 CLERKS REPORT ON PURCHASE OF LAPTOP/CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

The Clerk stated that she had purchased a laptop computer from PC World at a lesser price than previously quoted - £294.97 (inc VAT). Software and configuration had amounted to £75.00. A new email address for the Parish Council had been set up.

55 15/16 HANDOVER OF PARISH COUNCIL DOCUMENTS ON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF CLERK/AGREEMENT OF ADDRESS FOR DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT TO PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

Mrs Myers, Clerk, had offered to extend her termination date until the 30th June which was accepted by Council.

The Chair agreed that her address be used for documents to be sent to prior to the appointment of a new Clerk.

Councillor Mrs Chris King would take charge of the cheque book/payment of invoices.

As Mrs Myers would be on leave for the first two weeks of July members agreed that formal handover of documents/files take place after her return from annual leave.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Peter Bowser and **Resolved** as above.

56 15/16 FINANCE

A) Accounts for payment

Glendale – grass cutting = £345.59

Mrs C Myers – reimbursement for purchase from PC World of lap top computer = £294.97

Computer Sage – set up and configuration of laptop installation of Microsoft Office 2013= £75.00

Mrs C Myers – expenses May = £25.29
Todds AC – Cartridge for printer = £16.79
Todds AC – Box white paper = £13.50

The Clerk was given delegated authority to organise payment of incoming invoices prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council. These would be reported at next meeting of Council.

Proposed by Councillor Clive Buttress, seconded by Councillor Peter Bowser and **Resolved** that payments be made as stated above.

- B) **Change of bank signatories/deletion of Mrs C Myers from Parish Council bank account** – The Parish Council’s bank would be notified that Mrs C Myers be removed wef from 30th June 2015. All existing signatories would be required to sign the instruction to the bank.

57 15/16 PLANNING

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood declared an interest in this item as Vice Chair of the West Lindsey District Council Planning Committee.

Application 13001 – Application to vary conditions 13 and 14 of planning permission 128354 granted 2 August 2012 – occupancy conditions, Barlings Country Holiday Park, Barlings Lane, Langworth.

The Conditions 13 and 14 of permission 128354 were discussed and members felt that these reasons had not changed.

The Parish Council agreed that Councillors Mrs Yvette Green and Miss Jackie Scott formulate a reply on behalf of the Parish Council, the Clerk to send, including that the comments of residents living nearby should be taken into account when a decision be made.

Notice of proposed application for a development consent order to construct and operate a wind farm at Nocton Fen – Displays of related documents would be available for viewing from 8th June 2015 until 20 July 2015 at various locations which were brought to the attention of members – nearest locations being Cherry Willingham Library, LCC Offices, Newland.

Documents were also available on a USB stick available from the Clerk. To be further discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

58 15/16 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRPERSON

The Chair drew attention to training of Councillors and would be arranging for Mrs Trisha Carter to attend on a mutually convenient evening to undertake Councillor training.

The Chair suggested that a letter of thanks be written to former Councillors Mrs Gill Walton and Chris Judge. This was agreed.

59 15/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7th July 2015.

60 15/16 TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS STAFFING MATTERS

Unanimously Resolved.

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Staffing Matters

The Chair brought to members' attention that Mr Peter Malone had stated, on 2nd June, that his partner was undertaking the play equipment inspections with him/when he had not been well enough to. A suggestion had been made to Mr Malone that his partner may wish to undertake play equipment inspection training and Mr Malone had agreed to speak to her and inform the Clerk but no communication had been received prior to the meeting that evening.

Councillors Jack Machin and Mike Herbert agreed to undertake training on a course being run by Community Lincs on 15th July 2015 at a cost of £65.00 plus VAT per delegate, to be held at Langworth.

This would enable them to inspect the play equipment in the event of the current Play Equipment Inspector being unable to do so.

This would be an agenda item for formal approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council.