

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

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Chris Judge, Mrs Chris King,
Miss Jackie Scott, Clive Buttress, Mike Herbert, Peter Bowser,
Mrs Sheila Burnett
Mr John Dearman (Flood Warden), Mrs Chris Myers (Clerk),
County Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Mrs Jacki Myers (Chair, Memorial Hall Committee)
1 resident
Mr John Dearman, Flood Warden

1 -15/16 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair announced with regret the death of Geoff Oswin, lifetime resident of the village. A minute of silent remembrance was observed.

A resident enquired about the cost of the Parish Council Precept for this financial year. The Chair explained that this had been published in February edition of the Langworth Local. However the Clerk would furnish the resident with the details.

2 – 15/16 APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs Gill Walton, reason accepted proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge.

3 – 15/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Clive Buttress, declared an interest in item 10a on the agenda - 'Request by Memorial Hall Committee for contribution towards Induction Loop for Memorial Hall' as Trustee of the Memorial Hall Committee.

Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett declared an interest in item 10a.

Councillor Mrs Yvette Green declared an interest in items on the agenda:-

7ci 'Verges Barlings Lane' and

vi Extraordinary meeting re proposed development Barlings Lane/alternative route –
correspondence received.

4 – 15/16 POLICE MATTERS

a) Report received of incidents in Langworth during March 2014

SUSPICIOUS	1
TRANSPORT	
TRAFFIC OFFENCE	2
Total	3

- b) **Appointment of member(s) to Nettleham Police Community Panel** - Councillors Mrs Chris King and Miss Jackie Scott were interested joining the panel. The Clerk had written to PC Prestwich enquiring whether two members of a community could join and a reply was awaited.

5 – 15/16 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2015

Proposed by Councillor Chris Judge, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett that they be signed as a correct record.

6 – 15/16 NOTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2015

Amendments requested:-

Following 'The Chair opened the meeting..... additional paragraphs to read as follows:-

'Two letters had been received from residents which were read out to the meeting.

District Councillor Chris Darcel stated that if a Neighbourhood Plan was not in place in a village, it did allow developers to apply for planning permission in the locality. However it should be emphasised that there were opportunities for gains under Section 106 Agreements.'

Subject to the above additions proposed by Councillor Chris King, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge that they be signed as a correct record.

7 – 15/16 REQUEST BY MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE FOR CONTRIBUTION TO INDUCTION LOOP

The Chair requested confirmation from members, which was agreed, to bring forward this item on the agenda.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.05pm until 8.20pm to allow Mrs Jacki Myers, Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee to explain the use and working of the 'Induction Loop', it being of benefit to those with hearing difficulties.

Mrs Myers explained that the request for £364.72 from the Parish Council was a quarter share; half of the full cost being met by a grant and the remaining quarter being paid from Memorial Hall funds.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Chris King, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge and **Resolved** that the Parish Council contribute £364.72 towards the Induction Loop system.

The Chair thanked Mrs Myers for attending the meeting.

8 – 15/16 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Ian Fleetwood reported that road closures on Canwick Road, Lincoln, would come into effect during the night until 19th April to enable essential works to be carried out.

He also reported that changes to Planning were coming into effect during April/May, issued by central government not the local Councils. The amendments will affect existing domestic properties and what can and cannot be changed without the need to apply for planning permission. They will not have an impact on planning applications for larger housing schemes.

9 -15/16 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

a) Flooding issues – The Flood Wardens reported the following:-

- That the surface water drains had been cleaned.
- Anglian Water representatives had been seen to be checking the sewerage system on Scothern Lane.
- The river was currently running well.

CC Ian Fleetwood explained that the riparian owner enforcement powers still remains with the Internal Drainage Boards and the Environment agency.

b) Parish Plan – Approval of cash prize for return of survey – It was understood that the Parish Plan Committee were suggesting a cash prize draw of £200 and 4 x £20 amounts as an incentive for the return of surveys.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.35pm in order for Councillor Mike Herbert to make a telephone call to the Chair of the Parish Plan Committee in order to gain more information. As this was not available the item was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

c) Highway Matters

i. Verges, Barlings Lane – The Chair produced photographs of verges in Lincoln which had been infilled with a solid material in order for vehicles to be able to drive onto them.

It was unanimously agreed that a request be made to the LCC Highways Department to consider using this material on the verges on Barlings Lane.

ii. Request for ‘Black Ice’ warning sign/addition of Stainton, Snelland and Wickenby roads to be added to the gritting route – Reply from LCC Highways received as follows:-

‘The County Council does not provide signs on its network indicating the risk of ice or that a route is not gritted. Policy HM 33 within the authorities Winter Maintenance Plan specifically deals with such signs. The policy recognises that a very small number of such signs are in place on the counties roads following historic agreements and states that these will be retained but no new signs added.

The county grits 3000Km of its 8960Km of roads (one of the highest proportions in the UK) but clearly this leaves a significant length of mainly minor unclassified roads untreated. This network contains many features such as severe bends or shaded sections which have a clear potential for icing in advance of the wider network but it is simply unrealistic to sign all such locations. Modern forecasting available to all drivers via a wide range of media outlets along with external temperature indicators in cars mean that drivers should be aware of the likelihood of ice and need to adjust their driving accordingly.

The Winter Maintenance Plan is available via the County Councils Website.'

Members were discontented with the reply and instructed the Clerk to re-iterate the Parish Council's concerns that the site referred to near Hardy Gang Wood was in constant shade during the winter months and that motorists may not be expecting there to be ice in that location at midday/2.00pm. To reiterate also that the stretch of highway from Stainton through Snelland and Wickenby is the main school bus route.

CC Ian Fleetwood stated that he would be prepared to meet the Highways Officer(s) on site to discuss the matter further if required.

iii. Request for Kerbing, Church Lane, Stainton By Langworth – LCC Highways had stated that they did not have resources to be able to look at any improvements at this location.

The Clerk was instructed by members to enquire with LCC Highways the cost of 12m of kerbing and one gully at the site for further consideration.

iv. Highway Works - Langworth Road – Notification received from LCC Highways that a scheme for widening the road had been programmed for the current financial year and works would commence on 21st April, 2015.

v. Extraordinary meeting re proposed development Barlings Lane/alternative route – All letters/emails received to the Clerk and Chair regarding this item had been copied to Councillors and were noted.

Vi Letter from Veolia ES UK Ltd – Advisory letter received that with effect from 1st April 2015 Veolia's grounds maintenance business would be transferred to Glendale Ltd.

10 – 15/16 CEMETERY TIDY UP – 4TH APRIL 2015

The Cemetery tidy up had been a success with several volunteers helping out. An article and photographs would be included in the Langworth Local.

The Clerk had also requested WLDC carry out a road sweep of the village.

11 – 15/16 REQUEST FOR DOG BIN ON MAIN ROAD

A request had been made by a resident for a dog bin to be sited on the Main Road in the vicinity of 'Two Limes'. Members agreed that the Chair look at the area for a suitable location and liaise with the Clerk /WLDC.

12 – 15/16 FINANCE

- a) **Renewal of Parish Council insurance schedule 2016/16** – The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk had checked over the insurance schedule and following slight amendments to sums insured– decrease in bus shelter cost, increase in seats - found it to be satisfactory. The premium offered by Zurich Insurance being £310.27 for a 1 year agreement, £303.37 for a 3 year long term agreement.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Judge, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, and Resolved that the Parish Council take a 3 year long term agreement with Zurich at the cost of £303.37.

- b) **Request by resident for purchase of litter grabber/hoop** – A previous litter grabber purchased had proved unsatisfactory. A stronger item at a cost of £11.00 plus a handihoop at a cost of £7.50 was requested.

Proposed by Councillors Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge and **Resolved** that the above be purchased.

- c) **Notice of Audit** – Notice had been received that the Annual Return was required by Grant Thornton, External Auditors.

The Clerk would be preparing all documentation required for forwarding to the Internal Auditor, Mrs Bridget Solly, prior to submission to the external Auditors.

- d) **Accounts for payment** –

Veolia ES – Grass cutting - £345.59

Langworth Memorial Hall – Donation towards hearing Loop - £364.72

Langworth Memorial Hall – Room hire - £39.00

Mrs C Myers – expenses - £79.76

Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Langworth Local (April) - £64.30

LALC – Councillors Training day lunches – 25th March - £14.00

Best Kept Village Competition – entry fee - £15.00

- e) **Income** – WLDC – Precept - £15,000

- f) **Funds in bank account at 31.3.2015** - £9946.40.

13 – 15/16 PLANNING

TPO Refusal – Application 033912 and 033917 - Abbey Cottage, Barlings Lane

14 – 15/16 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRPERSON

The Chair stated that the Best Kept Village Competition would be being judged in June. Members agreed unanimously that Langworth be entered into the competition.

15 - 15/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Meeting of Parish Council – Tuesday 12th May 2015 or 19th May 2015 dependent on parish election nominations.

16 – 15/16 TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS STAFFING MATTERS AND CHAIR LADY'S IN-HOUSE TRAINING/POLICIES

Members resolved unanimously to move into closed session and the public left the meeting.