

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Chris Judge (Vice Chair), Mrs Chris King, Mike Herbert, Miss Jackie Scott, Mrs Sheila Burnett, Clive Buttress, Peter Bowser  
County Councillor Ian Fleetwood, District Councillor Chris Darcel  
John Dearman (Flood Warden), 4 members of the public  
Mrs Chris Myers (Clerk)

**66 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Mrs Gill Walton – Proposed by Councillor Chris Judge, Seconded by Mrs Chris King and unanimously **Resolved** that the reason be accepted.

**67 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillors Mrs Yvette Green, Miss Jackie Scott and Mike Herbert declared interests in Items 7ci Parking Problems Barlings Lane and 7cii –and Safety Issues Barlings Lane.

**68 PUBLIC FORUM**

A resident stated that there were several yellow markings on the footpaths in Barlings Lane and asked when the repairs to the footways would be made. The Clerk would enquire of Highways.

A resident attended who had submitted a planning application for a cattery at Stainton and invited questions.

Another resident asked questions about The George planning application and the flood risk assessment which was not available on the WLDC website. County Councillor Ian Fleetwood offered to meet the resident to discuss this.

A request was made for enquiries to be made for the possible installation of gas in the village. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Trees on the corner of St Hugh's Close had still not been trimmed back despite assurances in June 2014 that the work would be carried out in the autumn. The Clerk would pursue.

A resident of Scothern Lane had sent an email outlining the following and the Clerk was requested to reply.

- Unkempt Langworth Road – *Noted that this is constantly under review by LCC Highways. Residents can and should report items such as potholes via the LCC website. It is quite simple to do and even if it is reported more than once does highlight the situation to Highways Officers.*
- Parking on Scothern Lane – *Resident advised to ring Police when there was a problem*
- Overgrown hedge on corner of Scothern Lane causing an obstruction to the footway – *The resident would be asked to cut this back by the Parish Council.*

- Request for the Simple SID speed device to be situated on Scothern Lane – *A request would be made to the Police for this.*

## **69 POLICE MATTERS**

Report received that Langworth had had a quiet month with only one report of a dog wandering on the main road.

The Chair confirmed that LCC could not release information about the previously damaged lighting column on Barlings Lane but that she would speak to PCSO Jackie Parker about it.

## **70 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

Amendment: Minute 58 iii – Parish Plan Councillor Mike Herbert requested that the minute read as follows:-

**Parish Plan – update** – Councillor Mike Herbert reported that the survey was waiting to be printed by the Chair of the Parish Plan.

**61 Planning** - Add – ‘An email received from Globe Consultants regarding planning proposals on Barlings Lane had been received and copied to all members of the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to print this in the Langworth Local.’

The notes were deferred until the next meeting for approving and signing.

## **71 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC Ian Fleetwood announced that public meeting would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November regarding the proposed closure of Hawthorne Road, Cherry Willingham.

CC Fleetwood /DC Chris Darcel also pointed out that comments regarding planning could be made to the Joint Planning Unit until 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 on a specified sheet within the Draft Plan.

CC Ian Fleetwood was asked to arrange for the printing of this sheet for deliveries to all homes in Langworth and Stainton by Councillors Mrs Y Green, Mike Herbert, Jackie Scott, Clive Buttress and resident Mrs Angie Gould.

## **72 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

- a) **Flooding Issues – Flooding Issues** – The Flood Wardens reported that the privately owned pumps, radios and the Snow Blower had been tested and were in good working order.

The rivers and waterways had also been inspected and the following noted:-  
Despite a request some time ago to the Environment Agency to remove trees growing in the Barlings Eau this had not been done. County Councillor Ian Fleetwood agreed to pursue this with the Environment agency.

There was concern that Sudbrooke Beck had received no maintenance and Witham Third had arranged to carry out work within the next two weeks.

Witham Third Internal Drainage Board had denied responsibility for Flap Valves which were not working, although they agreed to clear them when maintenance work was done on the beck. District Councillor Chris Darcel agreed to take this matter up on behalf of the Flood Wardens.

Concern was expressed by the Flood Wardens regarding The proposed George development which involved additional 'spoil' being imported on to the site which had not been shown on the original plan.

**b) Parish Plan** – No progress to date.

**c) Highway Matters:-**

**i) Parking Problems, Barlings Lane** – A reply from the Area Highways Manager as follows:-

*'Re the progress on your Parish Councils request for TRO's restricting the parking of vehicles on verges, with particular reference to Barlings Lane.*

*The task of producing a summary for the Portfolio Holder highlighting the implications of the adoption of the use of this type of restriction had been delegated to myself by Paul Coathup and I have undertaken a review of the legislative and resource implications. Regrettably I have not been able to complete the summary to date due to other pressures but I appreciate this issue has been ongoing for a significant time and will therefore seek to obtain a decision within the next month. I will of course let your council know the outcome as soon as possible and I apologise for the long delay.'*

**ii) Safety Issues, Barlings Lane** – Cllr Mike Herbert to contact Health and Safety Executive for a reply.

**iii) Community Speedwatch Reactive Speed Device** – Discussion took place regarding the possible purchase of a speed device through the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Costs, operation and responsibility were considered.

A recorded vote was taken on the proposal that the speed device should be bought.

For: Councillor Mike Herbert

Against: Councillors Miss Jackie Scott, Mrs Chris King, Chris Judge, Clive Buttress

Abstain: Councillors Mrs Sheila Burnett, Mrs Yvette Green, Peter Bowser

**RESOLVED:** That the speed device not be purchased.

- d) **Letter from Monitoring Officer, WLDC** – to all District and Parish Councillors within West Lindsey stating that over the last few months there have been a number of complaints made against both District and Parish Councillors regarding their behaviour outside of their role as Elected Members and reminding them of the Code. The letter was noted by members.

## **73 FINANCE**

- a) **Approval of purchase of replacement cctv camera for Memorial Hall** – This was required to replace a faulty camera currently installed. Councillor Clive Buttress and Mr John Dearman stated that the cost would not exceed £40.00 and that they would be able to fit it.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Chris King, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge and **RESOLVED** that a replacement cctv be purchased.

- b) **Accounts for payment:-**

Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Langworth Local - £65.80  
Mrs D Y Green – plants for tubs - £15.00  
Mrs C Myers – expenses - £33.41  
Mrs D Y Green – mileage to Welbourne – £22.50  
Veolia – grass cutting – £335.52

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.

- c) **Suggestions for Precept 2015/16** – Members were notified that the Precept would be set at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk had attended an information workshop at Gainsborough regarding the Parish Precept. An explanation of the Council tax element stated on Council tax demands had been detailed as follows from the Group Accountant WLDC:-

*‘Your Council Tax is made up of a number of elements which fluctuate but determine the total amount charged. This includes:*

*Parish Precept (the amount the Parish Council requires to fund its services)*

*Tax Base (the number of properties in the Parish)*

*Local Council Tax Support Scheme (amount of financial support given Parishioners on low income)*

*Council Tax Discounts and exemptions (eg single person discount)*

*Financial grant support given to the Parish by West Lindsey District Council*

*It is possible that the Parish Council does not change its Precept and yet the Council Tax charged to you may increase/decrease due to the other factors above.’*

The Clerk was instructed to include this explanation in a future edition of the Langworth Local.

- d) Appointment of Internal Auditor** - Proposed by Councillor Clive Buttress, seconded by Councillor Mrs Chris King and **Resolved** that Mrs Bridget Solly is appointed Internal Auditor for the half yearly accounts 2014.

## **74 PLANNING**

- a) Lincolnshire Local Plan Consultation** – Several Councillors had attended the consultation event at Sudbrooke on 8<sup>th</sup> October. It was noted that the deadline for comments was 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- b) Application** – Fair Lea Barn, Stainton - erect two cattery buildings including isolation pen – 131991 – no objections
- c) Application** – The George Hotel, Main Road, Langworth – outline application including means of access for up to 36 dwellings, ancillary convenience store A1, public open space, ecological reserve and landscaping – 130773. The following comments were made to be forwarded to WLDC Planning Department.

‘Langworth Group Parish Council discussed this application at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and put forward the following comments/objections:-

- The application is incomplete as there is no Flood Risk Assessment available.
- The application states that additional materials/spoil is to be imported. This was not mentioned in the previous application.
- The section referring to the shop states that there will be a Post Office located at The George. This was not included in the previous application. Members are concerned that this will draw business from the current Outreach Post Office and has obviously not been given due consideration.
- Members would like it placed on record that they object to the removal of affordable housing from this application.

Difficulties have arisen from being able to view these plans on the WLDC website – acknowledged by WLDC staff. The Parish Council should therefore have received a hard copy of the plans as this development is over 6 properties.’

Councillor Chris Judge requested that it be recorded that he objected to no affordable housing at the development.

## **75 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

The Chair reminded members of the Remembrance Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 2.00pm at St Hugh’s Church, Langworth.

## **76 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014.**