

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD JUNE 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Chris Judge (Vice Chair),
Miss Jackie Scott, Mrs Sheila Burnett, Mrs Chris King, Mike Herbert
Peter Bowser (till 8.15pm), Clive Buttress, Mrs Gill Walton
County Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk) 2 residents, Mr John Dearman (Flood Warden)

APOLOGIES: District Councillor Chris Darcel

14 PUBLIC FORUM

A resident requested the Parish Council to consult with the bus company to have a bus stop located opposite the George as it had been several years ago. It was noted that the buses do stop on the same side of the road as The George but not on the opposite. The Clerk was asked to write to Stagecoach.

The resident also added his concern to the traffic issues on Barlings Lane considering the road was not wide enough for the traffic it was requiring to accommodate.

It was raised that the grass was not being cut around the tubs at the entrances to the village. The Clerk would request the contractors to do this.

The Clerk had requested that Veolia cut the grass verge outside the wood yard and at the corner of Barlings Lane to tidy the area for the judging of the Best Kept Village Competition as a one off cut. A price for the inclusion of this area in the grass cutting contract would be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Yvette Green and Mike Herbert declared an interest in Agenda items 7bi, ii, iii, - Barlings Lane issues, as residents of Barlings Lane.

16 PLANNING

The Chair brought this item forward in the meeting in order for Councillor Peter Bowser to leave the meeting early.

Application 131322 – Outline application for removal of tin barn and construction of detached dwelling – land between Manor Barn and Manor Barn bungalows, Barlings Lane, Langworth – comments to be sent to Planning Department as follows:-

‘Langworth Group Parish Council does not object to this application although it is stressed that parking problems do occur on Barlings Lane and parking must be off street.’

Application 131337 - The Cottage, Church Lane, Stainton By Langworth – comments as follows:-

'Langworth Group Parish Council has discussed this application in detail.

Stainton By Langworth does have a problem with the ground in that area being clay based and not draining. It is therefore requested that as a condition of permission percolation tests should be carried out to enable any water to drain to a nearby outfall.'

Application 131374 – Two storey extension, South View, Wragby Road, Newball – No objections.

Permission - 131238 – Langdale Lodge – 2 bedroom occupational dwelling

Permission – 131170/131171 – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Stainton By Langworth – porch elevation

Permission – 131190 – Highway verge, Scothern Lane, Langworth – underground storage tank.

17 POLICE MATTERS

A report had been received as follows:-

A cow had been loose on Barlings Lane but had been caught when the officer attended; a three vehicle RTC had occurred on the A158; a swan had been walking along Station Road.

18 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13TH AND 21ST MAY 2014

Notes of 13th May: Amendments: –

Present – Add Councillor Peter Bowser

Minute 9biv) Add second paragraph – Another suggestion was made for the single track road that pullover points be made to allow easier access.

The notes for both meetings were then accepted as a true account, proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge.

19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Ian Fleetwood stated he had nothing to report this month.

20 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

a) **Flooding issues** – It was noted that Anglian Water had not yet commenced work in Scothern Lane.

b) **Highway Matters:-**

i) **Parking problems, Barlings Lane** – The parking problems on Barlings Lane were ongoing. The Chair and Councillor Mike Herbert agreed to compose a further letter to the Highways Department outlining previous issues raised.

- ii) **Safety issues, Barlings Lane** – Councillor Mike Herbert was awaiting a response from the Health and Safety Executive.
- iii) **Traffic chaos on Barlings Lane whilst being used as a diversionary route** – A letter from the Head of Highways apologised for difficulties caused by the resurfacing works. The letter emphasised that the problem with the suitability of Barlings Lane and the Scothern Lane widening continues to be high priority for improvement as soon as funding permits.
- c) **Replacement of street light on Barlings Lane** – The Clerk had received verbal confirmation that the replacement of the street light on Barlings Lane would be carried out by the end of August.

It was understood that the street light may have been hit by a farm vehicle and the Chair offered to obtain more information from residents about this. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ascertain if they were aware of this.

- d) **Request for junction sign, near to railway bridge, Stainton By Langworth** – A reply from Highways stated that a site visit had been carried out and confirmed that a significant contributory factor to the issue of visibility both of the vehicle leaving the drive to approaching drivers and for the driver of the vehicle could be greatly improved by a combination of lowering, relocating or removing the existing hedge to Linewood House. It was considered that this intervention combined with the forthcoming speed limit reduction would offer the best potential for improved safety.

Members instructed the Clerk to forward a copy of the reply to the residents at Linewood House.

- e) **Parish plan – Update/Request for funds** – It was reported that activities of the parish plan committee were continuing.

A request of funds spent to date had been requested which the Clerk had provided as follows:-

Expenditure to 3.6.2014

- ** Jan 2014 – Elpeeko – Printing - £16.00
- ** March 2014 – Elpeeko - printing - £25.00

- * March 2014 – Display panel - £106.00
- ** 29/4/2014 –Elpeeko - printing - £25.00

- ** 13/5.2014 - Elpeeko - printing - £24.00
- 25.4.2014 - Memorial Hall hire - £25.00
- 13.5.2014 - Hazel Walker – Easter egg hunt expenditure - £27.07
- ** 3.6.2014 - M Herbert – ink cartridges - £22.00

** = Total £112.00

Grants

*Community Chest - £524.00

Big Society Fund - £400.00

Easter egg Hunt - £104.70

Members agreed that the £300 from the parish precept be spent on printing. Total already spent = £112.00. This resulted in a surplus of £188.00.

21 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

This item was deferred until the September meeting of the Parish Council.

22 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE FOR PARISH COUNCIL

The recently adopted Complaints procedure of Sudbrooke Parish Council had been circulated.

Members unanimously agreed that this document be adopted for Langworth Group Parish Council.

23 FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment

M Herbert – Ink Cartridges (Parish Plan) - £22.00

P Malone – playground inspections/painting seats in village - £68.68

Mrs C Myers – purchase of Ink cartridges (cost to be shared between 3 Parish Councils - £36.66 + VAT = £43.99

Mrs C Myers – expenses - £27.28

Mrs C Myers purchase of two flags - £4.28

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Chris King that the above be paid.

Income

Easter egg hunt (Parish Plan) - £104.70

24 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRPERSON

The Chair mentioned the following matters: –

- a) Purchase of flags** – in view of the poor condition of the current flag she would like the cost of the new flags to be taken from the Chairman's Allowance.

- b) **Street nameplates at St Hugh's Close, Barlings Lane and Chamberlains Close** required replacing. This would be reported to WLDC.
- c) **General tidying** - The Play Equipment Inspector had offered to undertake bin washing/algae clearance from playground matting/tree trimming for a price of £50 and she felt that this should be taken up. Agreed unanimously.
- d) **New Langworth sign – Scothern Lane** – The Clerk was asked to chase up when this sign would be erected.
- e) **Trees requiring cutting back** – a sycamore and lime tree on the corner of St Hugh's Drive was considered as requiring cutting back. The Clerk would report this.

25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was agreed as **Tuesday 15th July 2014.**