

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Chris Judge (Vice Chair), Clive Buttress, Mrs Sheila Burnett, Mike Herbert, Peter Bowser, Miss Jackie Scott  
County Councillor Ian Fleetwood, District Councillor Chris Darcel  
PCSO Jackie Parker (till 8.00pm)  
Mr John Dearman (Flood Warden), Mrs Chris Myers (Clerk), 1 resident

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs Chris King

**26 PUBLIC FORUM**

A resident drew to members attention the condition of the road at Stainton By Langworth from the bridge to the church. The Chair offered to take a look and photograph so that these could be forwarded to the Highways Department.

**27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs Yvette Green and Mike Herbert declared interests in agenda items 7b, i and ii (Barlings Lane Parking problems and safety issues) as residents of Barlings Lane.

**28 POLICE MATTERS**

Report submitted as follows:-

29/06/2014 - There was a single vehicle RTC on the A158, there were no injuries.

02/07/2014 - 2 males were leaning out of a vehicle on the A158 with what looked like BB guns. Officers were deployed but no sign of the vehicle, information was passed onto the adjacent areas.

03/07/2014 - A large heavy goods vehicle had broken down near to the crossing, recovery was made.

03/07/201- 2 vehicle RTC on the A158, minor injuries only

12/07/2014 - A window was reported open at The Station public house, officers checked to see if entry had been made and have contacted the key holder.

Week beginning 03/07/2014 – Several dog bins in area (including 1 in Langworth) destroyed by vandals.

**29 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2014**

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

### **30 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC Ian Fleetwood reported that dredging and de-bushing work was to be carried out on the Barlings Eau.

Cc Fleetwood also stated that he would be pressing for the proposed bridge on Hawthorn Road/Lincoln Eastern bypass to be a motorised bridge.

### **31 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

DC Chris Darcel explained that he had attended an address on the Lincolnshire sustainable service footprint of which he had grave concern. The Clerk had supplied flyers for members.

CC Darcel stated that the Neighbourhood Plan for Fiskerton was now in its consultation stage and explained the possible benefits of the plan. CC Darcel suggested that Mr Rob Lawton of WLDC Planning Department be invited to a Parish Council to explain a Neighbourhood Plan.

### **32 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

- a) **Flooding Issues** – Flood Warden Mr John Dearman explained that the Anglian Water sewerage improvements were proceeding and that both he and Councillor Clive Buttress were impressed with the work so far. It was hoped that this improvement to the sewerage disposal would enable further development to go ahead in Langworth in the future.

The Flood Wardens did stress that their concern at present was with flash flooding and that they considered Langworth extremely fortunate to have not suffered any problems so far. However with the discussion of the possibility of large developments in Lincoln and Sudbrooke it did raise fears.

It was suggested and agreed that a letter be sent to the Lincolnshire Joint Planning Unit stressing that if large developments were to take place in the area of the Nettleham beck special attention should be paid to surface water run-off upstream of Langworth.

- b) **Highway issues:-**

- i. Parking Problems, Barlings Lane** – Following the letter from the Parish Council sent on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Cllr Mike Herbert had drafted a letter to be sent to the Assistant Director of Highways, LCC as follows:-

*'Although the Parish Council received a reply telling it that you received our correspondence, it has not yet received a response to its concerns and request.*

*You will not be surprised to know that the problems in Langworth are still ongoing. People are continuing to park their vehicles on the footpaths and verges blocking the way for pedestrians, causing damage, and making the area look unsightly. Children, disabled people, the elderly and other people are all forced into the road to get past these vehicles. Hence concerns of the Parish Council for their safety and the pressing need to resolve the issues.*

*As you will see from the initial letter to you, the Parish Council has tried everything reasonable.*

*The problems are not going to go away until such time that someone is empowered to get involved. The Parish Council are not advocating a wholesale clamp down on parking within our Parish, just the selective use of a Traffic Regulation Order in problem areas and after consultation with your Highways Department.*

*Please give this matter some attention as the Parish Council is not able to respond to the complaints. If you feel that Traffic Regulation Orders are not the way forward could you please suggest an alternative course of action.'*

Members approved the letter.

**ii. Safety Issues** – Nothing further to report at present.

**iii. Replacement street light, Barlings Lane** – This had now been sited but was not yet working

Highways had confirmed that the original lighting column had been damaged by a vehicle but were not able to furnish the Parish Council with further details. The Clerk was instructed to enquire with PCSO Jackie Parker as to whether she was able to provide further information.

**iv. Replacement street nameplates** – the St Hugh's Drive, Chamberlains Close and Barlings Lane street nameplates had been renewed.

**v. Langworth Sign, Scothern Lane** – This was now sited near to the flower tub.

**vi. Cutting back of trees, corner of St Hugh's Drive** – The condition of the trees had been reported to LCC Highways, reference 1268344.

**vii Area of verge – corner of Barlings Lane** – LCC Highways had confirmed that the Parish Council could arrange to cut this area of verge, adjacent to the piece of land which the resident of 'Vandellus' was now maintaining. LCC would reimburse the Parish Council annually for the maintenance.

**b) Request for additional bus stop opposite The George** – Following a residents request that the bus stop be re-instated opposite The George the Clerk had contacted Stagecoach who had referred the matter to LCC. The Clerk had been notified that the current location did not meet the safety criteria for a permanent bus stop, the closest location being nearer to the Newball turning. The resident was advised of this decision.

**c) Grass cutting – permanent additions to Grass cutting contract** – Veolia had quote £10.00 per cut for including in the grass cutting contract the piece of verge at the corner of Barlings Lane, the verge outside the wood yard and strimming around the planters .

Members agreed this expenditure unanimously.

**d) Parish Plan – update** – Cllr Mike Herbert reported that a draft survey had been produced which would likely be distributed at the beginning of September.

A community Event had been arranged for the senior residents of the Village on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014 which unfortunately had not been well attended.

**e) Best Kept Village Competition** – The Judge's comments had been received which were favourable and proceeded Langworth into Round 2 of the competition.

### **33 FINANCE**

**a) Income** - Langworth Resources – contribution to Parish Plan - £80.00  
Greetwell Parish Council – Shared cost of computer cartridges - £12.22  
Sudbrooke Parish Council – Shared cost of computer cartridges - £12.22

**b) Accounts paid:-** Todds AC – stationery - £13.50  
Mrs C Myers – 1/3 cost of computer maintenance - £13.33  
Veolia – grass cutting - £335.52.  
Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Langworth Local (June 2014 - £62.30  
Langworth Memorial Hall – hire of hall - £86.00  
P Malone – Additional work tidying/tree trimming - £48.08  
N Hollis, expenditure for Parish Plan Cheese/Wine evening- £6.88  
Mrs C Myers – expenses - £46.25

**c) Accounts for payment:-** Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Summer Langworth Local - £66.65  
Mrs C Myers – expenses - £11.14  
Mr M Herbert – expenditure for Parish Plan Senior Residents  
Tea - £39.94  
Mrs D Y Green – plants for tubs - £5.55  
Mrs S Burnett – Refreshments for senior residents' tea party -  
£41.64

Proposed that the payments of the above be approved – Councillor Clive Buttress,  
seconded by Councillor Chris Judge.

**d) Funds in Parish bank account at 1 July 2014 = £17,713.36**

### **34 PLANNING**

Application:- The Cottage, Church Lane, Stainton – 131486 – Erection of detached garage –  
no objections by members.

Permissions:- Southview, Wragby Road, Newball – extension – 131374  
Outline - land between Manor Barn and Manor Barn Bungalow, Barlings Lane,  
Langworth – 131322

### **35 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

**Footpaths** - The condition of the footpaths in the village was discussed. The Clerk was instructed to request that WLDC Street Team carry out a sweep of the footpath on Station/Main Road. It was also agreed that LCC Highways be asked to carry out a survey of the condition of the footways in the village.

The Clerk was asked to enquire with the Road Safety Partnership of the Passive and Reactive Sign Trial carried out at Ancaster.

**Community Wildlife Grant** – It was noted that this was a grant scheme and a suggestion of the application for funds for wildflower seeds was made, with a view to these being planted, subject to the consent of the Memorial Hall Committee, on the boundary of the Memorial Hall and the adjoining field.

**Bus Shelter Grant Scheme** – The Clerk drew to members attention that £3,000 was available to parishes until September 2014 for the provision of new bus shelters. Members considered the renewal of the bus shelter near to The Station.

Councillors Mrs Yvette Green and Mrs Sheila Burnett agreed to pursue costings. Providing the cost did not exceed the £3,000 for the removal of the current shelter and the re-siting of the new one members agreed to go ahead with the scheme.

### **36 PLAYGROUND INSPECTOR**

It was noted that Mr Peter Malone, Play Equipment Inspector, had undertaken a ROSPA Routine Playground Inspection Course on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

### **37 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 – 7.30pm – Memorial Hall