

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Yvette Green (Chair), Mrs Sheila Burnett, Mrs Gill Walton, Miss Jackie Scott, Mike Herbert, Peter Bowser, Clive Buttress Ian Fleetwood (County Councillor), Chris Darcel (District Councillor), John Dearman (Flood Warden), Chris Myers (Clerk), 1 resident

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs Chris King, Chris Judge

**121 PUBLIC FORUM**

A new resident of Stainton By Langworth attended the meeting and stated how dangerous she felt it was on leaving her property near to Stainton railway bridge. She requested support in the provision by the Highways Department of a warning sign stating 'Slow Down, concealed driveway entrance'.

Members fully supported this request and instructed the Clerk to make application to the Highways Department.

**122 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mike Herbert and Mrs Yvette Green declared an interest in item 7b(ii) on the agenda – block paving of verges, Barlings Lane.

Councillor Miss Jackie Scott declared an interest in item 4a on the agenda Reactive speed signs trial.

**123 POLICE MATTERS**

Members were disappointed that there was no police representation as previously requested to comment on parking problems in Barlings Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to Sgt Farmer regarding this.

Concern was raised about speeding along Barlings Lane in the vicinity of Rose Cottage. It was agreed that the Police be requested to site Simple SID in that location.

**Reactive speed trials – County Road Safety Partnership** – The Road Safety Partnership were trialling movable speed information signs and invited members to view these at Ancaster between 19<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April which it was hoped would be available to local communities to purchase.

Members instructed the Clerk to register the interest of the Parish Council for consideration of purchase in the future.

**124 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

Proposed by Councillors Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor Clive Buttress that they be signed as a correct record.

## **125 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC Ian Fleetwood reported that the Planning Committee of WLDC had had a site meeting to view the car park/rear of the premises at The George in connection with its recently submitted planning application.

## **126 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

A) **Flooding Issues** - Mr John Dearman, Flood Warden, reported on a reply to his letter from the Environment Agency which loosely stated that based on the recent rainfall in other parts of the country, it was considered that had the rainfall been local there would have been impacts in the Langworth area, although they would have been less than would have occurred prior to Environment Agency and IDB's works to the system.

### **B) Highway Matters: –**

I) **Traffic Regulation Order** - Reply awaited.

II) **30mph speed limit – Stainton by Langworth** – Notification received from LCC Highways that the proposals would be advertised in a local newspaper

III) **Letter re paving, Barlings Lane** – Members approved sending the following letter prepared by Councillor Mike Herbert:-

'We would like to respond to your comments received by letter dated 20th November 2013 and titled 'RE: REDUCTION OF SPEED A158 LANGWORTH & STAINTON BY LANGWORTH - KERBING OF BARLINGS LANE'. In particular we would like to bring to your attention again safety concerns that we do not feel have been properly addressed along parts of Barlings Lane, Langworth.

We are grateful for your attempts to reinforce the speed limit signing in that you have provided road markings in an effort to ensure higher compliance with the posted 30mph limit. However as you state, this only alleviates some of the safety concerns of the Barlings Lane residents and those of this Parish Council. In places the width of the highway running surface is clearly insufficient for safe two way traffic flow and the safety of pedestrians.

Photographic evidence that we have provided clearly shows that vehicles are not just pulling over onto the grass verge - they are actually driving along the grass verge to allow other vehicles to get past. They are not stopping, and occasionally, not even slowing down. Clearly this is a very dangerous practice that cannot be condoned. It is far too easy to lose control. It not only endangers the driver and the passengers but also pedestrians who happen to be nearby and residents leaving driveways. This practice is common and the situation is made worse as Barlings Lane is used for diversionary purposes when the A158 is closed, hence we get high volumes of traffic with many HGV's amongst them.

You may not be aware but there are many people that need to walk along Barlings Lane. Unfortunately in places they have to do this where the road is narrow and there is no kerb, just a grass verge sandwiched between the running surface and a ditch. There is no safe refuge for them. Amongst the people who use the lane at its most narrow places there are schoolchildren

who walk to and from the bus collection points. There are many dog walkers and visitors who use the Lakeside Campsite.

The Parish Council are aware that when construction work is carried out in the highway there is a code of practice linked to the New Roads and Street Works Act, enforced by your own department, that requires traffic management to be put into place when the road width is restricted below a width deemed unsafe for two way traffic. That minimum width is not achieved in parts of Barlings Lane yet two way traffic flow is allowed to take place with no controls in place. This is an inconsistent approach to safety.

The request for kerbing was made because we felt that this would provide clearer guidance for road users and a defined area that pedestrians felt safer within. It would also channel any rainwater thus preventing the verges from going soft and preventing the inevitable wheel ruts. We do accept that this would still make the running surface too narrow for safe two way traffic flow but this problem could be reasonably solved by introducing relatively inexpensive traffic management controls such as priority boards or designated passing places.

We are aware that funds are limited but we believe that safety is a priority issue. Unfortunately at the moment there are many unsafe acts and unsafe conditions taking place along Barlings Lane. As the responsible authority and as the 'controlling mind', we are asking you to do something about this.

On a slightly separate matter we note that you referred to a Policy. Could you please let us know what was the outcome from the review of Lincolnshire County Council's current Speed Limit Policy undertaken by the Highway's, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee. May we also please have a copy of that Policy?'

C) **Parish Plan** – It was reported that this was progressing slowly.

### **127 WITHAM ACCESS PROJECT – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**

A group from Cherry Willingham were seeking support from neighbouring parishes in their endeavour to have provided various footpath/cycle routes around Cherry Willingham/Fiskerton/Greetwell area. Members instructed the Clerk to write a letter of support.

### **128 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Members agreed that Langworth be entered in the competition at a cost of £15.00.

### **129 FINANCE**

A) **Subscription to LALC Training Course** – It was considered that £50 subscription for unlimited training for members and the Clerk for one year be good value and that the Parish Council subscribe.

B) **Church donation** – An invoice was presented for payment from the Church for hedge cutting in the sum of £379.00. It was pointed out (as per minute 116 of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup>

March 2014), that £200 had been precepted for church contingency and only this sum could be donated to the church for assistance.

### **C) Accounts for payment:-**

LALC – Annual subscription - £200.72

Veolia – grass cutting - £335.52

Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Langworth Local printing - £59.35

LALC training scheme - £50.00

Mrs Y Green – flowers for tubs - £18.28

Mrs C Myers – expenses - £51.94

Mr P Malone – Play equipment inspections - £16.16

Mrs C Myers – refreshments for parish meeting - £6.68

Mrs Y Green – refreshments for parish meeting - £3.00

St Hugh's Church Langworth – contribution to church tidying - £200.00

## **130 PLANNING**

- a) **Application – 130925** – rear dining room extension, Limewood House, Church Lane, Stainton By Langworth – No objections
- b) **Application 130773** – The George, Station Road, Langworth – Revised indicative layout and revised flood risk assessment and drainage analysis.

Comments- Langworth Group Parish Council fully re-iterate all comments made previously and in particular:-

- No development should take place until Anglian Water has upgraded the Langworth sewerage system to enable it to cope with the additional flow of sewerage.
  - No development should take place until Lincolnshire County Council has established a proper system for discharging surface water from the site and the adjacent A158.
- c) **Application 032938** - TPO - Two Limes, Station Road – Crown reduction to 50ft high and remove dead branches.
  - d) **Lakeside Caravan Park** – request by owners to support change of name – Members supported the owner's requests for new brown tourist signs and the renaming of the park to 'Barlings Country Holiday Park'.

It was noted however that there appeared to be caravans very visible from the main road and it was hoped that some screening would be provided.

- e) **Planning enforcement** – Nothing to report.

## **131 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

The Chair expressed concern that bricks were being used to hold the goal nets down at the Memorial Hall. Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, Parish Council representative on the Memorial Hall Committee, was asked to bring this to the attention of the Committee.

The Chair also mentioned that NALC had produced a new model set of Standing Orders for Councils and that the Parish Council should consider revising the current Standing Orders.

**132 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 – 8.00PM.**