

**NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF LANGWORTH
HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2014 IN LANGWORTH MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Mrs C Myers (Clerk)
15 residents, Sandi Simonson, Representative of First Contact

APOLOGIES: C Judge, Mrs C King

The Chair welcomed Sandi Simonson, Representative of First Contact, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the organisation that to help them stay safe and well in their own home through one point of contact.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – YVETTE GREEN

Having wondered how I could possibly fill the shoes of John White following his resignation as Chairman, the following year for me turned out to be educational & challenging for me.

A big thank you must be given to our Parish Clerk Chris Myers, who has been my right hand man so to speak and without her I would have struggled with many issues with which she was able to give me sound advice to enable me to make the right decisions. As usual she has worked extremely hard and is a constant support to the Parish Council. Thank you Chris.

We have been very lucky weather wise and we managed to miss the major flooding that sadly affected a lot of our country. Clive & John, our Flood Wardens, were constantly in control ready & waiting to deal with any issues that could have occurred and it will be interesting to hear how we would have been affected had we been subject to the amount of rain that could have fallen over our area had it been the case? Thank you gentlemen.

Thank you also to the County & District Councillors who continue their hard work and keep us updated on any Council issues & changes and assist us wherever possible. Thank you Ian & Chris.

Highways, roads, pot holes, rail crossings, drainage & speed issues continued to raise their ugly heads but hopefully as a Parish Council we also continued to meet these head on.

Whilst we have not achieved major victories within the Parish, anything that can help with the speeding, safety & aesthetics of our surroundings can only be classed as being that of an improvement.

To all the Parish Councillors may I thank for your support to myself and the continued support & effort you give to within the Parish.

Clerk's /Treasurer's Report - Chris Myers

The year was a very busy one for me as Clerk. The Parish Council appointed a new Chair, Councillor Yvette Green, We have spent alot of time together going through parish matters and I feel we have worked well. The year also included a house move for me which resulted in the

'parish office' being located in the conservatory of Jacki Myers house for four months. I am indebted to Jacki and her family for allowing me to use her home during that period.

The Parish Council has commented on 12 planning applications during the last year.

I really enjoy producing the Langworth Local and it is now regularly 20 pages. Advertisers are always welcome and last year the donations amounted to £380 which was shared between the Langworth Senior Citizens, Langworth Memorial Hall and the Local LIVES Responders.

The funds in the Parish Council bank account on 31 March were £8,282.60.

This figure includes the following:-

Play equipment contingency fund - £1,750.00
Youth Club fund - £324.00
Election cost (amount set aside) - £1485.00
Digital Switchover Scheme donation (surplus) - £95.00
Signage for Barlings Lane - £634
Future computer upgrade - £200

County Councillors Report

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood stated that he had been Chairman of the Lincolnshire County Council Planning Committee during the last year.

He added that he continued to lobby Witham Third IDB and the Environment Agency for support with flooding issues in the parish.

District Councillors Report

District Councillor Chris Darcel stated that WLDC had received back nearly all of the funds from the Iceland banks which had been a major issue a few years ago.

DC Darcel said he was pleased that wifi was now installed in the Memorial Hall.

Langworth Memorial Hall Committee - Jacki Myers

Another busy year, with all the usual activities continuing. Bingo, coffee mornings, social events, quiz nights, summer event etc. Book library proving to be very popular.

Refurbishment plan on going.....

Roof insulation was completed with thanks to Ian Tanner, 60 new chairs were purchased with funds of £500 Community chest and WLDC grant £400 respectively. A new goal post was made and placed with £350 from Police property fund.

We also received donations that enabled us to purchase a larger bookcase and a leaflet holder for the entrance hall. We also had a donation from Waitrose green tokens which went towards health and safety legislation which now brings us totally up to date.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Tony and Karen Bostock from the committee as from April 2014. They have served faithfully for many years now but due to family and business commitments they no longer have the time. We will miss them. This will leave a vacancy open for a Vice Chairman. We are hopeful that new residents will attend our AGM to put themselves forward to join us. It is very important that these roles are filled if we are to continue as we have been – otherwise too much falls on too few and we will not be able to sustain the momentum that has been created. This would be a great shame, so please may I urge all those who read this to consider whether they have a couple of hours a month that they could give supporting the committee. Please do call me if you think you can help us.

We are very proud of our Memorial Hall and I am delighted to hear that from everybody that hires it or visits it for a function is always most complimentary about its appearance and atmosphere.

Bookings are very good and the hall is used most days of the week for some event or another.

Financially we are holding our own and I am delighted to announce that we have just secured funding to improve the car park.

Langworth & District W I - reported presented by Diedre Oswin, read by the Clerk

This is the 63rd Annual Report of Langworth and District WI. The past twelve months have been another fun and interesting year.

The Institute held a Jumble Sale which raised £180 for the Lincolnshire/Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. A Litter Pick around the village was also held. We went on a Ghost Walk on a cold evening in June, followed by fish and chip supper.

Our speakers covered a wide range of subjects from 'A Visit to the Salt marshes' Work of the Air Ambulance', Leather craft', Insight into the Life of a Roman Gladiator', A Look through Granny's attic and 'The Origin of Surnames'.

In December we hosted the Lindum Group Carol Service. The collection raised £91.50 for the Lincoln Refuge. Our friends at Wragby WI joined us for our Christmas Party with entertainment by the Fairdune Review Group.

Unfortunately in January 2014 we lost a very active and well liked member in Sylvia Bruntlett.

Members have joined Wragby WI on their Evening Mystery Tour and trip to Scarborough. We also met with Wragby WI for a meal to celebrate their 70th birthday. We welcomed three new members this year giving us a total membership of 19. We look forward to another twelve months of fun and friendship.

Langworth Parish Plan Progress Report – Nicola Hollis (Chair), read to the meeting by Mrs Sheila Burnett

There are now 10 of us meeting regularly and working to raise awareness of our work towards the PP for the Langworth group of villages. We have broken the project down into stages, the first

was raising awareness of our name the Langworth Voice and what we are doing and canvassing the opinions of as wide a section of local residents as we can muster.

We have been placing monthly ads in the Langworth Local and posters and flyers around the village to advertise specific events. We have also been making our presence felt at coffee mornings and other events where we have been canvassing residents for their feelings of life in Langworth. We want to know if there are any major issues affecting people - what people like or don't like/and how they think things can be improved. We have three further events in the pipeline and we are talking to guests and gathering information – one is on Easter Sunday and that will be an Easter Egg Hunt, a graffiti wall and a cake sale which we hope will attract families with children.

There will be a Cheese and Wine event on 10th May, again in the Memorial Hall. We will be inviting local businesses and residents to meet each other and we will use this as an opportunity to gather input from the businesses and also further information from residents. Finally we will host a tea party or light lunch for seniors so we understand what their concerns are. So far the main worry seems to be the lack of a village shop followed by traffic concerns, a desire for community cohesion and more for children to do.

The next stage of the process will be a survey which will be distributed to all residents - physically and on paper. This will be in July. This survey will take into account all the cares and concerns and ideas which we have gathered in the earlier stages and when completed they will be submitted to an organisation called Community Lincs who are supporting us and who will analyse the information and then publish a report which will ultimately form our Parish Plan. This will be launched in the summer and will form analysis of the community, who lives here, what we do and what we like etc and also an action plan which will take us onto the third stage of solving the problems which we have identified in making Langworth a better place for everyone to live.

Langworth Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch – Report presented by Mrs Chris King/Mrs Sheila Burnett, read by the Clerk

We would like to thank the Langworth Group Parish Council for their continued support throughout 2013. On behalf of the Senior Citizens we would like to extend our thanks to Christine Myers for her great efforts in raising donations via the Langworth Local.

40 senior residents attended the annual free lunch on 11th December at The George, Langworth.

Summary of accounts:-

Expenditure

Lunch – 40 @ £15 -	£600.00
Wine -	74.70
Beetle Drive Foods	22.74

£697.44

Income:

Donations from Langworth Local -	£228.50
Other donations	10.00
Raffle Christmas Lunch	101.00
Beetle Drive tickets	85.00
Beetle Drive raffle	26.00

Total income £450.50

Opening balance - £795.53

Balance carried forward - £548.59

Parishioners Items

Mrs Jacki Myers requested that the CCTV cameras sited at the Memorial Hall be checked regularly. Mr John White offered his assistance with this.

The meeting concluded at 7.55pm.