

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Y Green (Chair), Mrs S Burnett, Miss J Scott (left at 9.00pm),
Mrs J Walton, C Buttress (left at 9.00pm), M Herbert, P Bowser
County Councillor I Fleetwood, Mr J Dearman (Flood Warden),
Mr M Clark Rural Housing Enabler, Community Lincs
3 residents
PCSO Jackie Parker

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs C King, C Judge,

65 PUBLIC FORUM

Attention was drawn again to the amount of standing water at the junction of Barlings Lane/A158 junction during severe rainfall. It was stressed that this had been reported to highways on several occasions but would be again.

The Clerk reported on telephone calls from a marketing agency in relation to a proposed planning application to be submitted by The George Inn. The Agency had stated that there would shortly be a planning application submitted for low cost housing and a shop. The Agency wished to hold a public consultation in the George during the forthcoming week. Mr Clark, Rural Housing Enabler would enlighten members more fully later on in the meeting.

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Y Green and M Herbert declared interest as residents of Barlings Lane, in item 8g on the agenda – Request for kerbing, Barlings Lane.

Councillor Miss J Scott declared an interest as living in a neighbouring property in item 12b on the agenda – Appeal, Lakeside Caravan Park

67 POLICE MATTERS

A Police report received stated that there had been three thefts during the previous month; one from a vehicle on the owners drive, theft of tools from a garden shed, theft of diesel from overnight parked lorries and a pump.

PCSO Jackie Parker reported that ponies had been reported loose running on the A158. These had been caught before Police were at the scene.

68 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER 2013

Proposed as a correct record by Councillor Clive Buttress, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett.

69 REPORT BY MR CLARK, RURAL HOUSING ENABLER ON RECENT SURVEY CARRIED OUT IN LANGWORTH

Mr Clark stated that the recent housing survey conducted in the village had been carried out on behalf of The George public house. The survey had been responded to by 45 residents. A report of the survey had been distributed to all members to whom Mr Clark answered any questions.

The general feeling was that a public consultation was required and that this should not be organised at short notice as was currently being suggested. The Parish Council would consider and respond to any planning application when it was submitted.

70 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood reported that he had been lobbying the Highways Department for replies to communication. To date replies had not been received.

CC Fleetwood suggested that letters should be sent to senior Highways Officers Richard Wills and Paul Coathup and the County Councillor responsible for Highways, Richard Davies.

The Chair agreed to write direct to these officers stating that parish council emails were being ignored.

71 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

A) Flooding Issues – The Flood Wardens reported that they had tested the personal pumps and the Snow blower and all were working satisfactorily.

An annual inspection of the waterways had been commenced; penstocks were in good order. It was noted that there had been no maintenance carried out to the beck and that it was overgrown with vegetation.

Councillor Mike Herbert expressed concern about training of users of the Snow blower. Councillor Clive Buttress re-iterated that training was not available locally but both he and Mr John Dearman had watched a training video for using the machine. This would be forwarded to all members to view.

B) Request for 30mph speed limit through village – No reply had been received from the Highways Department.

Following discussion Councillor Mike Herbert would make enquiries about having an Archer Survey carried out

C) Drainage problems, Stainton By Langworth – Confirmation had been received that the drainage in Stainton would be looked at shortly.

D) Parish Plan update – A meeting with the Parish Plan Committee and Community Lincs had been arranged.

E) Traffic issues, Stainton By Langworth – A reply had still not been received from the Highways Department regarding the problems in Stainton of speeding traffic.

Following enquiries with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership they had stated that there was little point in doing an Archer survey in the village but suggested that a request for a 30mph speed limit be made.

Members instructed the Clerk to make this request direct to Alan Aistrup at LCC Highways.

F) Parking, Barlings Lane – update – Following the letter to the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire for assistance with parking problems along Barlings Lane/Scothern Lane, it had been suggested that a member of the Local Policing Team from Market Rasen meet with Parish Council members to discuss the problem. The Chair was arranging this with Councillors Clive Buttress and Miss Jackie Scott to be present.

It was also suggested that a Traffic Regulation Order could be made to prevent parking on the footways and verges. This would be required to be implemented by the LCC Highways Department and there may be costs involved to the Parish.

That the suggestion be voted on proposed by Councillor Mike Herbert, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett.

For – 5 3 - against 1 – abstention

G) Request for kerbing, Barlings Lane – no reply from Highways Department.

72 ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

All members had been issued with a copy of this report. Apart from general maintenance to be carried out by the Play Equipment Inspector the report stated that a rubber buffer should be fitted to the gate where a finger entrapment could occur. The Play Equipment Inspector had pointed out that there were similar areas to this in other areas of the fence and this was noted. However the Clerk was asked to obtain a price for the cost of fitting a buffer to the area mentioned.

73 IMPROVING BROADBAND SPEEDS IN LANGWORTH

Councillor Mike Herbert drew attention to this and questions were answered by County Councillor Ian Fleetwood. It was noted that Wi-Fi was shortly to be installed in the Memorial Hall.

74 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION – JUDGES COMMENTS

It was felt that the comments were not clear and precise. They would however be published in the Langworth Local.

75 PLANNING

A) Applications

- i) Grange Farm, Barlings Lane – ground mounted array of PV solar panels 130510 – No objections
- ii) Land at Stainton By Langworth – 130482 – Additional Cattle shed – No objections.

B) Appeal re application 129076 – Lakeside Caravan Park, Barlings Lane – Members comments on this appear were that the number of caravans allowed on the site should be those which there has been evidence for.

C) Clarification of change of use of properties, i.e. business to residential – Members instructed the Clerk to enquire of West Lindsey District Council Planning Department if a change of use had been made for the former Post Office.

D) How Langworth Group Parish Council deal with planning applications - Consideration was given to differing methods of dealing with planning applications. It was noted that members could view applications on line. It was felt however that the system remain the same in that they be discussed with as many members present as possible in order to combine local knowledge.

76 FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment

Mrs C Myers – expenses - £47.35
Mrs J Myers – Room hire for office - £70.00
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Veolia – Grass cutting - £657.89 Mr P Malone Play equipment inspections - £16.16
Veolia – Grass cutting - £372.11
Lonsdale Direct – Langworth Local printing - £55.00
Mrs C Myers – shared cost of moving filing cabinets - £24.00
Veolia – grass cutting - £328.94
Lincolnshire County Council – amenity grass cutting - 1597.37

b) Funds in account at 31st October 2013 - £12969.02

c) Precept 2014/15 – This would be discussed at the December 2013 meeting.

77 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chair suggested that a request be made to Highways for a boundary sign on Scothern Lane, Langworth.

The Chair stated that she had been approached by a resident regarding a small area of land at the corner of Barlings Lane. It was agreed that the resident contact the Highways Department regarding this area of land.

The Chair would organise a gift of flowers for Councillor Mrs Chris King on behalf of the Parish Council, during her period of illness.

78 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd December 2013. The agenda items for this meeting would be kept to a minimum in order to discuss more fully the Precept for 2014/15.