

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2013 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Y Green (Chair), C Judge, Mrs S Burnett, M Herbert,  
Mrs J Walton, P Bowser, C Buttress, Miss J Scott  
3 members of the public,  
District Councillor C Darcel,  
Mr J Dearman (Flood Warden), Mrs C Myers (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs C King

**79 PUBLIC FORUM**

Mention was made of suggested plans for the site of The George, shown informally to the Parish Council prior to the meeting. It was stated that any plans would be commented on by the Parish Council following public consultation when they were formally submitted through the WLDC Planning Department.

Residents raised concerns about (a) the flooding situation at the junction of Barlings Lane/A158 which would again be reported to the Highways Department; (b) the uneven level crossing which would again be reported; (c) the poor condition of the grass verges on Barlings Lane. Various suggestions were made for re-instatement but it was noted that this was an item for discussion later in the meeting.

Cllr Mrs C King sent a note of thanks to members for the flowers sent to her during her illness.

**80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs Y Green and M Herbert declared an interest in agenda item 8v - Request for kerbing – Barlings Lane.

**81 POLICE MATTERS**

A report stated that a pony had been loose on the edge of the A158 but on investigation it is believed that the pony had been caught and put back in the field.

Police had an ongoing awareness operation monitoring parking on Barlings Lane and Scothern Lane at different times of the day.

**82 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

Proposed as a true record by Councillor Clive Buttress, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Burnett.

**83 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

DC Chris Darcel reported that details regarding the Central Lincolnshire Plan, presently under consideration, was available on the WLDC web site.

## **84 FINANCE**

### **A) PRECEPT 2014/15**

A summary of the Parish Council finances was outlined to members by the Clerk as follows:-

Funds in account at 26/11/2013 = £11376.00, £4461.00 set aside made up as follows:-

£324 - Youth Club Account  
£1,725 - play equipment contingency fund  
£1483 - for parish election  
£95 left from Digital switchover payment  
Signage for Barlings Lane - £634  
Future computer upgrade - £200

Expenditure required for the forthcoming financial year was discussed and agreed as follows, giving careful consideration to there being no overall increase from 2013/14 in the final precepted figure:-

Administration	6900
Chairman's allowance (£50), Cllrs mileage, Computer cartridges, stationery, Courses	150
Audit Fees	200
Insurance	350
Play Area Lease	70
Play Equipment inspections	212
Annual RoSPA inspection	80
Rental of hall for meetings – 10 @ £13, (possible additional Planning meetings)	143
LALC subscription	175
Incidental expenses (daffs, Poppy wreath, Repairs to play equipment/Village maintenance	1495
Langworth Local	575
Grass cutting – 9 cuts Memorial Hall In lieu of donation and contribution to electricity/ Cemetery cuts	950
Church contingency	200
Set aside for possible computer upgrade	200
Parish Plan	300
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	£12,000

**Resolved** that the amount of £12,000 be precepted upon West Lindsey District Council for the year 2014/15.

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

J White – re-issue of cheque (Chairman’s allowance 2012/13 – cheque not presented) - £25.00  
LALC – Councillors training day lunches - £21.00  
Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Langworth Local - £63.10  
LALC – Good Councillors Guides - £22.00  
P Malone – Play Equipment Inspections - £24.24  
Mrs C Myers – expenses - £34.20

**C) Income – HMRC – VAT Refund - £439.17**

## **85 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

- a) **Flooding issues** – Mr John Dearman informed the meeting that Noel Robinson, Highways Officer, had verbally stated that kerbing of Scothern Lane would take place in this financial year.

Councillor Clive Buttress stated that he required two more volunteers for gritting in the event of a snowfall. Councillor Mike Herbert offered his services.

Letter from Environment Agency dated 5<sup>th</sup> November in reply to the Parish Council’s letter read that they had appeared to disassociate themselves from local officers comments in that the parish was covered against flooding.

- b) **Highway matters** – The Clerk was asked to report the following:-

- i) Deterioration of the condition of the frame surrounding the inspection cover outside the former Post Office.
- ii) Drainage of water from the A158 onto residents drives of 2, 3 and 5 Providence row.

- c) **Correspondence with Highways Department** – Following what was considered by members and the Clerk as an unsatisfactory reply to the Chair’s letter to senior officers of the Highways Department, it was agreed that a meeting be arranged to discuss a way forward of achieving satisfactory replies to communications between the Parish Council and the Highways Department. This would be arranged for the beginning of the New Year.

- d) **Request for 30mph speed limit through village** – Highways had responded stating that the County Council’s current speed limit policy showed the existing 40mph limit through Langworth as being appropriate.

- e) **Speed limit – Stainton By Langworth** – Highways had stated that they were of the opinion that a speed limit would be appropriate in Stainton By Langworth and had yet to complete the necessary speed reading in the village.

- f) **Barlings Lane - Kerbing** – A reply from Highways stated that the carriageway is too narrow to kerb given the nature of traffic using the Lane and in this case such a length of kerbing could not be considered a priority for funding at this time.

**g) Drainage problems, Stainton By Langworth** – These appeared to have now been resolved following rodding/blasting of the drains.

**h) Parking on Barlings Lane/Scothern Lane** – Discussion took place regarding the meeting with Police and Parish Council representatives. A verbal suggestion to the problem had been that the verge be block paved/hard surfaced for ease of parking. This would be conveyed to the Highways Department.

A letter from the Chief Constable following the meeting was discussed. The letter stated that the Police and members present at the meeting had acknowledged that the responsibility for the majority of the parking infringements lay with local residents/visitors who tend to be parking on kerbs/across footpaths instead of using their driveways where available.

The following actions had been agreed:-

- 1 Local Police Team will conduct passing attention to the area particularly during early evening when the parking is particularly problematic. Should staff come across vehicles committing offences then they will make all reasonable efforts to trace the user and offer suitable advice and request removal of the vehicle to a suitable parking space. Should the owners not be traced then police warning notices will be issued to the offending vehicles in the first instance.
  - 2 Local Police team staff will also conduct a leaflet drop along both lanes providing advice to local residents. These leaflets will contain information on safe and legal parking practices.
  - 3 An article will be prepared for the village newsletter regarding parking issues.
- i) Parish Plan** - Mrs Nicola Hollis outlined progress to date on the Parish Plan. A survey would be conducted in the village to ascertain the needs of all age groups and what was wanted from the village.

Members agreed that expenditure for printing of flyers could be made from the Parish Council account.

## **86 PLANNING**

**Change of use of property information** – further information had been sought by the Planning Enforcement Officer on Parish Council enquiries.

## **87 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

The Chair had nothing to add.

## **88 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014**