

**NOTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2013 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Y Green (Chair), C Judge, Mrs S Burnett, P Bowser, C Buttress, Mrs C King, Miss J Scott
J Dearman (Flood Warden), Mrs C Myers (Clerk) 1 member of the public
PCSO Ross Payne (8.15 pm – 8.25pm)

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Ian Fleetwood, District Councillor Chris Darcel

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR PERSON

Councillor Chris Judge invited members to elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mrs Yvette Green was proposed by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillor C Buttress. Members voted unanimously on this appointment.

Councillor Mrs Green signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR PERSON

Councillor Chris Judge was proposed as Vice Chairman by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett, seconded by Councillors Mr Chris King. Members voted unanimously to this appointment.

Councillor Judge signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Members raised the following items:-

- a) The amount of potholes between the Church and the railway at Stainton By Langworth. The Clerk was asked to report these. However members were reminded that Ward Councillors and the public could report these at any time on the County Council website or by ringing the Highways Department on 01522 782070.
- b) The amount of potholes on Scothern Lane, Langworth. These had been reported previously and would be again.
- c) Barlings Lane/Scothern Lane – Obstructions by parked vehicles/damage to verge. This problem was discussed fully, noting that the Police had referred the matter to Parking Enforcement who had replied to the effect that it was the Police's responsibility. It was felt that the matter should be referred to the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police. A vote was taken that the Clerk be instructed to write to him about the matter, which was unanimous.
- d) It was noted that on two occasions since the date of the last meeting of the Parish Council horses/ponies had been loose on the A158, having escaped from their field.

Items raised by a resident:-

- a) A request was made for a 30mph speed limit through the village - This would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- b) It was pointed out that since the public toilets in the lay-by at Newball were demolished vehicles were stopping at the two public houses to use the toilets.
- c) Concern was expressed about the continual sewerage problems within the village. The resident was informed that Anglian Water is aware and that the Flood Wardens are in continual correspondence with them.

4 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND APRIL 2013

Proposed by Councillor C Buttress, seconded by Mrs Sheila Burnett that these be signed as a correct record.

5 COUNCIL VACANCY

Members were informed that the vacancy which had arisen from the resignation of Councillor John White was currently undergoing the statutory advertising process.

A letter from John White had been received and was read to the meeting.

6 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Ross Payne reported as follows:-

- a) That horses had been loose on the A158 on 8th and 18th April.
- b) That there had been a report of criminal damage in Barlings Close.

7 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a) **Flooding Issues** – The Flood Wardens reported that the beck was currently running low.
- b) **Request by Lincolnshire County Council to join Consultation database** – A dedicated liaison officer had been appointed by the County Council to work specifically with LALC and the local communities and members were invited to join the consultation database. Details had been circulated by the Clerk.
- c) **Best Kept Village Competition** - Members agreed that Langworth be entered into this competition at a cost of £15.00.
- d) **Litter Pick** - Councillor Mrs Chris King agreed to assist in the arrangements for a village litter pick.
- e) **Community Chest Fund** – It was noted that the Community Chest grant fund was now open for applications up to £500. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

- f) **Training Courses** – The Chair reported that she, the Clerk and Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett had attended a Councillors/Clerks training course held at Coningsby and organised by the LALC.
- g) It was pointed out that it was financially beneficial for the Parish Council to have joined the LALC Training Scheme, allowing any amount of courses to be attended during the next year. The Clerk had therefore subscribed the Parish Council to this Scheme. Members approved this action retrospectively.
- h) **Swimming Pool/Fitness Centre – William Farr CE School** – A request had been received for a letter of support for this project. Members agreed that this be sent, stating however that there could be no financial input into the project.

8 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett agreed to represent the Parish Council on the Memorial Hall Committee following a proposal by Councillor Mrs Yvette Green, seconded by Councillor Peter Bowser.

9 LITTER PICKING UNDERTAKEN BY RESIDENT OF BARLINGS LANE

Mr Terry Vickers had volunteered to litter pick in Barlings Lane. A litter grabber and high viz tabard had been purchased for Mr Vickers.

Councillor Miss Jackie Scott offered to undertake litter picking further down Barlings Lane.

10 PLANNING

Applications

1. Minor alterations to stable block and paddock, Stainton Lane – 129841 – No objections
2. 4 bedroomed Bungalow, Cornfields, Station Road, Langworth – 129823 – objections as follows:-

It is noted that the application states that the building will be connected to the main sewer. As the sewerage system in Langworth cannot now adequately cope with the effluent the Parish Council objects to new development in the parish until the system is upgraded by Anglian Water.

Permission

129403 – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Stainton By Langworth – Listed building consent - upstairs window

129681 – Reasby Hall – Listed building consent – Replacement door and portico.

129633 – Langdale Lakes, Station Road, Langworth – Wardens bungalow – Members instructed the Clerk to write to the Senior Planning Officer outlining the following:-

- a) That the application was delegated to a Trainee Officer and not determined by the Planning Committee,
- b) That the permission does not appear to exclude foul sewerage being directed into the main sewer, That it refers to the Environment Agency agreeing sewerage disposal
- c) That it refers to Severn Trent Water Authority, not Anglian Water.

11 FINANCE

- a) **Request by Nettleham Parish Council to share training costs of play equipment inspector** - Members agreed to the share of the costs of this essential training between Nettleham, Sudbrooke, Greetwell and Langworth Parish Councils.
- b) **Change of Signatories on Parish Council bank account** –The resignation of John White required that another signatory be added to the Parish Council bank account.

That Councillor Mrs Chris king be a signatory was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett.

- c) **Youth Club Account** – The funds in this account held at the Britannia Building Society totalled £327.34. The Clerk suggested that the account be closed and the funds transferred to the main Parish Council bank account but always being noted that that amount was Youth Club funds.

Councillor Mrs Sheila Burnett proposed this, seconded by Councillor Chris Judge.

- d) **Accounts paid: -**

Mrs C Myers – reimbursement for ink cartridges - £49.99

Mrs C Myers – reimbursement for Power cable for CCTV camera - £11.35

Mrs C Myers – reimbursement for High viz tabard - £1.86

LALC – Training Scheme - £50.00

Mrs C Myers – reimbursement for litter grabbers - £5.96

Computer Sage – computer repairs – (£60 to be shared with Greetwell and Sudbrooke Parish Councils)

Mr Peter Malone – playground inspections - £16.00

Lonsdale Print – Langworth Local - £55.00

Zurich Municipal – Parish Council insurance - £352.97

Mrs Y Green – mileage to Coningsby - £22.50

Mrs C Myers – Clerk’s expenses - £32.53

- e) **Funds in account at 1.5.2013 = £17986.15**

- f) **Parish Council insurance schedule** – Cllr Miss Jackie Scott agreed to look through the Parish Council Insurance Schedule to ascertain if any amendments were required.

- g) **Request for donation** – Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society - Members felt unable to make a donation of public monies, agreeing that residents should have the personal option of donating to charities.

12 CHAIR PERSONS COMMENTS

The Chair brought to the attention of members the following:-

- a) That there appeared to be an increase in dog mess within the village. A request would be made in the Langworth Local to dog owners and also posters displayed in the village.
- b) That Mr Mike Herbert, resident of Barlings Lane, had offered to renovate the notice boards at a cost of materials only. Thanks were made to Mr Herbert for this offer.
- c) That the gate on the play area did not have a fastener. The Clerk would make enquiries with the Play Equipment Inspector regarding this.
- d) That she and members regularly attended Coffee Mornings in the Memorial Hall and that it be made known to residents, through the Langworth Local, that any member of the Parish Council can be approached to discuss matters of concern.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4th June 2013

