

Langworth Group Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Langworth Group Parish Council held at Langworth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 January 2024

Present: Cllrs M Herbert (Chairman), K Tyrrell, R Waite, A Curtis, A Hyatt, S Taylor, P Bowser, C/Cllr I Fleetwood, D/Cllr C Darcel, Mrs M Vail (Clerk). There was one member of the public.

Meeting began at 7.31pm

- 1. Public Forum:** The resident spoke about flooding matters. He advised of concerns that issues being raised with the various authorities were not being addressed, nor did it appear that these issues were being taken seriously. He noted the ongoing grief being experienced by residents. It was noted that the Parish Council is continuing to pressurise the various authorities; and that a letter is being sent to WLDC's Head of Planning in respect of flooding concerns with the Fosters Yard development. The Parish Council's next steps will be informed by feedback received from the authorities. C/Cllr I Fleetwood advised that he has been visiting, and will continue to visit, the various sites of flooding across the local area. He will continue to chase matters with the relevant authorities.

The resident and C/Cllr I Fleetwood then left the meeting at 7.51pm. Before he left, C/Cllr I Fleetwood advised that the damaged speed indicator device will be repaired imminently.

- 2. Apologies:** Cllr J Machin, Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe, D/Cllr M Palmer
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023:**
With a minor amendment to item 9a, **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2023 as a true record, and these were duly signed. **Action: Clerk.**
Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr P Bowser. All in favour.

5. Comments from County Councillor, District Councillors and Chairman

C/Cllr I Fleetwood: comments were made within the Public Forum.

D/Cllr C Darcel:

- o a report on flooding, authored by D/Cllr C Darcel, has been circulated to all. The local branch of the National Farmers Union is to send the report to the relevant Secretary of State. It is hoped that comments within the report will be taken onboard.
- o spoke on flooding matters relating to the caravan site, which he will investigate.
- o noted that there should be a footpath running from the caravan site to Barlings Lane, and that he will investigate the absence of this path.

Chairman: nothing to report.

6. Clerks Report

- a) Receive the financial report:** Received.
RESOLVED to approve the financial report. **Action: Clerk**
Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr S Taylor. All in favour.
(Note: approval to pay all regular accounts was made at the May 2023 meeting).
- b) Approve any non-regular payments:** None to pay.

7. Grass cutting

- a) Approve grass cutting quote for 2024 season:**
- b) Consider comparison tenders every 3 to 5 years:**

Of six companies approached to quote, only two had responded. It was noted that it would cost extra for the removal and disposal of grass clippings, and for edging work. Following consideration, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Glendale, and that they be asked if they can offer a 3-year agreement. If they cannot, then the 1-year quote will be accepted for the 2024 season at £5254.00 + VAT. **Action: Clerk**
Proposed: Cllr M Herbert seconded: Cllr A Curtis. All in favour.

Noted that grass has encroached onto footpaths at some locations. **Action: Cllr M Herbert** to contact LCC.

