

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 6 February 2024

Present: Cllrs M Herbert (Chairman), K Tyrrell, R Waite, A Curtis, A Hyatt, S Taylor, P Bowser, Cllr J Machin, Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe, C/Cllr I Fleetwood, D/Cllr C Darcel, D/Cllr M Palmer, Mrs M Vail (Clerk). There were two members of the public.
Meeting began at 7.30pm

1. Public Forum:

One member of the public spoke on a matter where the ongoing actions and behaviours of a resident were negatively impacting on a parish councillor and their family. They asked what measures the Parish Council can take in such a situation. The resident was advised that this matter is to be considered within Closed Session, and that the Parish Council has processes in place to follow, and actions open to it.

The other member of the public seconded the comments made and noted that legalities exist around the situation. They then spoke to note their frustration over footpath work carried out in Wragby when Langworth's paths were not receiving the same attention. The Chairman noted that Wragby's footpaths pre-repairs had been in much better condition than those in Langworth, and that he has submitted 128 Fix My Street reports to LCC Highways. C/Cllr I Fleetwood advised on the details of the relevant contact within LCC.

2. Apologies: D/Cllr T Bridgwood.

3. Declarations of Interest: Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe in respect of matters pertaining to Langworth Local.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2024:

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2024 as a true record, and these were duly signed. **Action: Clerk.**

Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr A Hyatt. All in favour.

5. Comments from County Councillor, District Councillors and Chairman:

C/Cllr I Fleetwood:

Will be attending the Langworth Flood Public Meeting on 7th February 2024. All invited Authorities have responded to confirm attendance, except for Anglian Water (no response). It is hoped Anglian Water will attend as issues within their remit had negatively impacted on residents in the Autumn flood event.

Riverbanks further downstream have not yet been repaired.

Roadworks along the Bardney to Potterhamworth road may affect local traffic, especially if the road at Short Ferry floods again in the impending rainfall.

D/Cllr M Palmer:

Planning applications will soon require an ecology survey to be carried out (Biodiversity Net Gains impact). WLDC has appointed an Ecology and Wildlife Officer

D/Cllr C Darcel:

Sir Edward Leigh, MP, has replied to a flooding report authored by D/Cllr C Darcel; and has forwarded it to the Chair of the Environment Agency. D/Cllr C Darcel is currently completing a second document which will also be sent to the Chair of the Environment Agency. D/Cllr C Darcel advised that he felt that the locality has been sold short, and that the recent Flood Public Meeting at Fiskerton had been disappointing as the attendees from the various Authorities had not said anything useful.

Chairman: Nothing to report.

6. To review the Action Log:

Many jobs have been completed. Updates were provided as follows:

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) - a request to extend the boundary of the area to be covered by a NP is still to be agreed by WLDC. No volunteers have come forward to assist in NP work, despite advertising.

New Station – the owner has been emailed for an update, but no reply has been received to date.

Church Lych Gate – **Action: Cllr P Bowser** to obtain a quote for remedial works and speak with Church.

Defibrillator for Stainton – difficulties exist in accessing an electricity supply to the unit. **Action: Cllr P Bowser** to approach Church.

Minor maintenance in play area – **Action: Cllr J Machin** to advise Clerk of requirements.

Grass encroaching onto some footpaths – LCC advise that these should be reported via Fix My Street.

LRSP response re speeding, driving through red lights, police van presence -

LRSP have advised that:

'Lincolnshire Police and the Road Safety Partnership adhere to the site selection criteria set out by the Department for Transport. This criterion includes locations where there is a history of speed related injury collisions supported by evidence of a high degree of non-compliance with the speed limit. In terms of Langworth, the criteria as outlined above falls short of that required for the provision of a speed camera. A recent speed survey undertaken in the village (summary attached) showed that the average speed was 33.5 mph. There was just under 1% of vehicles travelling at a speed that would warrant police

intervention (SAW). So, at the moment, a speed camera cannot be placed, but hopefully the speed survey information is useful, in terms of data, for you to use in response to local complaints regarding speeding'.

D/Cllr M Palmer noted that residents at North Greetwell had been advised to only cross their pedestrian crossing once traffic had come to a standstill.

7. Clerks Report

a) Receive the financial report: as previously circulated:

RESOLVED to approve the financial report. **Action: Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr J Machin. All in favour.

(Note: approval to pay all regular accounts was made at the May 2023 meeting).

b) Approve any non-regular payments:

i. £30.00 to Memorial Hall for flood meeting on 7 February 2024

RESOLVED to approve this payment. **Action: Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr J Machin. All in favour.

ii. £19.99 to C/Cllr I Fleetwood for clip for speed indicator device repair:

RESOLVED to approve this payment. **Action: Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr J Machin. All in favour.

c) LALC survey – Cllrs to confirm that their emails/phone numbers may be passed to LALC:

LALC are updating their records and have requested contact details of councillors. All present confirmed that they are willing for their email addresses to be passed on. All bar Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe, confirmed that they are willing for their telephone numbers to be passed on. **Action: Clerk**

8. Flooding Matters

a) Note public meeting to be held on 7 February 2024:

Noted. Over 320 flyers have been delivered to households. Four senior managers from various Authorities have confirmed attendance so far.

b) Note WLDC are treating letter re. Fosters Yard as a formal complaint (ref. CF-577550520):

Noted. A response from WLDC has recently been received and will be circulated to all. **Action: Clerk**

9. Grass cutting

a) No Mow May:

Noted that No Mow May in 2023 had caused issues with lengthy grass in June. Therefore, **RESOLVED** not to proceed with No Mow May.

Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe. All in favour.

b) Note that appointed contractor for 2024 cannot offer a 3-year agreement: Noted.

10. Speed cameras:

a) LRSP response: speeding, driving through red lights, police van presence: Noted under item 6.

b) Consider relocation of one speed indicator device (SID):

A suggestion was made that the SID near to Knights of Langworth is located too far into the village and would be better sited in the vicinity of Stainton Lane end. Comments were then made both in favour and against. Noted that the Parish Council would need to liaise with LRSP, and that there will be a potential cost in having the mounting post relocated.

After consideration, **RESOLVED** by 5 votes in favour, of the sign being relocated subject to LRSP approval of a new location. **Action: Cllr R Waite** to liaise with LRSP.

Proposed: Cllr R Waite, seconded: Cllr J Machin.

11. Request: Memorial Hall Committee (MHC) to put up signs at Parish Boundaries advertising activities:

The MHC have been advised to approach LCC Highways for the placement of signs on verges or street furniture. The Parish Council has a policy regarding signs on its property. Agreed that signs may be placed in the planters, with the MHC maintaining the planters, and with signs removed soon after each event.

12. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 5th March 2024, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

13. Resolve to move into Closed Session as the following contains information of a confidential nature:

RESOLVED to move into Closed Session. At 8.30pm, the public left the meeting.

After a short comfort break, the meeting recommenced at 8.34pm.

14. Complaint about Langworth Local (LL):

The Chairman gave an overview of the wider context, then the complaint was considered at great length as per the Complaints Policy. Noted that the complainant had corresponded on LL matters on many occasions.

Action: Clerk to respond to complainant.

Proposed: Cllr M Herbert, seconded: Cllr S Taylor. One abstention (Cllr K Tyrrell)

15. Langworth Local Contract: Item deferred.

| LANGWORTH GPC - BANK RECONCILIATION 1st Jan - 31st Jan 2024 | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| CURRENT ACCOUNT, ACCOUNTS PAID | | | | | |
| Date | Description | Money In | Money Out | Bank Balance | VAT |
| 01/01/2024 | OPENING BALANCE | | | 2481.27 | |
| 12/01/2024 | M Vail, expenses | | 39.40 | 2441.87 | |
| 12/01/2024 | EKM Ltd, play area inspection | | 60.00 | 2381.87 | 10.00 |
| 18/01/2024 | Sage | | 9.60 | 2372.27 | 1.60 |
| 19/01/2024 | HMRC - PAYE | | 90.74 | 2281.53 | |
| 19/01/2024 | LCC Pension | | 262.34 | 2019.19 | |
| 19/01/2024 | M Vail, salary | | 771.04 | 1248.15 | |
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| | TOTALS | 0.00 | 1233.12 | 1248.15 | |
| | CLOSING BALANCE | | | 1248.15 | 11.60 |
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| DEPOSIT ACCOUNT | | | | | |
| Date | Description | Money In | Money Out | Bank Balance | |
| 01/01/2024 | OPENING BALANCE | | | 47903.69 | |
| 09/01/2024 | Interest | 49.62 | | 47953.31 | |
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| | TOTALS | 49.62 | 0.00 | | |
| | CLOSING BALANCE | | | 47953.31 | |
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| Non-regular Accounts for Payment in February | | | | | |
| | Langworth Memorial Hall, hall hire Public Flood Meeting | | | 30.00 | |
| | C/Cllr I Fleetwood, clip for repair of SID | | | 19.99 | |
| | TOTAL | | | 49.99 | |
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| Ear Marked Reserves | | | | | |
| | Elections reserve | £4,000.00 | | | |
| | CIL monies | £2,655.40 | | | |
| | Total | £6,655.40 | | | |