

Langworth Group Parish Council

Serving the grouped parishes of Barlings, Newball, Stainton by Langworth and Reasby

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Minutes of the Meeting of Langworth Group Parish Council held at Langworth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024

Present: Cllrs M Herbert (Chairman), P Bowser, S Taylor, H Stilgoe-McCombe, A Hyatt, J Jarvis, Mrs M Vail (Clerk), C/Cllr I Fleetwood, D/Cllr T Bridgwood, D/Cllr M Palmer.

Absent: Cllrs A Curtis, R Waite

There were no members of the public.

Meeting began at 7.30pm

- 1. Public Forum:** D/Cllr T Bridgwood advised of a new local supplier of Remembrance wreaths.
- 2. Apologies:** Cllr K Tyrrell.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2024:**
With a minor amendment to item 8, **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2024 as a true record, and these were duly signed. **Action: Clerk.**
Proposed: Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe, seconded: Cllr P Bowser. All in favour.
- 5. Comments from County Councillor, District Councillors and Chairman:**

C/Cllr I Fleetwood:

- Highways works are planned imminently for Barlings Lane towards Reepham. It was queried whether residents directly affected had been made aware.
- has no information regarding what work is to be carried out to Barlings Beck bridge; necessitating a road closure of several weeks; affecting Stainton. **Action: Clerk** to enquire of LCC and advise Cllr P Bowser of the response.
- LCC's Environmental Committee have reported on flooding issues and S.19 reporting. LCC's 90% target of dealing with this has not been met due to volume of work, and external consultants have been brought in to assist. C/Cllr I Fleetwood has requested details of which properties have been inspected and what the outcome was, as this will provide a useful audit trail record. He continues to pursue matters. The Parish Council remains deeply concerned as nothing has changed in the 11 months since Storm Babet and, should the weather replicate what it was in Autumn 2023, then Langworth and surrounds will experience the same flooding problems. Recent letters have been written to LCC and Anglian Water requesting updates, and whilst responses have been received, they are not particularly informative.

D/Cllr T Bridgwood:

- Notes have been circulated regarding the BESS site, and an update was given on the proposed battery storage site. The planning application for this had gone before WLDC's Committee.

D/Cllr M Palmer:

- WLDC finances, looking forward, do not appear good. A budget consultation will go to all residents. Market Rasen and Gainsborough are the main recipients of WLDC activity

Chairman:

- D/Cllr C Darcel sends emails concerning flooding matters. In these, he makes extremely pertinent points.

6. To review the Action Log:

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

- *Neighbourhood Plan:* an advert for vacancies is planned for publication soon.
- *Stainton Defibrillator* – a meeting is planned with the church to discuss a location.
- *Lorries along Barlings Lane* – the number of lorries will decrease as a great deal of materials have now been imported to the site.
- *Community Emergency Plan* - The Plan is currently with the Memorial Hall Committee for some key roles to be filled. Once completed, it will be submitted to LCC, and this will release 'kit' to the community for storage against any future emergency event.
- *Flood matters* – responses have been received to three letters, as detailed above.

7. Clerks Report

a) To receive the financial report for July 2024:

Noted that the replacement noticeboard for Barlings Lane has not yet been installed, so cannot be paid for. **Action: Clerk** to contact supplier for installation date.

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

Proposed: Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe, seconded: Cllr S Taylor. All in favour

b) Approval of any non-regular payments for September 2024: None

c) Receive Spend Against Budget Report April – July 2024:

Noted that most expenditure is as expected at this point in the financial year.

RESOLVED to approve the Spend Against Budget report.

Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr S Taylor. All in favour

d) Note successful completion of external audit: Noted.

8. Planning:

a) Note that WL/2024/00131 - Land at Gate Cliffe Farm Bardney Road Newball Lincoln LN3 5DQ went before WLDC's Committee on 14 August 2024:

Noted that this application had been discussed in depth at the previous Council meeting as its type means that WLDC has no obligation to bring it to the parish council. WLDC has not yet finalised its decision.

9. Correspondence:

To note:

a) Police crime stats July 2024: Noted.

b) Forestry England new woodland sites: Noted. This includes land within the parish boundary of Newball and adjacent to the parish boundary of Stainton by Langworth. Forestry England will, in due course, seek views on the development of the sites.

Action Required:

a) Resident – hedge at Barlings Lane crossroads obscures visibility for cars exiting junction

b) Resident – abovementioned hedge and suggesting a speed reduction to improve safety

The above two items were discussed together. Noted that the hedge has been cut back. As more than 6 months have elapsed since speed reduction matters were last resolved upon, this matter may now be brought as an agenda item at a future meeting upon request to the Clerk.

c) Resident – overgrown hedge just after Langworth Motors:

The resident has been advised to report the matter to LCC.

10. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2024, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

11. Resolve to move into Closed Session as the following items contains information of a confidential or sensitive nature:

RESOLVED to move into Closed Session.

At 8.16pm, C/Cllr I Fleetwood, D/Cllr T Bridgwood, D/Cllr M Palmer left the meeting.

12. Letter from Memorial Hall – draft agreement:

A draft agreement from the Memorial Hall was considered, and several queries were raised. Therefore, it was felt that a conversation with the Memorial Hall Trustees was required as the next step. **Action: Cllr M Herbert, Clerk**

Meeting ended at 9.05pm.

Michelle Vail – Clerk/RFO to the Council

Dated: 24 September 2024

LANGWORTH GPC - BANK RECONCILIATION 1st July - 31st July 2024					
CURRENT ACCOUNT, ACCOUNTS PAID					
Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Bank Balance	VAT
01/07/2024	OPENING BALANCE			5938.31	
08/07/2024	HMRC TAX reclaim	1160.01		7098.32	
18/07/2024	Sage		12.00	7086.32	2.00
19/07/2024	Mrs M Vail, salary, July		833.84	6252.48	
19/07/2024	LCC pension, July		273.94	5978.54	
19/07/2024	HMRC, PAYE, July		27.94	5950.60	
19/07/2024	Mrs M Vail, expenses, July		40.90	5909.70	
19/07/2024	Glendale, INV 0323		788.10	5121.60	131.35
	TOTALS	1160.01	1976.72	5121.60	
	CLOSING BALANCE			5121.60	133.35
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT					
Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Bank Balance	
01/07/2024	OPENING BALANCE			64241.12	
09/07/2024	Interest	66.35		64307.47	
	TOTALS	66.35	0.00		
	CLOSING BALANCE			64307.47	
Non-regular Accounts for Payment in September					
				1491.60	
	TOTAL			1491.60	
Ear Marked Reserves					
	Elections reserve	£4,000.00			
	CIL monies	£2,655.40			
	Total	£6,655.40			