

Langworth Group Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Langworth Group Parish Council held at Langworth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 November 2024

Present: Cllrs M Herbert (Chairman), P Bowser, A Curtis, R Waite, K Tyrrell, S Taylor, H Stilgoe-McCombe, A Hyatt, J Jarvis, Mrs M Vail (Clerk), C/Cllr I Fleetwood, D/Cllr C Darcel, D/Cllr M Palmer.
There were no members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, there was a 15-minute presentation on the Community Resilience Programme which is run by Lincolnshire County Council and Fire and Rescue.

Meeting began at 7.43pm

1. **Public Forum:** No members of the public were present.
2. **Apologies:** D/Cllr T Bridgwood.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2024:**
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2024 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:
 - He has attended recent Environment Agency (EA) and Witham Third Drainage Board meetings regarding flooding matters. LCC will help where they are able in respect of emergency work.
 - Their Section 19 work is now concluding. Section 19 reports are currently in draft format so are not yet ready for public release.
 - He has attended a site visit with the EA to view the bank slippage at Fiskerton and discuss repair work; which is scheduled for completion by Christmas 2024.**D/Cllr C Darcel:**
 - He has sent the Environment Minister some flood relief proposals. LGPC will support D/Cllr C Darcel as best it can, but it is limited in what it can do.**D/Cllr M Palmer:**
 - Two motions were brought before WLDC's early November meeting as follows: to write to Government about 1) the proposed BESS storage site in nearby Reepham parish, and 2) the shortfall in police funding.
 - Following a suggestion by the police that WLDC may be able to help with parking issues from an anti-social behaviour aspect, it was confirmed that parking matters are an LCC matter.**Chairman:**
 - He has recently attended a training event at County Emergency Centre in Lincoln, which has confirmed that the local community performed well under difficult circumstances last Autumn. Without an Emergency plan, the Authorities will struggle to help. They have the contacts and can coordinate matters. A Plan unlocks much more help, and LGPC's Plan has had much work on it completed. It now requires completion and submission to LCC.
6. **To review the Action Log:**
Many jobs have been completed. Updates on outstanding jobs include:
 - *Lych gate and defibrillator:* the changeover of vicar has delayed progress.
 - *Community Emergency Plan:* Work continues to create Snow and Flood Procedures; to fill two vacant posts; and to obtain some contact details of neighbouring parish councils. **Action: Clerk, Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe**
7. **Clerks Report**
 - a) **To receive the financial report for October 2024:**
RESOLVED to approve the financial report. **Action: Clerk**
Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe. All in favour
 - b) **Approval of any non-regular payments for November 2024:** None.

- c) **Budget and Precept setting – approve precept estimate to WLDC:**
RESOLVED that an estimated precept figure of £33,726.32 will be submitted to WLDC.
Action: Clerk
Proposed: Cllr M Herbert, seconded: Cllr A Curtis. All in favour

8. **Planning**

- a) **WL/2024/00774: Conversion of existing outbuilding into residential short term let: Location: Woodlands Farm, Stainton Farm, Stainton by Langworth, LN3 5DJ:**
RESOLVED all in favour of this application. **Action: Clerk**
- b) **Regulation 14 Consultation on the Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan:**
Noted. Cllr A Hyatt is reviewing this Neighbourhood Plan.

9. **Correspondence:**

To note:

Police crime stats Sept 2024: Noted. D/Cllr M Palmer advised that Police Inspector Head strongly urges residents to report any and all incidents as the police can use these as evidence to base requests for resources upon.

Environment Agency: Flood Action Guide and further Flood Warning Service information: Noted.

Action Required:

LALC NEWS article: Rural Lincolnshire – make Gov Gigabit Vouchers deliver you faster online speeds:

Noted that there are many 'Not' spots in Lincolnshire where it is not possible to achieve the fastest online speeds.

10. **Play Area**

- i. **Approve Play Area Routine Inspector Course for Cllr J Jarvis of either £77.50 + VAT (non-exam), or £207.50 + VAT (Exam)**

RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £207.50 + VAT for Cllr J Jarvis to attend a Play Area Routine Inspector Course including exam. **Action: Clerk**

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

11. **Approve meeting dates for 2025:**

Jan 7th, Feb 4th, Mar 4th, Apr 1st, May 6th, Jun 3rd, Jul 1st, Sep 2nd, Oct 7th, Nov 4th, Dec 2nd
Annual Parish Meeting April 1st

RESOLVED to approve the abovementioned meeting dates for 2025.

Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr K Tyrrell. All in favour

12. **Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 3rd December 2024, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

Meeting ended at 8.31pm.

Michelle Vail – Clerk/RFO to the Council

Dated: 25 November 2024