LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Langworth Group Parish Council meeting held 4 September 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Langworth

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman M Herbert, Councillors' P Bowser, H Walker, J Machin, C Buttress and S Burnett

County Councillor: I Fleetwood District Councillors: C Darcel,

Parish Clerk: S Hall

Eleven Members of the public

A one-minute silence was held in memory of the late Chairlady Yvette Green.

74 18/19 ELECTION OF CHAIR

The first business of the meeting was to elect a chairman. Councillor M Herbert was unanimously nominated and elected as chairman of Langworth Group Parish Council. Councillor Herbert signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

75 18/19 PUBLIC FORUM

- a) A member of the public asked if the PC has a large project coming up because the precept is quite high for the size of the parish. MH explained the setting of the precept was carefully considered by the council and at a level that would enable the council to meet its liabilities. The member of the public was invited to examine the figures in more detail after the meeting.
- b) Bransby Horses: representatives of the charity addressed the meeting to inform them of their project. The charity employs 150 staff and 40 volunteers. They have acquired 810 acres of land which they aspire to convert into grassland. Arable will be reduced and grass land increased. The first phase will see 130 acres of grass planted this autumn. They will need buildings in the future and aspire to divert a footpath.
 - The acquired land is at the south and west of the church where the aim is to provide a natural habitat for horses. There are no plans to open the area up to the public. There is an intention to build up a relationship with the local community and employ people who reside in the Langworth area.
- c) Reece Musson representing the developers of Stone Cottage addressed the meeting to thank those who supported the development plans. He added the public consultation was not well attended so he and a colleague went around the village and carried out a door to door consultation when he found that most residents are for rather than against the development.
- d) Christine Douglas who is resident in Cornwall addressed the meeting. She said she lived in Stone Cottage as a child and now wants to buy it and put it back into a family home and move in which would make it better for the village. In her statement she pointed out that Stone Cottage is a heritage asset dating back to the 18th century. Councillor Bowser asked: "have you been in contact with the local heritage officer?" Christine replied yes. A member of the public asked if the building is listed? Christine replied no, but it could be. Christine was also asked: "can the building be listed"? Christine replied: "It could be considered"
- e) A member of the public claimed that the developer has misused the WLDC logo on their literature.
- f) A member of the public said that withdrawal of planning application 137773 and submission of planning application 138187 for Stone Cottage was "a dirty trick to remove records of the objections to the development of Stone Cottage from the WLDC website".
- g) County Councillor Fleetwood had no comment to make about the application but was very concerned about procedural issues. In particular use of the WLDC logo which could suggest there is a partnership with WLDC. The matter has been reported to WLDC.
- h) Angie Gould spoke about the recent bad weather when a large tree fell across the A158 blocking the road. She said there was an appalling response from highways. While residents did their best to remove the tree they were insulted by drivers and highways did nothing to assist with clearing the obstruction form the highway. B Knight & Sons helped. Clerk was asked to write to B Knight & Sons and thank them for their help.

i) Rev Penny Green spoke about the church lichgate as a heritage asset. Significant work is required to restore the pillars and walls and the surrounding trees require surgery. Rev Green asked if the parish council can join a working party to contribute toward its refurbishment.

76 18/19 APOLOGIES

LGPC Councillors: Cllr King, Cllr Curtis
District Councillors: Welburn and Palmer

77 18/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

78 18/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Subject to amending minute No. 58(d) from 39 dwellings to 36 dwellings the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th July 2018 were agreed by the PC as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Burnett, seconded by Cllr. Bowser and agreed by the Council. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

79 18/19 PLANNING

- (a) Application 133773 Councillor Buttress made a statement regarding the George Hotel development. Clerk asked to report a breach of planning conditions to WLDC.
- (b) Application 137773 Stone Cottage application: Withdrawn.
- (c) Application 137964 Extension at Woodside. WLDC has approved the application.
- (d) Application 137084 Land at Barlings Lane, the developer has appealed against the decision.
- (e) Application 138187 Stone Cottage, New application demolition and remodelling to form three cottages. There has been several public comments made at this and previous meetings. Having had the opporunity to review the application, the Chairman invited Councillors to comment on the proposal.

CB: Recognise neighbours concern & developers aspiration. Property has been empty for ten years. Will create more traffic but so do other developments. The Parish Council should look after the villages. HW: Support restoration of the building but as one dwelling not three. Has same concerns as noted in last meeting minutes. PB: Left empty and shabby for years. If heritage officers have OK'd it then its OK. Something needs to be done. JM: agrees with HW comment. SB: Concerned because it has been empty for up 20 years, something needs to be done.

Standing orders were suspended for 5 minutes to allow public comments.

After standing orders were rienstated the council took a vote on whether to support the application.

One vote for, four votes against. Chairmans vote was not required. Clerk to pass the councils comments to WDC.

(f) Application 138199 Penguin enclosure at Woodside Falconry, Newball. Members were in favour of the development made no comment.

80 18/19 POLICE MATTERS

There have been four Neighbourhood Alert bulletins since the last meeting.

- 1. 07/7/2018 Fake Argos text message
- 2. 21/7/2018 Fake Amazon e-mail
- 3. 28/7/2018 Fake LinkedIn email
- 4. 18/8/2018 Calls from bogus overseas officers

In all cases fraudsters are seeking to persuade or trick people into revealing personal information and bank details in order to steel cash.

The message is, no matter how convincing a phone call, text message or e-mail may seem, never reveal your passwords or security information to anyone.

81 18/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Reports by D/Cllrs' Welburn & Palmer and by County Councillor Fleetwood were distributed in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Darcel said Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) will not provide him with the figures to enable a comparison of the performance of LCC waste disposal with other comparable authorities. He also said that Oxford recycle 60% of their waste whilst LCC recycle 46.5% of their waste. Putting waste in the right bin increases the amount of waste that can be helps recycled.

82 18/19 REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Code of Conduct. Following adoption of the WLDC code of conduct Members were each asked to sign an agreement form. When all members have signed up the clerk is to forward the forms to WLDC.
- b) Local Government pension cessation. A letter has been received from the West Yorkshire Pension Fund manager asking if LGPC intend to employ anyone who will join the scheme within two years of Maxine Soroka leaving. Clerk instructed to write back and let WYPF know it is being considered.
- c) Bransby Horses land purchase. Their report is appended to these minutes

83 18/19 HIGHWAYS

- a) A large tree fell across the A158 blocking the road. The Lincolnshire County Council response was very poor. While residents did their best to remove the tree they were insulted by drivers and highways did nothing to assist with clearing the obstruction from the highway. On the busiest Saturday of the summer all the highways department did was add to the chaos by closing the road without putting a diversion in place. Callers who rang to report the incident to the county council received an automated message saying "the office is closed"
- b) The chairman commented the weather was poor and he would expect LCC to say they were busy. PB commented that people have to "self-help" they cannot rely on services. The clerk was instructed to: Write to LCC to ask what their priorities were that day.

84 18/19 SOCIAL MEDIA

- a) Clir Walker reported: the face book pages are well used and many people follow the pages.
- b) Having been previously circulated Councillors voted unanimously to adopt the proposed social media policy.
- c) MH commented that care needs to be taken to distinguish between what is news and what is advertising. The PC don't want to be seen as advertising businesses.

85 18/19 STAINTON BUS SHELTER

The bus shelter installation at Stainton by Langworth is now completed. Clerk is awaiting receipt of an invoice from B Knight & Son Ltd.

Councillor Bowser gave credit to the fourteen-year-old girl for bringing the matter to the attention of the parish council.

Councillor Bowser asked what should be done with £100.00 which was raised toward the bus shelter? It was agreed it should be retained for future maintenance of the shelter.

86 18/19 **FINANCE**

(a) Bank Reconciliation - clerks report:

	Langworth Group Parish Council	Agenda Item		
	Lloyds Bank	86a 040918		
	Opening Bank Balance 1 July 2018			
L		£32,321.74		
	Accounts paid			
09/07/2018	Expenses June	-54.90		
10/07/2018	Clerk Salary July	-480.72		
10/07/2018	PAYE July	-120.18		
13/07/2018	Play area inspection - Welton PC	-20.00		
13/07/2018	Lonsdale Print - Langworth Local invoice 225225	-93.00		
13/07/2018	Bridget Solly - internal Audit	-40.00		
13/07/2018	Glasdon - composite bench	-660.00		
16/07/2018	Glendale Grass Cutting invoice 01269 - 5 May	-359.55		
16/07/2018	Glendale Grass Cutting invoice 01337 - 1 June & 22 June	-719.12		
19/07/2018	EE mobile phone July	-29.12		
02/08/2018	A Gould – plants	-10.00		
09/08/2018	Expenses – July	-22.00		
20/08/2018	EE mobile phone August	-29.12		
23/08/2018	Clerk Salary August	-454.28		
23/08/2018	PAYE August	-113.56		
	Total paid	-£3,205.55		
	Income			
10/07/2018	WLDC Bus Shelter Grant	3,050.00		
	Total income	£3,050.00		
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	Closing Bank Balance after accounts paid 31/08	3/18 £32,166.19		
	Accounts to be passed for payment			
	Expenses August	-£27.90		
	Clerk Salary September	-454.28		
	PAYE September	-£113.56		
	EE Mobile September	-29.12		
	Glendale grass cutting invoice			
	04105 31/07/2018	-£359.55		
	RoSPA play area inspection	-£82.20		
	C Bruntlett - plants for church tub	-£16.00		
	Play area inspection - Welton PC	-£20.00		
	Total to be paid	-£1,102.61		
	Total unpaid-uncleared	£0.00		
	Total after accounts paid	£31,063.58		
	rotal after accounts paid	131,003.38		

Ear Marked Reserves				
Bus shelter grant	£3,050.00			
Bus shelter PC contribution	£3,000.00			
Elections reserve	£2,000.00			
Total Reserves	£8,050.00			

(b) Accounts for payment

All the payments were approved by the council. Proposed Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Bowser.

87 18/19 COMPOSITE BENCH

Councillors decided to replace the existing bench outside the church and take the one from the church to the football field. Several volunteers came forward to transport and fix the benches in place.

88 18/19 LANGWORTH LOCAL/SENIOR CITIZENS FUND

The senior citizens fund has not been receiving the income it has in previous years and it will be difficult to finance the senior citizens lunch for 40 - 50 people this year. The Memorial Hall donated £200.00 toward the lunch and LL advertising revenue received by the clerk is £130:00.

Councillor Burnett said that there is someone who will take on the job of editing the LL. MH said he will enquire with Mr Green whether he wants to continue with the job.

89 18/19 ACTION LOG REVIEW

Review of the action log was deferred until the next meeting.

The clerk asked members to be mindful that it will soon be the time of year when precepts are set. If there are projects that will require funding it is a good time to start estimating the costs.

Clerk asked if the meeting planned for 6^{th} November can be brought forward to 30^{th} October. Members agreed. Clerk to book the room.

90 18/19 COMMENTS FROM CHAIR

Everyone was thanked for attending.

91 18/19 DATES OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday	2	October	2018	7:30pm	Ordinary meeting
Tuesday	30	October	2018	7:30pm	Ordinary meeting



July 24, 2018

Press Release

Bransby Horses Secures Future Work with Land Purchase

The Lincolnshire-based equine rescue and welfare charity, Bransby Horses, has agreed to acquire 800 acres of land to secure the future for thousands of horses that suffer from abuse, neglect or abandonment.

Grange Farm, Barlings at Langworth, is a vital investment in the charity's 50th anniversary year to relieve pressure on its site in the village of Bransby, which is at capacity due to the high number of horses, ponies, donkeys and mules that require a safe haven.

Bransby Horses said the acquisition was made possible "thanks to the generosity of donors over the last 50 years who have now enabled its rescue and welfare work to continue for the next five decades and beyond".

"Sadly, welfare issues aren't going away, so we need to work together with our supporters to look at what is projected to happen in the long term so we can use this land resource in the most effective way to meet our core purpose."

Said Bransby Horses' CEO, Jo Snell: "We are developing a long-term plan for the stewardship of this picturesque landholding to ensure a beautiful environment in which to keep our horses and to continue to deliver on the aims of the charity for the future."

Operating nationwide, Bransby Horses, plays a crucial role in tackling the equine welfare crisis in the UK and has seen the number of intakes increase significantly over the last ten years, sadly the need for rescue and rehabilitation is greater than ever.

The charity relies entirely on public support and wouldn't exist without donations and gifts in Wills. The Visitor Centre in the village of Bransby is open to the public seven days a week and incorporates a gift shop, café, play park and 50th anniversary exhibition.

For further information please contact Bransby Horses on 01427 788464 or visit www.bransbyhorses.co.uk.

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Notes for the Editor:

Bransby Horses is an active equine welfare charity which was established in 1968 and is registered charity number 1075601. The Visitor Centre in the village of Bransby is open to the public 362 days a year.