



LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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

Notes of the Langworth Group Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd of May 2017 in the Memorial Hall, Langworth

PRESENT: Chairlady Y Green, Vice–Chairman M Herbert, Councillors’ Mr C Buttress, Mrs S Burnett, Miss A Gould, Mrs C King, Mr J Machin, County Councillor Mr I Fleetwood, District Councillors’ Mrs Anne Welburn, Mrs Maureen Palmer & Parish Clerk Mrs M Soroka.

15 17/18 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2017/2018

Proposed by Cllr S Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould that Cllr Green be re- elected Chair Lady of the Council. No other nominations. Therefore it was **resolved:** that Cllr Green be elected for the forthcoming year.

16 17/18 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2016/2017

Proposed by Cllr S Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould that Cllr M Herbert be re- elected Vice Chairman of the Council. No other nominations. Therefore it was **resolved:** that Cllr M Herbert be elected for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Y Green & Cllr M Herbert duly signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

17 17/18 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public in attendance

18 17/18 APOLOGIES

Cllr Bowser, Cllr Walker – Absence explained and accepted by the PC.

19 17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gould declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5a.

20 17/18 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th of April, agreed by PC, proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Buttress.

21 17/18 PLANNING

Planning Application: **136028** - Planning application to vary condition 5 of planning permission 133773 granted 23 May 2016. **Resolved:** The PC has no further comments.

22 17/18 POLICE MATTERS - REPORT OF LOCAL INCIDENTS

PCSO Jackie Parker not in attendance & stats not received.

23 17/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

C/Cllr Fleetwood advised the Parish Council that the Environment agency were to dredge the area south of the bridge on the A158 in late May & if anyone needed sand or gravel to let them know.

24 17/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Report by D/Cllrs' Welburn & Palmer (Appendix 1) had been sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting, Chairman read the report for anyone who had not seen it.

25 17/18 REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE

a) **Empty properties:** Chairlady confirmed that the Clerk had reported the New Station & Stone Cottage to WLDC.

Cllr Gould asked if the PC could do something regarding foundations near to the George as they had become an eyesore. C/Cllr Fleetwood suggested the PC find the planning applications where an address of the owners would be available. **Action:** Chairlady to research the owners of the footings, Clerk to write a letter. Proposed by Cllr Gould, seconded by Cllr Burnett.

b) **Emergency Plan:** Cllr King advised that the last phase of training had been cancelled due to illness & suggested dates to re-book. **Resolved:** The PC agreed 24th May.

c) **Resilient Communities conference 2017: Resolved:** the PC granted permission for Cllr King & Cllr Buttress to attend the conference, Proposed by Cllr Gould, seconded by Cllr Burnett.

d) **Parish plan: Items 25-28 -**

136 responders (62%) know how to contact the community police officer, however 83 responders indicated that they did not know. 84% of responders feel that crime in the community is low; no responder indicated that they thought it might be high.

Unsurprisingly only half of responders feel they know what the main police concerns are in the parish. 37 responders indicated that they had experienced theft from their premises in the last 12 months. The questionnaire does not ask if this is from home or business premises or the actual parish location where the theft took place.

The PC discussed the findings & decided that although contact numbers were printed in the Langworth Local on a monthly basis residents should be signposted to the information. Cllr Gould suggested a regular article be placed in the Langworth Local showing the Parish Plan items discussed & the PC's response. This was agreed by the PC with the added suggestion of Parish Plan information being placed on Noticeboards.

Items 36-37 - *Only 31 responders (14.5%) are aware of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in their area.*

The PC were unaware if a neighbourhood watch scheme was still active within the Langworth Group.

Action: Cllr King to ask for more information when attending the community policing meeting & Lincs Alert to be promoted in the Langworth Local.

e) **Best Kept Village Competition:** The Chairlady & Clerk signed the entry form for the Best Kept village competition.

f) **DC Funding:** Goal posts for Langworth Memorial Hall. Cllr Buttress confirmed that the goalposts are owned by the Memorial hall & offered concerns of replacing them as they only required re-setting. **Action:** Chairlady of Memorial Hall to be advised of funding available.

26 17/18 Highways

Ongoing issues: Chairlady advised that she and the clerk had been trying to track reported issues using the tracking numbers provided when using the new online fault reporting, however, found it extremely difficult to navigate. The excel work sheets did not show works that had been promised.

C/Cllr Fleetwood advised that there are issues with the online reporting system & to contact Steve Willis directly to get answers. **Action:** Chairlady to take photographic evidence & Clerk to email over to Steve Will at Highways – proposed by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Burnett.

27 17/18 FINANCE

a) **LALC Courses Requiring Approval:**

- Clerk/Chair course 09/05/2017
- Employment Law 16/05/2017
- Data protection, freedom of information & social media 06/06/2017
- Agenda's, note taking & minutes 07/06/2016

Courses agreed, proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Buttress.

b) **Floral displays:** PC agreed the Purchase of plants for village plant pots. Proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould. (D/Cllr Welburn suggested that purchase of plants was something where funding could be applied for, Clerk to apply)

c) **Accounts for payment –**

Lonsdale Direct Solutions - £95.55

(Langworth Local, May)

M Soroka, Incidental Expenses

(Reimbursement for 12 x 1st class stamps purchased 15/04/2017) - £7.80

Clerk's expenses April - £58.50

(Including phone, utilities & 30 miles at 0.45p per mile, including 2x noticeboards & L/Local delivery)

Clerk's May Salary/pension contributions *(post-dated)*

Proposed by Cllr Machin, seconded by Cllr Burnett.

28 17/18 ACTION LOG REVIEW

Action log reviewed and updated.

14 17/18 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

No comments

Date of next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 6th of June 2017 at 7.30pm

Appendix 1

Report for Parish Councils - May 2017

Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn

April has been a quiet month as we stock take and re-arrange new roles and responsibilities ready for the start of the new financial year and Annual Council in May. We are also bound by purdah for the County Elections as we have some dual hatters who serve both councils.

West Lindsey District Council held an award ceremony to recognize residents for outstanding contribution to their local community.

Town and parish Councilors', volunteers and community groups were invited to the Guildhall in Gainsborough to the Community Awards 2017.

Mayor of Caistor, Carol MacKenzie picked up a shield on behalf of the town council, which was named Parish/Town Council of the Year. Sue Rawson and Sandra Forman scooped Community Group of the Year. The friends with the help of their supportive husbands have raised a staggering £97,000 from jumble sales since 1996 and the District Champion of the Year Award was presented to Joan Wines of Sturton By Stow