



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 7th of March 2017 in the Memorial Hall, Langworth

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

130 16/17 PUBLIC FORUM

No Members of the Public attending

131 16/17 APOLOGIES

D/Cllr Welburn, D/Cllr Darcel – Absence explained and accepted by the PC.

132 16/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

133 16/17 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th of February, agreed by PC, proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Buttress.

134 16/17 PLANNING

No planning matters

135 16/17 POLICE MATTERS - REPORT OF LOCAL INCIDENTS

No Police matters, stats not received.

136 16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

C/Cllr Fleetwood referred to the closure of Kennel lane & the effect the closure was having on local roads & specifically Barlings lane, as this was being used by drivers as an alternative route. C/Cllr Fleetwood confirmed that he had raised the matter with Highways.

C/Cllr Fleetwood advised that during March, Greetwell Hollow from the Wickes roundabout would also be closed for works.

C/Cllr Fleetwood then referred to the accident caused by joyrider’s at the Langworth level crossing which he stated police & emergency services dealt with affectively.

Cllr Bowser raised concerns of safety issues with the chase through the village & a discussion ensued between the Council of the actions of the Police and whether this could have been avoided?

Cllr Gould advised the PC that she had spoken to the police officer at the Scothern lane junction at the time of the recent incident in reference to confusion with the traffic diversion & that his response was rude & dismissive.

Action: To agenda for April’s PC meeting.

137 16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Report by D/Cllrs' Welburn & Palmer (Appendix 1) had been sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting, no members of the public attending, therefore, Chairman asked if anyone had any comments or questions.

Cllr Gould made comment regarding the "dog fouling" 6 week consultation period starting 13th of Feb & no information seems to have been sent out to inform PCs' & residents.

C/Cllr Fleetwood stated that further information would be available after the 6 week consultation.

Resolved: Watch for updates, no further action at this time.

138 16/17 REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE

a) **Great British spring clean:** Cllr Gould informed the PC that the Great British spring clean on Saturday March 4th 2017 was a great success, with 3 members of the PC & 7 members of the public attending. 26 bags of rubbish & debris collected & the area was looking much nicer. WLDC was extremely efficient & helpful and work would be ongoing. **Resolved:** An article to be placed in the Langworth local thanking residents involved & also a letter of thanks to be sent to WLDC. Proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould.

b) **Emergency plan** Cllr King reminded the PC of the next phase of training on Thursday 27th April, 7pm-9pm at Langworth Memorial Hall. **Action:** Update PC when required.

c) **Resident's concern** over the siting of additional pitches in Barlings Country Park adjoining the boundary of their home in Barlings Lane. Clerk provided an update the PC. Planning dept. WLDC stated that a site visit had been carried out and they had been through relevant paperwork relating to planning permission, however, could not see any wrong doing at this time. There was another avenue that they were checking & would update the Clerk accordingly.

Chairlady suggested that tree screening may help the situation. **Action:** Clerk to write to Mr Cummings at Barlings Country Park to advise of resident's concerns & see if a solution could be found. **Resolved:** Updates to be provided to PC when received.

d) **Parish Plan:** All Cllr's were given the opportunity to make comments on the document and to raise points to carry forward. Various ideas were put forward by Cllrs' to respond to comments made by residents & make improvements where possible.

Action: Clerk to send letters to other members of the community i.e. Police, Memorial Hall to provide the information gathered that would be relevant to them & ask that they respond to them. Proposed by Cllr Burnett, Seconded by Cllr Gould.

Action: To place PC items on the agenda monthly to be discussed & resolved until such time that all items have been dealt with. Proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould.

Resolved: Ongoing, further updates when available.

e) **Hanging Basket Competition:** Cllr King advised the PC that after the success of last year's best kept garden competition, the theme this year would be best hanging baskets. Further information to follow.

f) **Memorial Hall Grass Cutting:** Cllr Bowser to propose a charge to the Langworth Memorial hall for grass cutting. **Resolved:** Item withdrawn by Cllr Bowser – no further action.

139 16/17 Highways

a) Clerk has written to Highways to enquire as to who is taking over from Noel Robinson – No reply received.

140 16/17 Memorial Hall Play Area

a) Cllrs' discussed the progress made since February's meeting. StumpBusters have now removed the tree stumps within the play area, molehills have gone & area generally in a good state of repair. **Resolved:** Maintenance ongoing, updates when required

a) Accounts for Payment

(Listed below & emailed to Cllrs prior to meeting)

LALC, Cllr training day 09/02/2017 - £8.00

LALC, Audit & budgeting 07/02/2017 - £8.00

StumpBusters Lincolnshire - £100.00

M Herbert - £36.98 (Agenda item, April)

(Reimbursement for printer ink purchased 04/02/2017)

M Soroka, Incidental Expenses - £71.50

(Reimbursement for postage, printer & McAfee security package)

Clerk's expenses February - £76.05

(Including phone, utilities & 69 miles at 0.45p per mile, including noticeboards, L/Local delivery & Course attended at Cranwell)

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

Cllr' King & Cllr Buttress requested further information regarding the reimbursement of printer ink to Vice – Chairman Herbert. Cllr Gould requested that printing & other expenses to Cllrs' be placed on the agenda for April's PC Meeting.

Accounts for payment agreed, proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould.

b) Internet Banking

Chairlady advised of options regarding internet banking. Unity Trust make monthly charges for the 2 click internet banking system, the PC could however remain with the same bank and continue to have all accounts for payment , receipts etc. checked by the PC & signed off at meetings with 2 signatories , however, once signed off the Clerk could then make payments electronically instead of writing cheques . This would also require the standing orders to be altered to enable this.

Bank statements and bank reconciliations will continue to be made available for transparency.

Action: Agenda changes to standing orders to enable internet banking to take place.

Resolved: Internet banking agreed by PC, proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Walker.

142 16/17 ACTION LOG REVIEW

Cllrs' discussed the pros & cons of the action log following the end of the trial period. **Resolved:** It was decided that an action log was best practice, this was to be in excel format, to be updated by Vice-Chairman Herbert & Cllr Gould in his absence. Proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Walker.

143 16/17 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

No comments

Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th of April 2017 APM at 7pm followed by PC meeting at 7.30pm

Appendix 1

Report for Parish Councils Mar 2017

Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn

Road Safety Campaign

19 schools in West Lindsey have signed up to participate in this year's award ceremony for the Junior Road Safety Champions. The date for the ceremony has been set for Friday 7th July 2017.

There will be a maximum of 47 junior road safety officers (children) plus an accompanying adult from each school attending the presentation in the Guildhall at Gainsborough.

The Council is consulting on new powers to tackle dog fouling!

West Lindsey District Council is proposing to make a Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) as a way of reducing the issue of dog fouling in the area. PSPOs were created under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to help make public spaces safer and more pleasant for residents. The order is aimed at tackling dog fouling by replacing old legislation. The council is proposing the following:

1. To require dog fouling to be removed by the person in control of the dog at the time of the fouling, on all land open to the air and to which the public have a right or entitlement to whether paid or unpaid, in the District of West Lindsey.
2. To require the removed fouling to be properly disposed of in to a general waste or dog waste bin. Failure to comply will be an offence with liability to a £75 fixed penalty notice or prosecution.

This will apply to all land in West Lindsey to which the public have a right of access e.g. parks, Parish Council land, Church Yards, roads and paths. Before the council can exercise the power, it is carrying out a six-week consultation on the issue starting 13 February 2017 until 27 March 2017.

The draft Order can be seen on the West Lindsey website, and copies can be viewed at the Guildhall Reception.

Governance Arrangements

A paper will be going to the next G&A meeting with recommendations for no substantial change to the governance arrangements in West Lindsey. Therefore, we will remain a fourth option council and work via the committee system.