



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 on Tuesday 4th of April 2017 **in the Memorial Hall, Langworth**

PRESENT: Chairlady Y Green, Vice–Chairman M Herbert, Councillors' Mr P Bowser, Mr C Buttress, Mrs S Burnett, Miss A Gould, Mrs C King, Mrs H Walker, County Councillor Mr I Fleetwood, District Councillors' Mrs Anne Welburn, Mr Chris Darcel & Parish Clerk Mrs M Soroka.

One Member of the Public attending

1 17/18 PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public asked for an update on the footpath repairs, bus stop replacement & asked what the PC could do regarding empty properties in disrepair.

Chairlady advised that an update from Highways was an agenda item later in the meeting where footpaths could be discussed. The bus stop had been refused & the empty properties would be placed on next month's agenda.

2 17/18 APOLOGIES

D/Cllr Palmer – Absence explained and accepted by the PC.

3 17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4 17/18 MINUTES

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

5 17/18 PLANNING

No planning matters

6 17/18 POLICE MATTERS - REPORT OF LOCAL INCIDENTS

Chairlady read out the Incident stats for March 2017 which included 1 concern for safety, 1 domestic, 2 suspicious & 2 RTC totalling 6.

PCSO Jackie Parker had advised prior to the meeting that the suspicious incidents were: Someone trying the door handle at a property in Barlings on 03/03/2017 and the other was regarding a report of a potential drink driver on 26/03/2017 unfortunately there was not enough information on the vehicle for the police to put a stop in.

PCSO Jackie Parker to try to attend May's PC meeting.

7 17/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Spent approximately 2 hours with Police & Crime commissioner, Mark Jones talking about levels of policing, vacancies within the Police force and the new web facility to report crime and allows the crime to be tracked, showing who is dealing with the reported crime, progress made etc.

8 17/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Report by D/Cllrs' Welburn & Palmer (Appendix 1) had been sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting, Chairman asked if anyone had any comments or questions.

Cllr Gould asked for clarification regarding the amount of funds available through the Councillor Initiative Fund & what they could be used for.

D/Cllr Darcel stated that he had money available through the Councillor Initiative Fund should the Parish be in need of something. He then advised of Luke Brown's resignation from WLDC, Neighbourhood planning & offered his support to the PC with the Neighbourhood plan should they require it.

D/Cllr referred to the resident's concerns of empty properties in disrepair & advised the PC of help available from WLDC.

9 17/18 REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE

a) **Standing Orders:** Amendments made to standing orders by the Clerk to enable the PC to use of internet banking were accepted by the PC, proposed by Cllr Burnett & seconded by Cllr King.

b) **Speed of Police vehicles:** Cllr Bowser aired concerns following a recent RTC in Langworth involving a police chase & the general speed of emergency vehicles travelling through the villages and suggested that the PC writes a letter of concern. Cllr Buttress stressed that the police are highly trained and controlled by a higher officer.

Cllr Gould suggested that the PC reserve judgement until the investigation has been completed. **Resolved:** Cllr King to raise at the next NCP meeting & report back to the Parish Council.

c) **Parish Plan:** Items raised by the Parish Plan survey were discussed & debated. **Action:** empty properties in disrepair including the New Station to be placed on next month's agenda. Regular litter picks have been carried out & will continue, hedge cutting is the resident's own responsibility, floral arrangements are already in place. **Resolved:** Vice Chairman Herbert proposed that items from the Parish plan be highlighted in the Langworth local, seconded by Cllr Burnett.

Chairlady read statistics from the Parish Plan report concerning the way information is provided to residents. **Resolved:** Clerk to continue to promote the Parish website & email address through the Langworth Local. Proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould.

Cllr Walker suggested the PC has a Facebook page & offered to set it up. This was proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould

d) **Memorial Hall/Church grass cutting:** Clerk advised that Cllr Bowser's proposal to discuss charges for the grass cutting of the Memorial Hall & Church could be discussed further as it had not been voted on at the precept meeting. This was due to a majority of Cllrs having declarations of interest.

A short discussion took place between Cllrs, however, Cllr Bowser withdrew his proposal. **Resolved:** No further action.

e) **Survey for Broadband provision:** Cllrs agreed best way to inform residents of the survey was through the Langworth Local, Proposed by Cllr Gould, seconded by Cllr Burnett. **Resolved:** No further action.

f) **National Citizen Service.** The Parish Council discussed the possibility of hosting another NCS group in the summer, however, there is no suitable project at this time. **Resolved:** the PC will not host the NCS group this year. Information will be passed to Cllr Burnett for St Hugh's church.

g) **Best Kept Village Competition:** The Chairlady advised the PC of the Best Kept Village competition at the cost of £18 for entry. Cllr Buttress proposed that the PC enter the Best Kept Village competition as the PC receives feedback from people independent of the village which is a useful tool for improvement. Cllrs agreed that using the information provided would provide a good starting point to move forward.

Proposed by Cllr Buttress, seconded by Cllr King.

h) Resident's request for a litter bin to be placed in the layby next to the wood yard. Cllrs discussed the possibilities as there has been a large amount of litter left in the layby. D/Cllr Welburn advised that WLDC does not charge as a matter of course. **Action** Clerk to contact WLDC to request a bin.

i) Tractor units left on land in Langworth Road: Cllr Gould advised of 2 large mobile trailer units filled with rubbish left in a field which could encourage further fly tipping. A discussion ensued as to who owned the land and if anything could be done. Believed land to be owned by Scothern Church **Action:** Clerk to contact Scothern church for further information

10 17/18 Highways

a) Chairlady advised of email received providing the name of Noel Robinsons replacement & suggested that we agenda outstanding items for next month's meeting. **Action:** Clerk to chase outstanding issues with Highways.

11 17/18 Memorial Hall Play Area

a). Play inspector's latest check list discussed, only rusty bolts on the slide step reported, this had since been dealt with. **Resolved:** Ongoing, further updates as received.

12 17/18 FINANCE

a) Councillor's expenses

Clarification had been sent out to Cllrs' prior to the meeting regarding any expense occurred by Cllrs' whilst carrying out PC duties. Training courses must be approved at meetings prior to course taking place & Mileage from an approved course could be claimed, however, as Langworth Group PC has not adopted a "member's allowance" no other personal expense could be claimed. Clerk would continue to send electronic information & would print a hard copy for Cllrs if requested.

b) Accounts for Payment

LALC, Annual Subscription - £192.67

Lonsdale Direct Solutions (Langworth Local, March) - £90.25

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Welton PC (play inspector checks 24/01/17 & 28/02/17) - £40.00

Glendale Services (grass cutting) - £359.55

M Soroka, Incidental Expenses- £11.52

(Reimbursement for 18 x 1st class stamps purchased 13/03/2017)

Clerk's expenses March - £58.50

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

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

Campaign to protect rural England- £18.00

(Best kept village competition-If agreed during April's PC meeting)

Accounts for payment proposed by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Burnett.

13 17/18 ACTION LOG REVIEW

No review for April

14 17/18 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

No comments

Date of next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7.30pm

Appendix 1

Report for Parish Councils

Apr 2017

Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn

Councillor Initiative Fund.

The council operates three grant schemes for various size projects which has resulted in £618,000 of match-funded being brought into communities across the district over the year. Each West Lindsey councillor has access to the Councillor Initiative Fund to be used to assist with the smaller aspects of community funding. If you require funding for a community project please speak to us or contact an officer at West Lindsey to discuss the detail.

To find out more about the council's grant schemes or to apply visit: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/my-community/grants-and-funding/

Food Enterprise Zone

West Lindsey District Council has begun consulting on the Central Lincolnshire Local Development Order (LDO) and food Enterprise Zone (FEZ). The council, which is the Local Planning Authority is proposing an (LDO) for an area of land at Hemswell Cliff, for the food and farming sector.

The Hemswell Cliff FEZ will become a Greater Lincolnshire Food Enterprise Zone with links to the Grimsby fishing industry and Holbeach fresh produce and food processing cluster. Together the Three FEZ's will create a triangle of opportunities serving and growing the key agri-food clusters in the greater Lincolnshire area along the A15 growth corridor.

The consultation on the plans ends on Friday 14 April 2017.

To view the LDO, all technical supporting information and submit your comments at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/HemswellCliffFEZ

Public Register of licensed landlords

The Public Register of licensed landlords in Gainsborough has now been published and is available to view. The register will be updated on a weekly basis as license applications are processed and, where appropriate, granted. The application stage has now closed, with a total of 567 properties in the scheme – 127 of which have been licensed. Some 400 property inspections have been carried out by The Home Safe Scheme and the resulting reports will be released in due course.

The council is working hard to process the remaining applications and considering prosecutions where unlicensed landlords have been identified. If the scheme is successful it may be rolled out over the whole district.