



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 5th of September 2017 in the Memorial Hall, Langworth

PRESENT: Chairlady Y Green, Vice-Chairman M Herbert, Councillors' Mr C Buttress, Miss A Gould, Mrs C King, Mrs S Burnett, Mrs H Walker, Mr P Bowser District Councillor Mrs Maureen Palmer & Parish Clerk Mrs M Soroka.

71 17/18 PUBLIC FORUM

1 member of the public in attendance

Chairlady read Resident's letter at their request regarding planning application 133773 & an alleged breach of flood mitigation conditions.

72 17/18 APOLOGIES

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

73 17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr Burnett declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 15.

74 17/18 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th July 2017 & minutes of the extraordinary meetings held on 20th June and 14th July 2017 agreed by PC, proposed by Cllr Burnett seconded by Cllr Buttress.

75 17/18 PLANNING

a) Application: **136627** Proposal: Planning application for the removal of north wall and roof of existing rear lean-to extension and extend out further. **Location:** The Cottage Church Lane Stainton By Langworth Lincoln LN3 5BL **Resolved:** The PC has no further comments to make.

b) Application **133773** (the George Development):

Chairlady read emails received from D/Cllr Darcel & Chris Neal of WLDC.

Cllr Gould then read various documents relating to flood risk assessment, clarified points for the PC & stressed resident's concerns. Cllrs asked questions and noted the wording of the documents to be ambiguous.

Cllr Gould went on to advise the PC of the amount of soil being brought onto the site, filling the water storage hole & WLDC's lack of communication, support and overall reaction to resident's concerns.

8.10pm Standing orders ceased.

Resident added to his concerns regarding the development & the lack of support from WLDC.

8.12pm Standing orders re-started.

Cllr Gould read emails to the PC which were received from the Environment Agency then reiterated the disappointing levels of support from C/Cllr Fleetwood & WLDC.

Cllr Gould advised the PC that Edward Leigh MP and D/Cllr Darcel had also written to WLDC regarding the flooding risk to the area.

Cllr Buttress added further concern that losing the water storage area would certainly increase the flooding risk to Scothern lane where flooding could be imminent if heavy rainfall occurred. He stated that a new water storage area should have been created before filling the old one with soil.

Action: Cllr King proposed that the PC email the developer to meet with concerned residents & email a letter on behalf of the residents to Mark Sturgess of WLDC & C.C to C/Cllr Fleetwood, Chris Neal of WLDC, Edward Leigh MP & the Environment Agency. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Burnett.

D/Cllr Palmer also agreed to contact Mark Sturgess to bring WLDC's lack of response, support & professionalism to his attention.

76 17/18 POLICE MATTERS - REPORT OF LOCAL INCIDENTS

Clerk advised that no response had been received to her emails requesting attendance or local information. PCSO Jackie Parker not in attendance & stats not received.

Cllr King offered concerns that there hadn't been a police meeting for some time.

77 17/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Report by D/Cllrs' Welburn & Palmer (Appendix 1) had been sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting, Cllrs had no questions relating to the report **Resolved:** No further action.

78 17/18 REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE

a) Resident's email re Grass cutting. **Resolved** PC noted resident's concerns.

b) Residents email re Barlings Lane: **Action:** PC deferred this item until Oct meeting as other issues on Barlings Lane also required discussion.

c) Empty Properties: Chairlady read letter from the owners of Stone Cottage. **Resolved:** No further action required.

d) Community Wildlife Grant: PC deferred this item as next application date will be April 2018.

79 17/18 VILLAGE SIGN POST: PC asked Clerk to request a price for the play inspector to inspect the sign & place on the agenda for October's meeting. Proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould.

80 17/18 EMERGENCY PLAN: Cllr King stated that this item would be deferred due to recent changes. **Action:** Will place back on the agenda once a new Clerk is in place and documents have been altered accordingly.

81 17/18 NOTICE BOARDS: Chairlady advised the PC that the 2 noticeboards in Langworth had been repaired & the noticeboards in Newball & Stainton would be repaired within a short time frame. **Resolved:** No Further Action.

82 17/18 BENCHES: Chairlady advised that the Clerk had applied for funding to help to replace the rotting wooden benches with recycled plastic ones. **Action:** Agenda for October meeting.

83 17/18 FACEBOOK PAGE: Cllr Walker advised the PC that the LGPC Facebook page was now live. **Action:** Agenda for October meeting to discuss what the PC would like to see on the page.

84 17/18 MEMORIAL HALL PLAY AREA:

a) Rospa Report: Pc agreed that it was a good report. **Resolved:** No further action required.

b) Monthly Play Inspection: Inspection showed nettles needed cutting which had since been done **Resolved:** No further action required

85 17/18 LYCH GATE: Chairlady read letter from Revd. Green regarding the Lych Gate repairs. The PC then discussed options available and the level of the PC's involvement. **Action:** Proposal for chairlady to obtain 2 specialist quotes for the Lych Gate repair, liaise with Revd Green and agenda for the PC to consider at the October meeting. Proposed: Cllr Burnett, seconded: Cllr King

9pm D/Cllr Palmer left the meeting.

9.05pm Vice Chairman Herbert left the meeting

86 17/18 LANGWORTH LOCAL: Clerk had provided a list of donations for the PC to consider prior to the meeting. Chairlady looked through the Langworth Local pointing out where cuts may be made **Action:** Chairlady asked for item to be placed on the agenda for October meeting for further discussion.

87 17/18 HIGHWAYS:

a) Footpaths on Main Road & Barlings Lane: PC had a short discussion regarding the current state of roads and footpaths in the parish offering serious concerns after a resident had broken his ankle. **Action:** Chairlady to take further pictures & write a letter to LCC. Proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Gould

88 17/18 FINANCE

a) **LALC Courses Requiring Approval:**

- Cllrs Training Course – 6th Sept 2017
- First aid at work – 14th Sept 2017

Course agreed, proposed by Cllr Burnett &, seconded by Cllr Walker

b) **Accounts for payment –**

- Play inspector checks 27/07/2017 & 25/08/2017 - £40.00
- Training Course, 06/07/2017 - £8.00
- Langworth Local, September Edition - £78.70
- Annual ROSPA Inspection - £88.20
- Room Hire - £140.00

- Grass Cutting x 2 – £719.10
- Expenses July (phone, utilities & 60 miles at 0.45p per mile) - £72.00
- Expenses August (phone, utilities & 21 miles at 0.45p per mile) - £54.45
- September's Salary's/pension contributions (post-dated)
- Incidental Expenses (postage) - £15.60

Accepted by the PC, proposed by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Burnett

c) **Parish Council Bank Account:** Deferred until October meeting due to Clerk's resignation.

d) **Precept:** Clerk had sent a copy of the budget v variance to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Chairlady advised the PC to look carefully at spending to date in preparation for setting next year's precept and give serious consideration to the way forward. **Action:** To place on October's agenda for further discussion.

89 17/18 ACTION LOG REVIEW

Action log not received in time for meeting, an unseen error occurred when Vice Chairman emailed it to Clerk.

90 17/18 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

Chairlady also stated that another litter pick would need to be arranged,

Date of next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 3rd of October 2017 at 7.30pm

Chairlady resolved to move into closed session to discuss staffing issues. Member of the public left at this point.

Appendix 1

Report for Parish Councils

Sept 2017

Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn

Beware. The council has been made aware that some West Lindsey Council Tax payers have received calls from a private company offering to reduce their Council Tax band for a £79 fee.

The Valuation Office Agency determines Council Tax bands and can provide advice to customers regarding their band and whether they can apply for a reduction, free of charge.

West Lindsey District Council does not endorse any such companies and recommends that if any customer is in any doubt about such a call they should contact the West Lindsey Council Tax Team by emailing council.tax@west-lindsey.gcsx.gov.uk or calling 01427 676676.

The Valuation Office Agency can be contacted on 03000 501501 or by emailing cteast@voa.gsi.gov.uk.

Public Consultation. You should have received information on an event. WL are currently working up plans to develop a crematorium on the outskirts of Gainsborough. Concept designs have now been produced and they are working towards the submission of a planning

application. They are very keen to speak to as many of our residents as possible and are holding a public consultation event on the 19th September 2017 between 3pm and 7pm at Lea Village Hall, Rectory Lane, Lea DN21 5JA.

Budget Consultation 2017 West Lindsey District Council is holding three events for residents to have a say on how the Council should spend its budget for 2018 to 2019. With reduced budgets from central government it is critical that resources are directed in a way that benefits residents and meets their needs and priorities. The nearest to us is September 2017, Old School Hall, Nettleham 2pm to 4pm.

CLOSED SESSION

- Chairlady addressed the Clerk's resignation, advised that the post had been advertised and that there were 3 applicants to date.
- Chairlady went on to state that she was reviewing dates to arrange interviews.
- The advertisement had reduced the Clerk's hours to 12 PW, the Chairlady explained that this was to give flexibility as the duties may not include editing the Langworth Local etc.
- The Clerk advised that everything would be up to date on handover and that she was happy to help with the transition.
- The Clerk advised the PC that she had contacted the network provider for the Parish Phone and had arranged a password so that the direct debit and contract be passed to the Parish at the end of her notice period.
- The Clerk also advised the PC of the equipment and documents that would need to be removed from her property.
- Chairlady requested that the Clerk contact LALC regarding documentation to ask how long it must be kept