



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 3rd of January 2017 in the Memorial Hall, Langworth

PRESENT: Councillors' Mrs C King, Mr J Machin, Mr P Bowser, Mr C Buttress, Mrs S Burnett, Mrs H Walker, County Councillor Mr I Fleetwood, District Councillors' Mrs Anne Welburn, Mrs Maureen Palmer & Parish Clerk Mrs M Soroka.

Clerk opened the meeting by advising the Parish Council that as both Chairlady & Vice- Chairman had given their apologies they would need to propose & second an acting Chairman.

Cllr Burnett proposed that Cllr King chair the meeting, seconded by Cllr Buttress.

Cllr King took her place as acting Chairman and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017.

102 16/17 PUBLIC FORUM

No Members of the Public attending

103 16/17 APOLOGIES

Chairlady Green, Vice Chairman Herbert, Cllr Gould – Absence explained and accepted by the PC.

104 16/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

105 16/17 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th of December, agreed by PC, proposed by Cllr Burnett, seconded by Cllr Buttress.

106 16/17 PLANNING

a) Procedure for Dealing with Planning Applications: Clerk handed out the draft document provided by Vice Chairman Herbert which had also been sent electronically to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Buttress proposed to adjourn the item until February's meeting as there had not been enough time to fully read the document, seconded by Cllr Burnett. **Resolved:** Agenda Feb Meeting.

107 16/17 POLICE MATTERS - REPORT OF LOCAL INCIDENTS

No police stats received prior to the PC meeting. Chairman advised PC of 2 local incidents regarding a burglary in Nettleham over the Xmas period & vehicle damage also in Nettleham.

Cllr Bowser reported young people gathering in Dunholme Lane, Stainton, blocking the Highway with their vehicles. Cllr Walker suggested that vehicle registrations are taken down. **Resolved:** Chairlady to raise matter at the next NCP meeting.

108 16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C/Cllr Fleetwood advised the PC of 30 accidents reported in the space of 4 hrs and warned of bad road conditions. **Action:** Clerk to place a warning in the Langworth Local.

109 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. No further comments.

110 16/17 REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE

a) **Governance Arrangements:** Survey to be completed by Clerk on behalf of the PC. D/Cllr Welburn clarified the differences between the committee system & leader/cabinet model. A discussion followed with Cllrs asking D/Cllr's Welburn, Palmer & C/Cllr Fleetwood for further information. **Resolved:** PC voted unanimously by a show of hands for the committee system. Other items of the survey were then discussed and agreed on the order of importance. Clerk to complete survey.

b) **Ivy obscuring bus stop** – Chairman updated the PC on the progress made to date. Cllr Buttress stated that he was happy to remove the overgrown ivy. This was proposed by Cllr Bowser, seconded by Cllr Burnett. **Resolved:** No further action.

c) **Great British Spring Clean:** Chairman advised the PC of the great British spring clean & stated that it could tie in nicely with the best kept village competition. Cllr Buttress asked if it would be led by the W.I. **Action:** Chairman to discuss at next W.I meeting. **Resolved:** Chairman asked the PC to propose to support the W.I in the spring clean. Proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Machin.

d) **Emergency Plan:** Chairman reminded Cllrs that the next phase of training would be from 7pm-9pm on Thursday 12th of January.

e) **The Senior Citizens Christmas lunch:** Chairman reported that 31 senior citizens met for Xmas lunch on Wed 14th Dec. The fund currently holds £445.65 which is concerning as donations from the Langworth Local are down on previous years. It is hoped that this will improve to enable another Christmas lunch in Dec 2017.

f) **Street Lighting Transformation Project:** Cllrs had been emailed updated information prior to meeting, however, chairman read out key points. Langworth have had some changes to LED lighting already. Cllrs discussed the proposed changes. **Resolved:** No further action.

g) **Parish Plan:** Chairman advised the PC that Community Lincs had emailed the Clerk stating that the work be completed on the surveys and a report produced during January. **Resolved:** To agenda for Februarys meeting.

111 16/17 Highways

a) **Highways Grass Cutting:** Chairman read an update from LCC Highways confirming the reduction in safety cuts & the removal of the amenity cuts/grant, however, stating that there will be

a transitional relief of 20% of previous payment where the PC decides to carry on delivering their grass cutting. **Resolved:** No further action.

112 16/17 Memorial Hall Play Area

Cllrs' Machin & Bowser gave an update on their inspection of the play equipment, both stated that they could not find a fault with the slide as suggested by EKN. **Action:** Cllr Buttress to set mole traps within the area affected, Cllrs Machin & Bowser to power wash the remaining matting & Chairlady to ask Cllr Gould for clarification of slide fault. **Resolved:** Agenda for Feb meeting.

113 16/17 FINANCE

a) Accounts for Payment

(Listed below & emailed to Cllrs prior to meeting)

LALC Excel course 17/11/2016 - £8.00

LALC Annual Training Scheme - £65.00

Clerk's expenses December - £46.80

(Including phone, utilities & Mileage)

M Soroka reimbursement: Incidental Expenses - £7.68

(Including postage & stationary)

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

Accounts for payment agreed, proposed by Cllr Buttress, seconded by Cllr Bowser.

b) Precept

Chairlady, Cllr Buttress, Cllr Burnett & Clerk signed final precept form (agreed at December's meeting). **Action:** Clerk to email form to WLDC.

114 16/17 ACTION LOG REVIEW

Log not presented due to Vice Chairman's absence.

115 16/17 COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 7th of February 2017

Appendix 1

Report for Parish Councils

Jan 2017

Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn

Happy New Year to you all

West Lindsey District Council is reviewing its governance arrangements and two options are being considered. These are the Committee Systems which the council already uses and the Leader and Cabinet Model used by LCC.

Committee system. Since the Localism Act this option is now available to all councils. Previously it was available only to district councils with populations under 85,000. Committee system councils make most decisions in committees, which are made up of a mix of councillors from all political parties. They operate with the same format as Parish Councils.

Leader and Cabinet Model. This system was brought in by the Local Government Act 2000 and is the governance system that larger councils operate. In some councils, individual members of the cabinet have decision-making powers; in others, decisions must be made by the whole cabinet. Cabinet is led by a leader, who is elected by full council for a term determined by the council itself or on a four-year term. The Cabinet consists of Portfolio Holders who have responsibility for the running of the work streams, other Councillors sit on the various scrutiny committees.

The advantage of the Cabinet model is that it can take decision quickly and act through delegated powers but many Councillors do not have a formal role and therefore they can feel excluded. With a committee system, all your elected members have a say and can influence outcomes but decision making can be slow.

WL have already held some workshops on the subject and the feeling so far is that although they would like to be able speed up the process they are not in favour of the cabinet model, so some investigations have taken place to look at a hybrid model that might fit the bill.