

Langtoft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 July 2018
at Langtoft Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Andy Halfhide (Chairman), Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Roy Jackson, Yvonne McCulloch, Mike Thompson and Lewis Trickey.

In Attendance: Julian Tatam (Clerk), District Councillor Rosemary Trollope - Bellew, PCSO Michelle Laughton and 3 members of the public.

11/18-19 Open Forum

The meeting began with the open forum at 7.00pm

Matters raised by members of the public included the following:

- Potholes in New Road: *LCC have a new system where they can be logged directly onto their website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting. See report from Co Cllr Dobson.*
- Manor Close: signage and white lines at car park entrance adjacent to the school have worn out and cars are exiting the car park at speed, despite being required to stop. *Clerk to report this to LCC highways*
- Traffic in Back Lane between Hyde Gardens and the A15: Traffic is still illegally using this road, especially during the recent resurfacing at the crossroads. *This is a longstanding issue. The Parish Council are pressing LCC to install a bollard to allow horse access but stop through vehicular traffic.*
- Grass Verges: the poor state of grass verges was noted. *The Parish Council is considering taking over the mowing of grass in the village and is obtaining quotations. Some funds are available from SKDC and LCC towards this.*
- Dog bins: they have been removed. *The Parish Council's contractor has withdrawn from providing this service due to illness which may have been caused by emptying the dog bins. They will not be replaced unless or until we receive a re-assurance on the potential health risks. In the meantime the black SKDC bins can be used for dog waste.*
- Parking opposite Aquila Way junction: the PCSO was asked about action. *She has spoken to the vehicle owners and continues to monitor the position.*

The Open Forum closed at 7.32 pm.

12/18-19 Chairman's welcome and remarks

The Chairman welcomed the County and District Councillors and the members of the public present.

13/18-19 Apologies for absence

Cllr Larkman – illness, Cllr Branch – no news

14/18-19 Declarations of Interest

None

15/18-19 To approve the minutes of the previous meetings

The approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2018 was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr McCulloch and agreed unanimously.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 22 May 2018 were clarified in that representatives of outside bodies should report back to the council after each meeting of the outside body. Subject to

that amendment, the approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Jackson and agreed unanimously.

The apology for absence of Cllr D Hallam was added minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 May 2018. Subject to that amendment, the approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr A Hallam, seconded by Cllr McCulloch and agreed unanimously.

16/18-19 Report from County and District Councillors and Police

County Councillor Dobson submitted a written report. Key points:

Starting with the positives: The intersection at the A15 has now been resurfaced and the use of special surface on the approach been done really well. I have been on a drive through with the Manager of Highways and have shown him the outstanding pothole problems and also I asked why the painting of the adjoining roads to the A15 had not been done at the same time. It is something that he agreed on and pass on the message. However, what I learned was that he is only responsible for the minor repairs, etc but not for the resurfacing work.

Potholes are being repaired now in batches rather than individually.

Grass cutting is still a concern but could we consider making a bid for cutting these in the village. This is something that I would like to propose being subsidised by LCC either through SKDC or completely with the PC.

District Councillor Trollope-Bellew reported that:

She thanked the Council for inviting her to the Meet the Councillors event on 30 June. It enabled her and Cllr Kelham Cooke to have useful conversations about the Special Expense Area and with stakeholders at the playing fields. A formal joint meeting will follow.

In Stamford, 36 more car parking spaces are being provided.

SKDC has been ranked 5th out of 389 local authorities in terms of food hygiene (a result of the inspection and advice regime that SKDC operate).

She also advised that Baston had successfully taken over grass-cutting from SKDC and LCC.

Action: The Clerk will contact Baston Clerk for more information.

PCSO Michelle Laughton reported that:

Tools have been stolen from a van in The Rides.

A cement mixer and bicycle have been stolen from Cloven Ends.

The local policing panel are prioritising Anti-Social Behaviour over the summer.

17/18-19 Casual Vacancy

The application from a prospective councillor was discussed by the Council.

The proposal that Angela Brogan be Co-Opted as a Councillor was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Trickey and passed unanimously.

Cllr Brogan then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

18/18-19 Clerks Report

The Clerk's report had already been provided to the councillors, including a log of communications.

Key points:

This has been a busy period, though the excess of working hours (year to date pro rata) has reduced to 47 hours, partly as a result of taking some holidays.

The formal offer to purchase Pocket Park has been accepted and the legal transfer is progressing. The accounts have been submitted to the external auditor and Notice of Public Rights issued. Consent has been received from the SKDC Elections Officer to fill our Councillor vacancies by Co Option.

We are progressing with the General Data Protection Regulations and the Privacy Notice has been added to the website.

19/18-19 Dogs

As previously reported, the dog bins have been removed due to potential health issues.

SKDC bins can be used and we hope to get some more bins from SKDC.

Action: Chairman to contact Cllr Kelham Cooke to request more bins.

If it is later decided not to re-instate the red dog bins, we will sell them.

Dogs off the lead are regularly seen in Black Bull Green and East End Park and as a result dog waste is seen. Black Bull Green is managed by the Parish Council on behalf of the National Playing Fields Association under an agreement dated 21 May 1997. Under this agreement, dogs are to be excluded from the field. Given that both parks are children's play areas, the Council will be looking initially to enforce a 'dogs on the lead' policy.

If this is not adhered to, dogs will be excluded and enforced by the dog warden.

This is to be publicised in the Grapevine, Website and Parish noticeboards.

20/18-19 Grapevine

Following the resignation of Derek Risk we are short of a joint editor for the Grapevine. Jeanette Pearson has offered to take over this role and after a discussion, the Council welcomed that offer.

She will work jointly with Cllr D Hallam on the production of the Grapevine

21/18-19 Working groups

Finance and General Purposes:

The group has not met since the last meeting

Events:

The 'Meet the Councillors' event of 30 June went well. We hope to encourage even more young people in future.

A quotation for a WW1 Memorial Bench has been obtained, at a cost of £525 plus VAT. This is above the £500 budget agreed (minute 128/17-18 refers).

After a discussion the proposal that we purchase the bench at £525 (+VAT) was proposed by Cllr A Hallam and seconded by Cllr D Hallam and passed unanimously.

The siting of the new bench was then discussed. Given that this is to be a Memorial Bench it was considered that the crossroads would be a more prominent position than the originally proposed site on West End.

The proposal that the bench be sited at the crossroads was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Trickey and passed on a majority (Cllr McCulloch opposing).

Amenities:

The group has not met since the last meeting.

A quotation for the grass-cutting was received on the day of the meeting.

Pocket Park:

There has been an initial meeting of the management group. The notes of the meeting and proposed Terms of Reference were only received on 3 July so could not be considered.

It was proposed that the Terms of Reference be considered by the Councillors with any changes agreed by email, rather than defer to the next Council meeting in September; proposed Cllr Thompson, seconded Cllr Trickey and passed on a majority (the Chairman opposing; as his understanding was that the motion is in contravention of our standing orders (item 4b) clearly stating any accompanying explanatory papers and motion to be sent seven days prior to meeting).

The group are arranging with Hansons to tour Pocket Park in the near future.

22/18-19 Finance

Year to date accounts. The accounts to 26 May had been circulated to all councillors, including all transactions to date.

The balances at that date totalled £24,152cr following receipt of the VAT refund.

Nominate online payment authorisers

The proposal that Cllrs Brogan and Trickey be added to the bank mandate and list of authorisers was proposed by Cllr A Hallam, seconded by Cllr McCulloch and passed unanimously

Nominate Councillor to confirm bank reconciliations

Cllr Thompson was nominated to confirm the bank reconciliations: proposed Cllr A Hallam, seconded Cllr Trickey and agreed unanimously.

23/18-19 Correspondence:

SKDC local plan consultation:

There was a brief discussion on the allocation for Langtoft which is 35 houses at Stowe Road.

The Clerk was instructed to draft a response, based upon our response to SKDC relating to the planning application in Autumn 2017. This is to be circulated round the Councillors for comment prior to submission.

24/18-19 General Data Protection Regulations

The Public Privacy Notice was added to the website when the regulations came into force.

Further papers with a draft policy and draft staff / councillors Privacy Notice were provided to the Councillors and will be formally considered at the next Council meeting

25/18-19 Dates of future meetings

Next Full Council meeting: 4 September 2018 at Langtoft Village Hall at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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