

Langtoft Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 2016 at

Langtoft Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Brian Branch (chairman), Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Colin Larkman, Yvonne McCulloch, Mike Thompson, Lewis Trickey and Derek Risk (vice-chairman).

In attendance: Heather Gilling (clerk), County Councillor Peter Robinson, District Councillor Kelham Cooke, District Councillor Rosemary Woolley, and two members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm with the Open Forum.

206/16 Open Forum

Questions asked/matters raised by members of the public included the following:

- Smell of sewage on Peterborough Road. *We will contact Anglian Water.*
- Can trees be planted to soften the effect of the new wall outside the council houses in West End. *District Councillor Cooke will inquire.*
- Rubbish still at Stowe Road. *Some was cleared during the 'Clean for the Queen' litterpick.*
- Concern expressed at the length of time it had taken to repair the notice board at the crossroads and query as to its ownership. *This work is in progress. The notice board belongs to Brian Branch.* (Since the meeting the notice board has been reinstated.)
- When will the repair to the cemetery gate be completed? *This work is in progress.*

The open forum concluded at 7.22 pm.

207/16 Chairman's welcome and remarks

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

208/16 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

209/16 Members' Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

210/16 Minutes.

The minutes were accepted subject to an amendment to item 202/16 that the Waggon and Horses public house had expressed an interest in sponsoring the Christmas tree.

211/16 Reports from County and District Councillors and Police

County Councillor Robinson reported on the following matters:

- the library at Market Deeping had reopened and was being well used.
- The new household recycling centre at South Fen Road, Bourne, was now open. He urged residents to use it.
- A car abandoned on the verge at Meadow Road had been reported.

District Councillor Cooke reported on the following matters:

- The new wall in front of the council houses in West End was nearing completion.
- Progress on 47 East End was looking good.
- SKDC was able to impose a 3.48 per cent increase in council tax because it was a low spending authority

- There was still £180,000 left in SKDC's community fund which was available to support local projects up to £10,000 – subject to eligibility criteria.
- SKDC could provide equipment for litter-picking

In answer to questions from Cllrs Larkman and Thompson regarding the poor condition of the pavilion on the playing fields, off manor Way, the subject of a special expense area, District Cllr Cooke offered to take back the comments to SKDC.

District Councillor Woolley reported that the Tennis club had submitted an application for funding from SKDC's community fund. Their application was being considered.

At the close of the District Councillors' reports it was resolved that a formal thank you should be recorded to them for their support in getting the wall in front of the council houses in West End replaced.

212/16 Finance

Details of transactions since the last meeting were received. It was reported that the year was expected to end with a credit balance of £15,000.

213/16 Clerk's report

The clerk's report contained the following matters:

- correspondence from a resident of Stowe Road regarding the poor condition of trees edging Bull Pond. His original query to the previous clerk but had not been fed back to him.
Resolved: the clerk follow up the query.
- There had been further correspondence with the young people who presented to the meeting in February a wish to establish a skate park in the village and a company they had been in touch with. SKDC had indicated that it is unlikely to permit a skate park on its property. **Resolved: the clerk follow up this matter with SKDC and continue discussions with the young people and their representative.**
- Following a suggestion that money saved from not needing to grit local roads during the winter might be used towards replacing fencing around Black Bull Green an estimated figure of £36 per metre had been obtained. **Resolved: formal quotes be obtained once responsibility for the fencing had been established.**
- The clerk had attended training sessions regarding external audit and Freedom of Information and Data Protection legislation.
- Website visits: 227 visits had been made viewing a total of 662 pages.

214/16 Planning applications

An application for revisions to development at 47 East End had been received. These were very minor and there were no objections.

An application to fell a horse chestnut tree to the rear of 19 Deer Park Road was received. There were no objections.

215/16 Parks

A quotation of £75 had been received for the inspection of the play equipment at East End park if it was carried out at the same time as that on Black Bull Green.

Resolved: The two inspections be carried out at the same time. Clerk to contact the company.

Concern was expressed that matters regarding Pocket Park remained unresolved.

Resolved: Clerk to contact the various parties concerned to try to seek an early solution.

The parish council had not received paperwork/certification in respect of the zip wire equipment in East End Park.

Resolved: The clerk chase this matter up with the relevant people.

216/16 Working groups

Cllr McCulloch reported a) that a recycled plastic notice board and storage bin had been sourced for the cemetery, costing £499 plus VAT and b) that plans were in hand for the annual parish walk. Arrangements would be publicised in Grapevine and on village notice boards.

Resolved: Clerk to progress purchase of notice board.

217/16 Clean for the Queen litter pick

This had been successful – but there were further areas that needed attention. Villagers stated that they would have been willing to help with more notice of the event.

Cllr Woolley advised that SKDC would loan materials.

Resolved: a further litter pick be held on Saturday 16 April. Clerk to organise.

218/16 Highways matters

Arrangements were in place for a meeting with the area highways engineer for a village ‘walkabout’ to look at highways matters that required attention.

219/16 Annual parish meeting

This needed to be an evening meeting. However a Saturday morning informal event could still be held. Cllrs Debbie Hallam and McCulloch offered to look at providing a children’s colouring competition as an attraction, along with the opportunity for residents to say what they liked/didn’t like about the village.

Resolved: The annual parish meeting take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17 May 2016 to be followed by the annual meeting of the parish council, and the informal meeting take place on Saturday morning 21 May 2016.

220/16 Exclusion of the press and public

There were no matters that required to be discussed with the press and public excluded.

221/16 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the annual meeting of the parish council on **Tuesday 17 May 2016** (to follow the annual parish meeting). Both will be held at **Langtoft Village Hall** with the annual parish meeting starting at **6.30 pm**.

The next regular meeting of the parish council will take place on **Tuesday 24 May 2016** at **Langtoft Village Hall at 7 pm**.

Signed:.....(Chairman)

Date:.....