

Langtoft Parish Council
Notes of meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 June 2016
at Langtoft Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Brian Branch (Chairman), Derek Risk (Vice-Chairman), Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Colin Larkman, Yvonne McCulloch, Lewis Trickey.

In Attendance: Heather Gilling (Clerk), district councillors Rosemary Woolley, Kelham Cooke, and seven members of the public.

23/16-17 Open Forum

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

- Residents in the affected area have received letters regarding a review of the conservation area. Has the parish council received details? *Yes – the conservation officer is willing to attend a parish council meeting. We will accept that offer.*
- What is the purpose of the black bin at the cemetery? *It has been installed for people to leave dead flowers and associated waste.*
- According to newspaper reports other parishes donate to charities. Can this be done in Langtoft? *We will consider good causes if they benefit villagers. We have donated to local causes in the past.*
- Can notes of parish council meetings be placed on the internet prior to approval as minutes, in accordance with the Localism Act. *This can be done.*
- What arrangements have been made for internal and external audit. *Arrangements are in hand.*
- Can owners of vehicles parking in Stowe Road be asked not to park opposite Aquila Way/Westfield Way. *We will refer this to our local PCSO.*
- Minutes of the parish council in 2010 refer to the notice board at the crossroads as having been provided by the Millennium group. How does this reconcile with the statement last time that it belongs to Brian Branch? Also there is correspondence that it had to be maintained and insured by the parish council. *Brian Branch paid part of the cost of the notice board. He wishes to formally hand it over to the parish council. It will be added to the council's asset register and added to its insurance policy.*

The Open Forum closed at 7.30pm. Five members of the public left.

24/16-17 Chairman's welcome and remarks

The chairman welcomed all those present.

25/16-17 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mike Thompson

26/16-17 Members interests

There were no declarations of interest.

27/16-17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

28/16-17 Reports from County and District Councillors and Police

District Councillor Woolley reported on the forthcoming consultation on the proposed devolution for Greater Lincolnshire, forming a Mayoral combined Authority. A consultation form was available in the current County News for people to give their views. The combined authority would receive £15 million a year for projects.

County Councillor Robinson reported that he was no longer on the Executive but had taken responsibility on matters regarding strategic migration, and slavery and trafficking of people coming to the East Midlands.

There was no report from the Police.

29/16-17 Co-option of councillor

An application to be co-opted as Parish Councillor was received from Mr Roy Jackson.

His appointment was proposed by Cllr Andy Hallam, who paid tribute to the good work Mr Jackson had carried out when previously a parish councillor. The appointment was seconded by Cllr Larkman and approved.

This appointment leaves two vacancies to be filled. Members discussed how this might be achieved, perhaps encouraging younger people to join the council. **Resolved: the Clerk place an item on the Life in Langtoft Facebook page.**

30/16-17 Finance

The clerk reported that she was still putting together information for the internal audit. There had been a meeting of the finance and general purposes group which had accepted that due to the handover arrangements some documentation might be missing. **Resolved: the internal audit in preparation for the external audit goes ahead as soon as the Clerk has all the relevant information put together.**

31/16-17 Clerk's report

The clerk's report included the following matters:

Feedback form received from a resident of New Road raising concerns about drivers not heeding the speed restriction signs and also throwing litter from car windows. **Action: Advise the resident that any specific incidents should be reported to the police, with registration numbers. Litterpicks had taken place and it was hoped more would be held.**

Lincolnshire County Council is looking to either dim or switch off street lights in residential areas from midnight as a means of saving money. From information available so far it is not clear how or if Langtoft will be affected. **Action: Clerk asked to obtain further information.**

South Kesteven District Council had provided posters regarding consultation on the proposal to establish a Mayoral Combined Authority for Greater Lincolnshire. Information was also available on www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/greaterlincs

32/16-17 Planning applications

An application for an extension to 22 West End, Langtoft, had been circulated. This was considered too large and out of proportion with the size of the cottage.
Decision notices had been received in respect of a replacement roof over the garage at 47 West End, and a single storey rear extension at 15 Aquila Way. Both had been granted.

33/16-17 Parks

Reports of the recent inspections of East End and Black Bull Green play parks had been received, but too late for a full report to be presented. **Action: Clerk to circulate the reports and to include this as an agenda item for the next meeting.**

Certification and paperwork for the zipwire at East End park had been received.

34/16-17 Working groups

Finance and general purposes group: This group had met to consider matters required for the internal and external audit. It had also considered arrangements for the grass cutting and gritting contract which it considered needed to be reviewed.

Events and cemeteries group: The scheduled parish walk had been postponed because of the weather. It was hoped to rearrange for September. The group had also considered how to proceed with the Christmas at the Crossroads event and suggested this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

35/16-17 Exclusion of the press and public

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 26 July 2016.