

Langtoft Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at

Langtoft Village Hall

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

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

97/16 Open Forum

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

- Has the latest internal audit been carried out. *Not as yet but this will be progressed as soon as possible.*
- A parish councillor referred to a recent accident at the Stowe Road/King Street crossroads asking if improved signage/road markings were required. *This would be raised with Lincolnshire County Council Highways.*
- Lorries are continuing to use the village roads, making investigation of a weight limit through the village more urgent. *Inquiries with Lincolnshire County Council would be progressed.*
- Would it be helpful if the villages of Baston and Langtoft got together to progress gaining a weight limit. *District Councillor Woolley provided contact details for Baston Parish Council.*
- What is happening in respect of Pocket Park. *It is expected this will be finalised shortly. It will be an asset to the village.*

As the two district councillors needed to leave early in order to attend another meeting matters they wished to raise were dealt with during the open forum session as follows:

- Cllr Cooke reported that quotes for repairing the garden wall at the council houses, West End, had been obtained with a view to repairs being carried out.
- Cllr Woolley referred to litter and flytipping alongside the dyke, Stowe Road, suggesting the Environment Agency or the Drainage Board should be contacted. Local residents might consider taking part in a 'spring clean.' *These suggestions would be progressed.*

The Open forum concluded at 7.30 pm.

98/16 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

In his opening remarks the Chairman referred to the proposed amendment to Standing Order 11 regarding filming/broadcasting meetings to take account of the update to legislation which now permitted those attending meetings to use means of modern technology to record and broadcast the content of meetings as they took place.

He proposed the following amendment: The filming, photography and recording of council meetings is permitted – but any person doing so should not disrupt proceedings in any way. Oral reporting or an oral commentary while the meeting is taking place is not permitted.

99/16 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

100/16 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

101/16 Minutes of the meetings held on 20 October 2015 and 1 December 2015

Amendments to minutes 76/15 and 81/15 from the meeting on 20 October 2015 which had been discussed at the meeting on 1 December 2015 were approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2015 were approved as a true and correct record.

102/16 Reports from County and District Councillors and Police

The two district councillors had raised the matters they wished to during the open forum session. Apologies had been received from PCSO Laughton and County Councillor Robinson.

103/16 Finance

The clerk reported on transactions made since the last meeting which included income of £190. Bank balances stood at £10,065.87 (Unity Trust tailored deposit account) £8,213.35 (Unity Trust tailored account) and £338.72 (HSBC)

104/16 Budget for the coming year

The Clerk reported that projected expenditure for the coming year was in the region of £22,500 with expected income of £23,882. The vice-chairman reported that it was expected the council would end the financial year with a balance of around £10,000 because of some planned expenditure not being required. After a discussion it was resolved to hold the precept at the current level. (£21,334.)

105/16 Review of Standing Orders

Members further considered reviews to Standing Orders taking into account recent changes in legislation, in particular the publication of notes of meetings, financial transactions and the updated Members Code of Conduct. The Vice-chairman agreed to list the appropriate financial transactions on the website.

106/16 Planning applications

There were no planning matters to report.

107/16 Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on two consultation matters:

- a) The proposal to alter the boundaries of the Lincolnshire County Council divisions
- b) The minerals and waste local plan.

Both matters appeared to be further consultations on matters the parish council was already aware of.

The Clerk reported on correspondence received from young people asking whether a skatepark could be established in the village. It was agreed to invite the young people to attend an open forum session so their ideas could be brought to Members' attention.

The Clerk had identified four further training opportunities that she felt would be of benefit. It was agreed she should attend them.

108/16 Working groups

Members pointed out that there had not been a meeting of the finance and general purposes committee recently and it would be beneficial if it could be restarted.

Cllr McCulloch on behalf of the events group reported that 72 people had attended the Christmas at the Crossroads event for the switching on of the tree lights. This had been followed by refreshments served in the church and had been very successful.

109/16 Exclusion of the press and public

There were no confidential matters.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

110/16 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 February at 7pm.

Signed:.....(Chairman)

Date:.....