

**Langtoft Parish Council**  
Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29 November 2016  
at Langtoft Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Branch (Chairman), Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Roy Jackson, Colin Larkman, Lewis Trickey.

In Attendance: Heather Gilling (Clerk), county councillor Peter Robinson, district councillors Rosemary Woolley, and Kelham Cooke and nine members of the public.

**80/16-17 Open Forum**

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

- Do members of the parish council look at the Life in Langtoft facebook page?
- Highways issues – including whether a 30 mile an hour speed limit is need. Suggestion to invite local Highways manager to future meeting
- ‘Pull ins’ at New Road in poor condition.

**81/16-17 Chairman’s welcome and remarks**

The chairman welcomed all those present and read a statement regarding the health of the clerk and the reason why notification of the meeting was outside of the statutory three working days. Because of this no decisions could be made at tonight’s meeting.

**82/16-17 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs McCulloch and Thompson. Cllr Risk had offered apologies for late attendance and joined the meeting at 8pm.

**83/16-17 Members interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**84/16-17 Minutes**

Notes of the meeting on 18 October 2016 were received.

**85/16-17 Reports from County and District Councillors and Police**

District Councillor Kelham Cooke reported on SKDC’s decision to vote against the ‘devolution’ of Lincolnshire councils. County Councillor Robinson spoke about highways issues – including the proposal to return car tax revenue to local authorities

**86/16-17 Presentation by South Lincolnshire Fenlands Project Officer**

Members welcomed Amanda Jenkins, South Lincs Fenlands Project Officer who gave a presentation about the work of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and invited the parish council to be represented on the local partnership committee. This item also included a discussion regarding outstanding matters in respect of Pocket Park.

**87/16-17 Finance**

It was reported that the external auditor’s report had yet to be received.

SKDC had sent details of the proposed precept for the coming year. Working groups were asked to think about any projects they would like to consider for the coming year.

**88/16-17 Clerk’s report**

The Clerk reported on the following matters:

- Replacing of fencing at East End Park: Because the work would cost more than £1,000 there was a requirement under Standing Orders to invite tenders by sealed bid, advertised by a public notice in a local newspaper. Such an advertisement in the Stamford Mercury is likely to cost £156+ VAT.

- Removal of BT telephone kiosk: Clerk to inform SKDC to request BT to remove the kiosk.
- The parish council to take part in the church Christmas Tree festival.
- Resolution of the emptying of the cemetery bin.

#### **89/16-17 Feedback from 'meet the council' event.**

The event in October had been successful and further events should be considered to tie in with the parish council annual meeting in May – perhaps with a theme to invite small businesses to be represented.

#### **90/16-17 Planning applications**

The clerk reported on planning applications in respect of listed building consent at 47 East End, and applications for extensions at 4 Barley Field and 6 Manor Way.

#### **91/16-17 Dog Control Orders**

The clerk reported on a meeting held with SKDC in respect of Dog Control Orders in various locations in the village. It was agreed the clerk should contact SKDC to ask if wardens could visit the Manor Way playing field area between 8.30 am and 9.30 am – a time when the problem of dogs being allowed to wander unsupervised was most prevalent.

#### **92/16-17 Policy for making donations**

Members considered a draft policy for making grants and/or donations to local organisations or national organisations which had a local presence.

#### **93/16-17 Highways matters**

A number of issues were raised in respect of highways matters, including the new passing places in New Road/Meadow Road and a suggestion that a 20 miles an hour limit should be imposed at Manor Way at the approach to the school.

#### **94/16-17 Working groups**

Finance and General Purposes – a meeting should be arranged early in the New Year.  
Events and Cemetery – an update was received regarding Christmas at the Crossroads.  
Amenities – the group had met to discuss the contract with LMR regarding grass-cutting and gritting.

#### **95/16-17 Exclusion of press and public**

There were no matters under this heading.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at Langtoft Village Hall at 7 pm.

*These minutes were approved at Council Meeting on 4 April 2017*