

**Langtoft Parish Council**  
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at  
Langtoft Village Hall

**Present:** Derek Risk (Vice-Chairman), Yvonne McCulloch, Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Andy Halfhide, Elizabeth Allen, Mike Thompson, Roy Jackson & Colin Larkman. In Attendance: Steina Bishop (Clerk), District Councillor R Woolley, District Councillor K Cooke, 2 representatives from the Road Run Committee and 2 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7pm with the Open Forum.

**090/14 Open Forum**

Prior to the start of the open forum, Cllr Risk advised that the Chairman sends his apologies for not being able to attend, so if all in agreement as Vice Chairman he will take over as Chair for this meeting. This was agreed by all those present.

Concerns were raised with regards to speeding traffic around Manor Way during peak times of children travelling to and from school. The Council advised that an email would be sent to the Head teacher for him to send to all parents about the risks of speeding, the Council would also advise PCSO Laughton. Cllr Jackson advised that when the passive speed signs arrive, 1 of these will be located in this area. **Action: Clerk to email Langtoft Primary School and advise PCSO Laughton.**

Discussions took place regarding parking on grass verges. As no member of the council was entirely clear on the law aspects, it was advised that this would be investigated and reported back at the next council meeting. **Action: Clerk to request information from LCC Highways and the police regarding this matter.**

The condition of the East End road travelling through the village out to Langtoft Fen was raised, as there are large pot holes on the surface. **Action: Clerk to write to Hanson on behalf of the Council with a copy being sent to Highways, regarding the impact that the mud is creating on the road surface.**

Due to there being representatives from the Road Run and rather than them waiting for the item on the agenda, the Chairman asked them for further information in relation to their request for further funding for this year's Road Race. The council had made it clear that they were unaware that last year was a request for year on year funding. Sue Archer advised that this was not the case but as the Parish Council had kindly donated towards the marshalling last year, they thought they would approach all of last year's sponsors again. Cllr Halfhide asked as to why they had not ring-fenced the sum of £500 for marshalling from last year's profit – if the event is not carried out then the money can still be donated to a community organisation. Sue advised that as it was a very popular and indeed one of the main events that is organised in the village, it is entirely the choice of the Council if they wish to make a donation/support the event.

7.13pm – Cllr A Hallam arrived.

Mr Archer explained that if there was no traffic management then there would be no race, which would apply if the Red Cross did not attend. It was confirmed that ½ of the entrants do pay in advance but there is still the option to pay on the day, so there is not a true cost in advance of the money donated.

The Chairman advised that he was grateful for the Committee to attend the meeting and for all they do in relation to the road run but would confirm that the Parish Council could not agree to a fixed sum each year. He thanked them again and advised that the Council would advise of their decision after it had been discussed on the main agenda.

Cllr Thompson suggested if the Parish Council were to loan the sum of £500 would they then give it back after the event. Council were advised that this would have to go to Committee to discuss before accepting or declining the offer.

A member of the parish asked for an update on the Defibrillator's and was critical of the contribution from Parish Councillors. It was explained that this was a Village Hall Committee initiative and they, not the Parish Council, were responsible for progressing the proposal. It was the Council's understanding that this was happening and the Council would respond to any requests from the Committee. It was also noted that the Village Hall Committee had approached John Lewis/Waitrose and were due to receive a donation from their Green Disc scheme. District Councillor Woolley also advised that some funding may be available from the County Councillors. (Clerk's Note: Since the meeting the Parish Council had been in contact with County Councillor Peter Robinson who has agreed to provide the Council with £500 from his Big Society funds to assist with any shortfall in the funding raised by the Village Hall Committee.

It was also noted that there would be a demonstration of a Defibrillator in the village hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

A question was raised as to why Uffington are displaying reactive signs and that Langtoft are not – this is an item on the agenda and will be discussed, however the request for reactive signs has been submitted and is being dealt with.

A resident asked for an update on 47 East End. District Councillor Woolley advised that the permission was for just 4 buildings on the plot and no sale will be able to go ahead until the 106 agreement was completed. The owner has 3 years to commence works on the site once planning has been granted.

Open Forum closed at 7.30pm

#### **091/14 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman thanked members in the open forum for their questions and comments and requested that Item 8 be moved up the agenda. All agreed

#### **092/14 Reports from County & District Councillors**

District Councillor Woolley advised that South Kesteven will be carrying out Enterprise Week in March. These events will be carried out in Stamford and Grantham and are specifically aimed at new small businesses.

D.Cllr Woolley advised Council Members to register their vote for the Elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May. This needs to be submitted by the deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> April.

South Kesteven DC is planning to produce a new local plan/land allocation looking ahead for some 15 to 20 years. As with previous plans Parish Council's will be consulted.

It was reported that the District Council Tax would be frozen again for another year.

£1.1m is spent annually on fly tipping. If anyone notices fly tipping this can be reported to SKDC directly via their website ([www.keepskclean.co.uk](http://www.keepskclean.co.uk)). It was suggested by members that this should be inserted in the next edition of the Grapevine.

In relation to the proposed changes to Tallington Crossing, the villagers of Tallington are carrying out a poll as there is a proposal to build approx. 200 houses as part of the S106 Agreement.

District Councillor Cooke advised that he is investigating the requirement for dog fouling signs and the cost / contractor for emptying these bins. Leaflets relating to dog fouling will be inserted in the forthcoming edition of the Grapevine.

Baston Parish Council gave the Vice Chairman information on glow in the dark posters, relating to dog fouling – with a request for Langtoft to share the cost in purchasing – item to be added to agenda in March.

#### **093/14 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from County Cllr Robinson, Cllr Branch and Cllr Garratt.

#### **094/14 Declarations of Interest**

Acting Chairman declared an interest in relation to the Road Race as the Hyde & Mossop have previously received donations from this event.

#### **095/14 Play Equipment at East End Park – In Memory of Brian Topham**

The Clerk was in receipt of an email from Barry Woodthorpe, requesting permission from the Parish Council to erect a zip wire on East End Park.

Discussions took place in relation to the safety, noise and maintenance of the equipment. It was then proposed by Cllr Halfhide and seconded by Cllr Jackson to approve the request subject to a risk assessment being carried out, to include noise pollution and to confirm that no planning consent is required. It was also agreed that if there was a shortfall in raising the remaining funds, the Parish Council would contribute up to £500. **Action: Clerk to write to Mrs Topham and Mr Woodthorpe.**

#### **096/14 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

The minutes from the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January were approved. Proposed Cllr Halfhide, Seconded Cllr A Hallam and agreed by all members.

#### **097/14 Action points from previous meeting**

It was noted that items remain from previous meetings. Additional items to be added; Clerk to email the manual for the download instructions relating to speed signs, Cllr Allen to search the land registry for East End South Side and West End, to Stowe Road, in relation to the grass verges.

Cllr Halfhide to continue with the Goal posts.

#### **098/14 Planning Applications**

There had been no new applications since the last meeting but the Clerk advised that responses received to application notices were not being sent through by all members. **Action: Councillors to respond with a no comment or response.**

#### **099/14 Actions from Correspondence**

Email from Cllr Garratt in relation to accidents on Stowe Road over the winter. An email had been received from Highways in response. However, the Council had not sent a reply to this email to LCC Highways.

Letter had been received from a resident on Barn Owl Close some time ago regarding the maintenance of the trees surrounding the boundary on East End Park. Cllr Thompson proposed that quotes be obtained from a tree surgeon, this was seconded by Cllr A Hallam and agreed by all. This will be dealt with under Amenities and a response be sent to the resident.

As the Road Race & Fun Run had been discussed earlier in the Open Forum, it was proposed by Cllr Thompson to advise the committee that a sum of £500 would be loaned for this event and that it would be paid back prior to the allocation of surplus funds to local organisations/groups. Seconded by Cllr Halfhide and majority vote received, with the exception of Cllr Jackson who voted against and Cllr Risk who as per Declarations of Interest, did not vote.

Following this resolution, Cllr Halfhide advised that he wished to withdraw his vote. This was advised that he could not do this but the Clerk would advise of the procedure, following the meeting.

#### **100/14 Cemetery**

The Clerk advised that she and the Chairman had visited the cemetery in relation to the query from a resident, regarding their plot at the Cemetery. It was agreed that the Clerk speak with Set in Stone to ascertain the procedure for moving the headstone into the correct position to allow suitable space between the adjoining plots.

9.25pm Cllr A Hallam proposed to suspend Standing Orders for a period of 30minutes to continue with agenda items. Agreed by Chairman, no vote carried.

#### **101/14 East Coast Main Line**

An email had been received from a resident in Deeping St James asking for the support of local Parish Councils in relation to the planned works on the gated crossings. Although the Parish Council are aware of the implications of this work, there was no response to give. **Action: Clerk to acknowledge email.**

#### **102/14 To approve Standing Orders**

It was proposed by Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr D Hallam and unanimously agreed, with 2 changes to approve the updated standing orders.

#### **103/14 Finance & Clerks Report**

Members confirmed that these had been read and no comments were made.

10.00pm Standing Orders were suspended again for a further 10 minutes, proposed Cllr Halfhide.

## **104/14 Amenities & Events Report**

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The group recommended to purchase 3 dog fouling bins, with suitable fixings and bags. The group suggested if it were possible that the gardener/community cleaner would be willing to empty the bins. The group will also seek quotes from any contractors who could carry out the duty of emptying them. **Action: Chairman to speak to gardener/community cleaner and Cllr Jackson to speak to a known contact.**

In relation to Manor Way fields, members were asked if this still needs to be pursued in relation to the taking over of this area. Cllr Jackson proposed that Cllr Halfhide contact SKDC to advise that the Parish Council are still interested but this should not delay any new agreement between SKDC and Langtoft FC.

It was requested that a photograph of the grit bin, with its lid open be taken and placed in the Grapevine for all to see its contents.

### **Events Report**

All agreed that they had read the report from the Events Group.

### **105/14 Pocket Park**

Cllr Jackson advised members that approval of the parking has now been confirmed but not the crossover.

### **106/14 Parish Council Election Process**

The nomination papers will be collected from SKDC and hand delivered to those requesting nomination papers. The deadline for these to be returned is 20<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Allen suggested all to bring in and for the Clerk to take to Grantham. The Clerk advised as she was carrying out Poll Clerk duties she felt this would be a conflict of interest. This is a Councillors decision as to how the papers are submitted.

It was confirmed that the Nomination Papers would be collected on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**The meeting closed at 10.11pm**

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015