

**Langtoft Parish Council**  
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at  
Langtoft Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Branch (Chairman), Derek Risk (Vice-Chairman), Yvonne McCulloch, Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Andy Halfhide, Trish Garratt, Elizabeth Allen, Roy Jackson & Colin Larkman.  
In Attendance: Steina Bishop (Clerk), District Councillor R Woolley and 3 members of the public

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

**077/14 Open Forum**

2 residents asked the Parish Council for an update on the Speed Signs. The Chairman and Clerk advised that all the paperwork had been submitted and were sure that the Site Survey had been carried out. These details are then passed on to a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party for the delivery of the reactive signs.

**Action: Clerk to email RSP for update and to request further information on data as per actions from November's meeting.**

Residents also advised that there had already been several cars in the dyke on Stowe Road due to the bend being icy and no warning signs are displayed. Cllr D Hallam advised that perhaps residents could write to Highways themselves and complain along with the Council. **Action: Clerk to write to Highways to ascertain road surface conditions and signage.**

A complaint was made in relation to the SK Today publication in particular the issue noting the refuse collection dates over Christmas. D.Cllr Woolley advised that this was a District wide problem and that not all villages/towns were in receipt of it.

The Chairman was asked that each Councillor introduce themselves when answering a query/question in the Open Forum as not all residents are aware of each Council Member.

Open Forum closed at 7.20pm

**078/14 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

7.30pm Cllr Halfhide arrived

**079/14 Reports from County & District Councillors**

County Councillor Peter Robinson & District Councillor Kelham Cooke had given their apologies.

D.Cllr 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. South Kesteven is looking at the local plan/land allocation as in 2006, at which point Parish Council's attended workshops. This is currently being organised again to be carried out within the next 15/20 years.

Members were advised that there are open presentations being carried out in January, in relation to developments at Tallington Crossroads, further details will be sent to all residents in due course.

Members were thanked for their support over the previous 3.5 years by D.Cllr Woolley and all wished a Happy New Year.

Cllr A Halfhide apologised to members for being late and asked the District Councillor if SKDC are supporting the appeal with regards to planning application S14/1552 – New Road. It was advised that the planning department are not prepared for the development to go ahead.

The Clerk read the report from PCSO Laughton and C.Cllr Robinson.

#### **080/114 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from County Cllr Robinson, District Cllr Cooke and Cllr Thompson.

#### **081/14 Declarations of Interest**

Members confirmed there were no declarations of interest to be made.

#### **082/14 To discuss and approve Standing Orders**

The Chairman asked for comments from members and approached Cllr Halfhide to start. The item under discussion is in relation to Communicating (Item 19 Standing Orders) with third parties, without the prior consent from Council Members.

Various proposals were presented. Cllr Jackson proposed that point 1 is to remain the same, point 2 to be deleted and amend item 3. This was seconded by Cllr D Hallam and agreed by majority vote. Cllr Garratt abstained from the vote as she stated it “removes clarity and allows ambiguity regarding an individual councillors actions regarding correspondence”

The Clerk noted, at the Councils request that all correspondence is be acknowledged, responded to and advised to all members, as it is received. The Clerk is to also publish the agenda 14 days prior to a public meeting and that members will receive the papers for meetings at least 1 week prior to the meeting date.

Cllr Risk proposed to amend Standing Orders to incorporate “*The Clerk and Councillors will abide by the Service Standards set by the Council from time to time*” Finance & General Purpose Group to draft these standards in preparation for full council on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Seconded Cllr Jackson and majority voted with the exception of Cllr Garratt.

#### **083/14 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November**

The minutes from the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November were approved. Proposed Cllr Risk, Seconded Cllr A Hallam and agreed by all members, subject to those amendments noted.

#### **084/14 Action points from previous meeting**

It was noted that items remain from previous meetings. **Action: Clerk to advise of updates.**

#### **085/14 Planning Applications**

No comments were received from members in relation to applications on Agenda.

**086/14 Actions from Correspondence**

Cllr Halfhide requested that the Clerk contact PCSO Laughton in relation to a "No Calling Zone" on Westfield Road.

Councillors requested greater detail in relation to correspondence and to receive information when received by the Clerk and to not wait until the preceding council meeting.

9.24pm Proposal from Cllr Jackson to suspend Standing Orders to allow the remaining items on the agenda be discussed. Seconded Cllr Halfhide and agreed by all members.

**087/14 Finance & Clerks Report**

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

**088/14 Amenities Report**

There was no report from the Amenities Group

**Events Report**

Cllr McCulloch read the Events report and advised members that the feedback from residents relating to Christmas at the Crossroads was a success again and complimented the Council on holding the refreshments and carols in the Church after the switch on. However, safety measures need to be enforced as this event is becoming more popular.

The date for this event in 2015 is 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**089/14 Pocket Park**

Cllr Jackson advised members that an email had been received from John Oliver of South East Lincolnshire Warden in relation to a site visit on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**The meeting closed at 9.58pm**

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015