

**Langtoft Parish Council**  
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at  
Langtoft Village Hall

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

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

**034/14 Open Forum**

A resident queried any future road surfacing on Stowe Road – the Chairman advised that works are always ongoing throughout the County and District on a rotation basis.

7.10pm Cllr Halfhide arrived

The signage on Back Lane was raised – the Clerk confirmed that the provision of signage on back lane as advised by LCC Highways is adequate.. The sign off Hyde Gardens needs to be adjusted so road users can clearly see it is a no through road.

The condition of the pathway on Hyde Gardens was raised – Clerk to advise Highways

The accounts reported from the previous meeting were queried, in respect of the £2700 reserved for Pocket Park. Vice Chairman, Derek Risk confirmed that monies will be spent on notice boards, gates, life buoys, benches and pathways.

The access to the allotments was raised and a request made to ascertain possibility of moving the 40mph sign to North of the allotments, to enable an extension of the speed limit in that area.

An update was asked on 47 East End. The Chairman confirmed that our District Councillors are now overseeing this property with the planning department and will advise at the next meeting.

Open Forum closed at 7.30pm

**035/14 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman thanked members in the open forum for their questions and comments. The Chairman then moved onto the main agenda.

**036/14 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Allen, D Hallam, Thompson, A Hallam, County Cllr Robinson, and District Councillors Woolley & Cooke

**037/14 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**038/14 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014**

The minutes from the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July were approved, with no amendments. Proposed Cllr Risk, Seconded Cllr Garrett.

A request to place the action points from previous meetings was requested to be placed on forthcoming agendas. **Clerk to Action**

#### **039/14 Planning Applications**

The Clerk advised of applications and decision notices received. No comments were raised regarding these. A request was made to ensure that addresses are on the agenda with the application reference

#### **040/14 Reports from County & District Councillors**

Apologies were given from both County & District Councillors and no reports were available.

#### **041/14 Actions from Correspondence**

1. Email from Mr Porter ref: fishing rights at Pocket Park – The Clerk will send a response to Mr Porter.

#### **042/14 Finance Report**

Members confirmed they had read the Finance Report and agreed the following recommendations.

1. To amend the employment contracts for both the Clerk and Gardener to change the way paid holidays are covered in the contracts of employment and the payroll. A proposal was made to keep the current contracts as is until the end of the financial year. Proposed by Cllr Risk, Seconded Cllr Halfhide, 1 abstained but majority agreed.

It was agreed to defer Standing Orders to the October meeting.

Cllr Garratt advised that the Clerk should hold a Parish Council mobile. The Clerk reported that due to either a business or personal contract the monthly payments are significantly larger. It was agreed for the Clerk to request that Cllr A Hallam investigate this further.

Cllr A Hallam had made the request for all members of the Parish Council to hold a generic email account. It was agreed by all members to reject this request.

#### **043/14 Clerks Report**

Members confirmed they had read the Clerks Report and it was agreed that the costings for lifebuoys at East End Park should be passed to Amenities and to use the Best Value Option when purchasing.

#### **044/14 Standing Orders**

It was agreed by all members to defer this item to the meeting in October.

#### **045/14 Amenities Report**

Currently only one verbal quote and one written quote received for the installation and repair of fencing at Black Bull Green. Cllr Jackson to pursue further written quotes. (Since the Amenities report had been prepared it had been identified that this is not a Council fence, it is owned by the adjacent properties, so further quotes had not been pursued)

Letters of thanks to be sent to both John Griffiths Cars and Mr A Halfhide for the free provision of tyres, for the tyre trail at East End Park.

Cllr McCulloch requested that repairs to the notice boards be actioned or to source new.

Cllr McCulloch requested that the Parish Council purchase flowers for the Harvest Festival. Proposed Cllr Jackson, Seconded Cllr Garratt and agreed by all members.

9.25pm The Chairman asked for a proposal to suspend standing orders for a further 5 minutes. Proposed by Cllr Halfhide, Seconded Cllr Risk and agreed by all members.

**046/14 Community Speed Watch Initiative**

It was agreed by all members that following the request from the Amenities Group that the Parish Council will purchase two reactive speed signs and four sets of mounting brackets, plus six passive speed signs all as detailed in the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership "Community Speed Watch" Scheme.

**The meeting closed at 9.56pm**

*(Minutes approved by Council at meeting on 25 November 2014)*