

Langtoft Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at
Langtoft Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Brian Branch (Chairman), Derek Risk (Vice-Chairman), Yvonne McCulloch, Andy Halfhide, Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Mike Thompson, Elizabeth Allen, Roy Jackson and Colin Larkman. In Attendance: Steina Bishop (Clerk), District Councillor R Woolley and 6 members of the public

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

047/14 Open Forum

A member of the parish raised concerns over the accounts for the period 2013/14 in that the conclusion notice was not displayed for the correct amount of time and the accounting figures had been signed off incorrectly. **Action: Clerk to amend the viewing date for the conclusion notice. The Chairman advised that the figures were a hand written mistake and were immediately rectified with the external auditor upon submission. The Clerk confirmed that the accounts were presented to council at the meeting held on 1st July under minute note 31/14**

A resident asked for an update to the goal posts at Black Bull Green. Cllr Halfhide confirmed that he was awaiting information from the Premier League and would report back once this had been received.

One member of the Parish queried the detail on the agenda, stating that it did not give enough detail regarding the content of the meeting. **The Clerk will endeavour to ensure the content is clear on forthcoming agendas.**

A member of the Parish advised members that he thought the Parish Council was being run correctly and supported the Council in its endeavours. This member also raised concerns over parking and the pathways on Hyde Gardens. The Chairman confirmed that he would ensure a notice goes in the next edition of the Grapevine to ensure visitors do not block this junction, whilst attending events at the Village Hall. **Action: The Clerk will speak with LCC Highways to determine what the plan is for the pathways on Hyde Garden and to ascertain if double yellow lines could be installed. The Clerk will also speak to the Police to ascertain the correct written law policy of parking near junctions.**

The speed sign on the A15 was raised again, to request it being moved to North of the allotments. **The Clerk is to request an update from Highways**

A resident thanked the Parish Council for turning the sign on Hyde Gardens to ensure clearer visibility to drivers wanting to turn down Back Lane.

The accounts from the Fun Run were raised and a request for the Parish Council to see the accounts as they had been awarded £500 to assist with costs for the event. The Chairman advised that the money given to the Committee was to enable the organisers to pay for Marshalls, it was not in any way dependent on accounts nor did the Parish Council request this at the time. The chairman advised that any member of the Parish can request to see the accounts but this is not a request from the Parish Council.

PCSO M Laughton advised that there had been several burglaries in Stamford and Bourne and vehicles were being targeted all over the area; BMWs, Audis and Volvos. She also advised that there were several individuals door to door selling in the area and for members of the Parish to be aware.

7.33pm Cllr Thompson arrived

Open Forum closed at 7.34pm

048/14 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman thanked members in the open forum for their questions and comments. The Chairman then moved onto the main agenda. Members wished the Chairman a Happy Birthday!

049/14 Apologies for Absence

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

050/14 Declarations of Interest

A brief discussion took place in view of the Declarations of Pecuniary Interests being undertaken; was the need for this item to be on the agenda a requirement. The Clerk confirmed that under the new policy adopted in 2013 it is a preference of Langtoft Parish Council to place on the agenda but not a legal council requirement. Therefore this item will remain on future agendas. Members confirmed there were no declarations of interest to be made.

051/14 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 2nd Sept 2014

The minutes from the meeting held on 2nd Sept were not approved and amendments are to be made and presented, for approval, at the meeting on 25th November.

052/14 Action points from previous meeting

The Clerk was asked to follow up the letter from Highways regarding the wall on the A15 near the Bus Stop.

053/14 Planning Applications

The Clerk advised of applications and decision notices received. No comments were raised regarding these.

054/14 Reports from County & District Councillors

Apologies were given by D.Cllr Woolley on behalf of D.Cllr Cooke

Further discussions are taking place with the Planning Committee with regards to 47 East End. The landowner has been asked for a financial appraisal with regards to costings for the building works to take place at the back of the property and also for The Barn, at the front of the property.

The Gravity Fields event which took place in Grantham was well attended with over 60,000 people attending. This event will take place again in 2 years. Stamford Town Council will again be organising the Stamford Georgian Festival for 2015.

D.Cllr Woolley advised that 2015 will be the elections for both Parish and District Elections, taking place on 7th May. Advised the Clerk to amend the AGM meeting date to after the elections. **Action: Clerk to contact LVHMC to amend bookings for May 2015.**

A parking permit area is being set aside in Stamford and County Council will manage any infringements.

Cllr Risk thanked D.Cllr Woolley for her assistance, with regards to Mossop Drive.

055/14 Actions from Correspondence

Cllr Allen queried the correspondence from Mr Khan it was proposed for the Clerk, to acknowledge their letter and suggest that they write to LCC highways in order to get an “H” painted outside their gates.

An email had been received with regards to the trees at Black Bull Pond. Members agreed that the Clerk visit the Land Registry website to ascertain the legal ownership.

An email had been received from one of the secondary school students regarding the lines being painted on the basketball court. D.Cllr Woolley advised the Clerk to speak with Lynne Leconte at South Kesteven District Council.

056/14 Finance Report

It was agreed to defer Standing Orders to the November meeting. Cllr A Hallam will circulate a copy of the revised standing orders as members confirmed the revised edition had not been circulated. Cllrs Jackson and Halfhide also raised concern / clarification over the item regarding communication therein.

It was also agreed by all members that the accounts need to be approved prior to the 30th June, which is the external audit cut-off date.

057/14 Clerks Report

Members confirmed they had read the Clerks report and no comments were raised.

058/14 Standing Orders

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

059/14 Amenities Report

Two types of dog bins had been identified priced in the region of £200 each ex vat. It was not possible to find detail of a company who would empty the bins. The group suggests the PC ask if Malcolm for a suitable sum do it. The group was however advised that SKDC should be providing this service. Could the clerk please confirm this with our District Councillor? The Clerk confirmed that Glendale are a contractor currently working for SKDC and can provide this service. The Clerk will forward contact details to Cllr Jackson. **Action: Clerk to contact SKDC ref the installation of litter bins to be installed within Black Bull Green playing area and also outside of the playing area. Proposed Cllr Thompson, Seconded Cllr Halfhide and all members agreed.** Cllrs Jackson and Branch will have a walk around the village to find suitable areas to install the dog bins.

Manor Way playing fields. A number of questions have been sent to Mr Potter at SKDC regards the site its current use, maintenance and tenants.

East End Pond. It was proposed by Cllr Jackson and Seconded by Cllr Larkman that the Clerk purchase 2 Lifebuoys for East End Pond. A working party will be organised for the installation.

Events Report

Request Clerk writes to family of Anna Jasinski re fallen wooden cross. Also check with Clerk to see if there was any progress on other fallen headstone which she was following up. The Clerk confirmed that Set In Stone would carry out the repairs for the fallen headstone, under the Clerks remit of expenditure.

The Parish Council would like to publicly thank Mr Murdoch & Mr A Stevenson for their work on the notice boards.

060/14 Parish Christmas Tree

Christmas at the Crossroads was confirmed as 1st December, starting at 6.30pm. It was proposed by Cllr Halfhide that the Chairman source a Christmas Tree with a maximum spend of £150, seconded Cllr Jackson and agreed by all members.

A working party to erect the tree will take place on Saturday 29th November.

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.

061/14 Pocket Park

Cllr Jackson confirmed an email had been received from Adrian Winkley. Cllr Jackson will forward the email under separate cover to all member but can confirm that the contents within refer to a car park being installed within the area.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm

(These minutes were approved by Council at meeting on 25 November 2014)