

Langtoft Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 25th November 2014 at
Langtoft Village Hall

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

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

062/14 Open Forum

Sarah Castley asked the Parish Council how the research was going regarding a Defibrillator for the village. Cllr Garratt confirmed that she was currently gathering 3 quotes and would like to arrange an evening to view and gain interest from the village and in particular the training that would be required. Sarah advised that The British Red Cross are available at King Street Industrial Estate.

Concern from a resident regarding a tree on the Verge at West End, advised that the Clerk had been emailed but no response had been received. The Clerk advised that this had been forwarded to LCC Highways for them to respond directly. **Action: Clerk to speak with Highways and chase.**

Sarah Castley asked if the Parish Council can confirm the dates for the hall hire in May 2015 due to the Parish & District elections taking place. Clerk advised it was an item in correspondence and would be advised after the meeting. **Action: Clerk to advise of revised dates for Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting.**

A resident asked members what was happening with the saplings on West End as he believed some time ago they were to be dug up and moved elsewhere. It was agreed by members this was correct and would be discussed by the amenities group.

7.15pm Cllr Halfhide arrived

A representative of the Church Committee asked the Parish Council to confirm where residents will be going after the Carols at the Crossroads. It was advised that the Events Group had already organised for this to take place at the Church.

Residents from Barn Owl Close discussed the planning application for 47 East End and requested that it be published on the PC Website. **Action: Cllr Risk to action** The Chairman advised that this item will be discussed further under Item 6 of the agenda.

County Councillor Robinson requested that due to a prior engagement would not be able to wait for Item 7 on the agenda and asked the Chairman to give his report during the Open Forum. This was agreed. C.Cllr Robinson advised that there were continuing staff cuts at Lincolnshire County Council and whilst there was enough money to be able to run the County effectively, there was nothing available for smaller projects. He also advised that there had been no council tax rise in 2014/15. £1.5m had been given to the Police Commissioner to implement the requirement for extra PCSOs

C.Cllr Robinson also asked **that** Cllr Jackson contact him to discuss Pocket Park. **Action: Clerk to advise Cllr Jackson.**

D.Cllr Cooke would also be unable to stay for Item 7. He advised members that dog fouling signage was still awaiting decision from PC regarding locations. He also advised the District would be carrying out spot checks on dog fouling within the village.

D.Cllr Cooke advised that the Development Control Meeting will be held in December relating to the application for 47 East End. He also advised that he is aware that conditions will be attached to this decision.

A resident asked D.Cllr Cooke what role the Enforcement team will take with regards to offenders and it was confirmed that on the spot fines would be issued, not only to dog fouling but also to littering.

A Hyde Garden resident asked if the blue sign situated on Back Lane could be moved as this is not a thoroughfare. The Clerk confirmed that LCC would not be prepared to move the sign as both signs were located in the correct locations.

Resident asked C.Cllr Robinson if there was progress on any developments in relation to New Road/Gibbs Close. C.Cllr Robinson advised that LCC had finally moved the 30mph sign and the developers have said that it is their duty to put passing places in **and confirmed that** they will happen.

PCSO Laughton apologised in advance for not attending the meeting and a report was read by the Clerk, in relation to parking within the village and the rulings around parking. *"The official line for parking incidents as requested at last month's meeting is – if you feel the vehicle is causing an obstruction and is less than 10 metres from a junction and causes difficulty negotiating junctions and you believe there would be a strong possibility of an accident, call 101 to report it. For all other parking issues please call parking services in Lincoln."*

Open Forum closed at 7.35pm

063/14 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman thanked members in the open forum for their questions and comments.

064/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from District Cllr Woolley and Cllr Jackson. Cllr Halfhide again gave his apology for being late.

065/14 Declarations of Interest

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

066/14 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 2nd September 2014 and 14th October

The minutes from the meeting held on 2nd Sept were approved. The minutes from the meeting on 14th October **were also approved without a vote.**

067/14 Action points from previous meeting

It was noted that there remained an item from the previous meeting to be actioned in relation to dog bins and also litter bins. **Action: Clerk to follow up and report at next meeting.**

C.Cllr Robinson asked the Clerk if she were aware of the procedure in relation to travellers in the area. He advised that Nick Willey at LCC deals with this.

The item relating to Defibrillators will be added to the agenda for January's meeting **Action: Clerk to ensure on the January agenda** Cllr Garratt requested that the Clerk send Village Hall Committee the email the PC had received from a Councillor out of area.

068/14 Planning Applications

The Clerk advised that the comments raised by members in relation to 47 East End had been forwarded to the planning department.

069/14 Reports from County & District Councillors

County Councillor Robinson & District Councillor Cooke gave their reports during the Open Forum.

070/14 Actions from Correspondence

Andy Nix from SKDC had emailed to ascertain if the PC would be interested in Phase 2 of the Community Wireless scheme. As the PC **does not own a building**, Cllr McCulloch advised to forward email to Olive Yates of the LVHMC.

The publication of the South Kesteven Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment had been received and members advised that this should be placed on the website. **Action: Clerk to forward email for Cllr Risk to action on website.**

A letter had been received by Lincolnshire Police in relation to Restorative Justice, members agreed to place on the website for information purposes. **Action: Clerk to forward to Cllr Risk to action on website.**

Cllr Thompson stated that he would like to see **all PC correspondence when received or sent and not kept for council meetings. All members agreed this course of action.**

071/14 Finance Report

The Chairman asked if all members had read the Internal Audit report and wished to make any comment.

Cllr Garratt agreed to become an authorised signatory. **Action: Clerk to forward relevant documentation to Cllr Garratt.**

Cllr Thompson proposed that the Precept remain the same for the period 2015/16, seconded Cllr A Hallam and agreed by all members. **Action: Clerk to forward documentation to SKDC**

The budget is to be prepared and presented at the next Finance Group meeting.

072/14 Clerks Report

Members confirmed they had read the Clerks report and would like clarification regarding the data from the speed signs; what data do you get? How do you receive the data? Are there any passwords? What are the ongoing costs? **Action: Clerk to gather information and report at next full council meeting.**

073/14 Standing Orders

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

074/14 Amenities Report

There was no report from the Amenities Group, however, Cllr Halfhide queried the ownership of the fence surrounding Black Bull Green, as it was damaged. It was agreed the Cllr Halfhide would speak with his neighbours to ascertain ownership.

Events Report

Cllr McCulloch read the Events report and acknowledged by all members.

075/14 Parish Christmas Tree

The Chairman confirmed that he will be purchasing the tree on behalf of the Parish Council and this will be erected on the Saturday in preparation for the Crossroads event on the 1st December.

076/14 Pocket Park

There was no update in relation to Pocket Park

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of Next Meeting : 6th January 2015