

### **Langtoft Parish Council**

Clerk's Notes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 November 2012 at Langtoft Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Branch (Chairman), Debbie Hallam, Andy Halfhide, Yvonne McCulloch, Trish Garratt, Mike Thompson, Andy Hallam, Colin Larkman, Roy Jackson, Derek Risk and Elizabeth Allen.

In Attendance: Steina Bishop (Clerk), Peter Robinson (County Councillor), Rosemary Woolley & Kelham Cooke (District Councillor), there was 1 member of the Public.

#### **45/12 Open Forum**

Member of the public asked as to when the Council proposed that if they decided to buy 'Pocket Park', when they foresee it being opened. The Pocket Park Sub Group confirmed that they were hoping to open to the public by the spring. The Chairman confirmed that this project will be discussed under Item 6 of the Agenda.

Council were asked if a breakdown of costs had been received from County Council, regarding the traffic lights at the crossroads. (This item had been raised at the Council meeting in October) **The Clerk confirmed that this information was not available; CC Robinson also confirmed that Council would not be able to retrieve this information.**

The chairman then asked to amend the agenda to allow the County Councillor and District Councillor to speak prior to full agenda as the Police were not present to give their report. **Agreed to amend by all members, no vote was carried out.**

#### **Main Agenda**

#### **46/12 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman thanked the County and District Councillors for their contribution and also thanked the one member of the open forum.

#### **47/12 To receive reports from representatives of outside bodies**

CC Robinson discussed flooding within the County, which currently Lincolnshire water levels had decreased.

C.Cllr Robinson confirmed that the condition of the roads on New Road and Meadow Road were not acceptable and that there would be a road closure at some stage to rectify the problem. **Action: Clerk /C.Cllr to speak to highways to determine when)**

C.Cllr Robinson thanked the Chairman for his representation at the Best Kept Village Awards. Langtoft received an award for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place overall and also received an award for the Best Newcomer to the Competition. Garden vouchers had been awarded as a prize.

C.Cllr Robinson confirmed that Alan Hardwick (Independent) has been elected as the Police & Crime Commissioner.

D.Cllr Cooke discussed 47 East End and as nothing had been reported since the last meeting will continue to update Council at future meetings.

#### **48/12 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for Absence.

#### **49/12 Declarations of interest**

No declarations had been received by the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. The Chairman expressed an Interest in an item under the Clerks Report.

#### **50/12 Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (16<sup>th</sup> October 2012)**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed: Cllr D Risk, Seconded Cllr E Allen and agreed by all members.

#### **51/12 Pocket Park**

Cllr Garratt read her notes from a previous informal discussion, which took place on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Resolution: Council to recommend to the village, to purchase an area known as 'Pocket Park subject to the title deeds and legal costs.** This was agreed by all members. Council would like to ensure that the public are aware that this is purely a consultation period and are keen to know the views of the villagers.

**Resolution: To change the Council meeting date of the 8<sup>th</sup> January to a presentation evening, to discuss the options of pocket park.** Proposed: Cllr Halfhide, Seconded Cllr D Hallam and agreed by all members.

Members of Council raised an item regarding disability access. To ensure that the Council abides within the Discrimination Act, the Clerk is to seek advice. **Action: Clerk to discuss with LALC**

It was noted that Council do not have the final say over the purchase of this area of land, this rests with Lincolnshire County Council.

Cllr Risk produced a leaflet that would be given to each resident to ensure they are aware of the presentation evening and the aims of the Council. **Resolution: To print flyer** Proposed: Cllr Jackson, Seconded Cllr Halfhide and agreed by all members.

#### **52/12 Clerks Report**

The clerk read her report on matters outstanding.

Matters arising: To display certificate received for the Best Newcomer and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Best Kept Village Competition.

Correspondence had been received from Langtoft Mini & Junior players requesting that Council would consider changing their meeting start time, after much discussion it was agreed that Council would be unable to change their meeting time. Proposed: Cllr Halfhide, Seconded Cllr Allen and agreed by all members. The Chairman abstained from the vote due to a Declaration of Interest.

**Action: Clerk to write to Langtoft Players with decision.**

The Grapevine was discussed in relation to a new editor. **Resolution: To advertise the vacancy for an Editor on all notice boards and in the Villagers/Deepings Advertiser. A budget of £50 was agreed.** Proposed: Cllr Halfhide, Seconded Cllr A Hallam and agreed by all members. **Action: Clerk to place advertisement with A&M Print, Cllr Garratt to produce poster and Cllr McCulloch to display around the village.**

### **53/12 Financial Matters**

The precept for 2013/14 was discussed and it was agreed that it shall remain at £20,000 for the forthcoming year with a provision to increase by £600 in the following two years. Proposed: Cllr Risk, Seconded Cllr A Hallam and agreed by all members.

### **Internal Auditor**

The Clerk confirmed that there was still a requirement for an internal auditor. After much discussion, Council agreed to approach a member of the Parish. It was also agreed to place this vacancy within the advertisement for an Editor. Proposed: Cllr Jackson, Seconded Cllr Halfhide and carried by the Chairman's vote.

### **54/12 Planning Applications**

Council discussed the applications received and note the following comments.

S12/2764 – No comment

S12/1358 – This application is not in keeping with the current area.

S12/2844 – No comment

9.30pm – the Chairman requested an extension to Standing Orders as there was still an item on the agenda to be discussed. Proposed: Cllr Risk, Seconded Cllr Jackson and agreed by all members.

### **55/12 – Signage, Langtoft Fen**

Cllr Allen expressed concern over the lack of signage at Langtoft Fen. Cllr Halfhide also remarked on the level of water sitting by the roadside at the Crossroads. **Action: Clerk to contact Kevin Brumfield at Highways regarding both items.**

### **56/12 Date of Next Meeting**

Pocket Park Presentation to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

Full Council Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.40pm