

Langtoft Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29 November 2011 in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Steina Bishop (Clerk), Rosemary Woolley (District Councillor), Kelham Cooke (District Councillor), Jim Haw (Internal Auditor, PCSO Chris Clarke, PC Ellis and 4 members of the public.

Public Forum

Items raised were:

- The issue of dog fouling and the amount of litter bins within the Parish has been raised by a member of the parish, with the request that more bins are placed on the playing field. Action for PC to send letter to LCC
- Concern was raised that the District Councillors were not present throughout full council meeting and their reasons were explained.
- There are still many concerns regarding the surrounding area of 47 West End. Clerk will write to registered owners and advise SKDC of their concerns.
- LVHMC asked for an update on when the Archive office in Lincoln would be open to seek documentation regarding the Trustees. Cllr D Hallam will be visiting the Archives week commencing 5th December and will report to both PC and Village Hall Management Committee
- PCSO Clarke reported that there had been a burglary on corner of Cloven Ends and New Road, dated 7th November. This occurred between 9am and 2pm and the intruders entered via a cat flap.

The new non-emergency number for the police has changed from 0300 to 101. This will connect you to direct to the control room in Lincolnshire.

There were no incidences regarding children at both park and no disturbances to report.

Confirmed that the police are checking on double parking offences within the village, this does include outside of the local shop and at the village hall.

- Concern was raised regarding an article which had been printed in the Council Today magazine discussing the Olympic Games. Parishioners are more concerned over the Council Tax plans for 2012/13. LCC and SKDC are awaiting details from Central Government. However there may be a subtle change in tax for the next financial year. Opinions were raised that Council Tax needs to be decreased.
- The notice board at Black Bull Green was out of date. Clerk to ensure that all information is correct and remove any outstanding notices.
- It was noted that the Green Bin collection schedule has been altered and therefore parishioners are unable to dispose of leaves etc. SKDC have acknowledged that this was the wrong decision and will revert to original schedule for next year.
- LCC Highways were carrying out a survey on the A15 from John Griffiths Cars towards The Rides, due to puddling. Cllr Jackson will be having a meeting with Chris Chandler from Highways in the near future and will make comment regarding this.
- A member in the open forum asked as to why there are no public alerts on the council website. Parishioners need to sign up on the website for local alerts and to sign up for Lincs alert from the Lincolnshire Police website www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk

The open forum closed after 30 minutes at 7.30 pm.

Main Agenda

63/11 Chairman's Opening Remarks.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public present for their contribution and moved to the main agenda.

64/11 Apologies for absence. There were no apologies of absence.

65/11 Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

66/11 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (18 October 2011)

There was a change to point 1.5 which read 47 West End and should read East End. Lincolnshire Archive would be open in December 2011 and not 2012 as previously minuted. Proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr D Risk and agreed unanimously.

67/11 Clerks Report

The Clerk presented the report, which was accepted by the Council and it was noted:

- Emails have been sent regarding the waste bins at Black Bull Green and the amount of dog waste that is within them.

- There have been 3 planning applications since previous meeting.
- Planning department has been contacted regarding rare ferns at the rear of 42a East End. This matter is now resolved.
- PC is in the process of writing to SKDC regarding the boundary walls of Nurse Lambert's property. No response was received from current owners.
- Received 1 response regarding the Diamond Jubilee and the Events Group are in receipt.
- There have been no major changes to the website.

68/11 Finance & General Purpose Group Report

The Council accepted the F&GP Group Report and noted:

- The terms current financial statement.
- PC to submit Precept form in January 2012.

69/11 Events Group Report

The Council accepted the Events Group Report and noted:

- **Diamond Jubilee** Confirmed that letters had been sent out to local businesses, posters on all notice boards and a notice in Grapevine. Cllr D Hallam to place suitable post boxes in The Waggon & Horses, Post Office, Amici and Primary School.
- **Best Kept Village** The cost for entry is £15 Entry form to be sent to PC for submission.
- **Consecration** All documentation is in place. Cllr B Branch to speak with landowner next to Cemetery regarding the overhanging bushes/trees. LCC have received a job sheet to clear the pathway, prior to 11th January.
- **Lynne Tawes Memorial** It has not been possible to identify who is maintaining the Lynne Tawes Memorial, and would request to agree to remove the surround. Public notice will be placed in Grapevine with a deadline of March 2012. If after this time the surround will be removed by the Council. PC will ensure this is acceptable via LALC.
- **Precept** Budget for events and cemetery have now been finalised and include:
£1000 for Jubilee Event
£1000 for Cemetery repairs

70/11 Amenities Group Report

The Council accepted the Amenities Group Report and noted:

- Work was completed on the repairs to both play parks.
- The **4 new salt bins** are to be sited as soon as possible. Councillor Thompson is recommended to take on the responsibility of keeping the bins stocked.
- The group has obtained 3 quotes for essential repairs and replacement of play equipment. The total cost for essential repairs would be £3170 plus VAT this was proposed by Cllr A Halfhide and seconded by Cllr A Hallam and agreed by all.
- Further essential repairs to Black Bull Green slide and 3 swings in East End Park are also required but not yet costed.
- A bid for a grant to install further pieces of play equipment in East End Park should be considered.

71/11 Cemetery

3 quotes had been received regarding the new path. Quote was accepted at £2680. Proposed by Cllr A Hallam and seconded by Cllr A Halfhide and majority vote.

72/11 Precept/Budget

The recommendation for the forthcoming Precept to remain the same at £20,000. This was proposed by Cllr Derek Risk and seconded by Cllr M Thompson and agreed by all.

73/11 Grapevine

Agreed that all members of the Council were to review the advertisements currently placed within the Grapevine and send to PC, a breakdown of who meets the financial criteria to ensure payment is made.

Date of next meeting, 10 January 2012 in the Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

Steina Bishop
Clerk to Langtoft Parish Council.