

Langtoft Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6 September 2011 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Roy Jackson (Chairman), Yvonne McCulloch, Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Brian Branch,

In Attendance: Steina Bishop (Clerk), Rosemary Woolley (District Councillor), Kelham Cooke (District Councillor), Jim Haw (Internal Auditor), PCSO Michelle Laughton and 2 members of the public.

Public Forum

Items raised were:

- There were a number of concerns regarding the pathway from Langtoft to Market Deeping and that the pathway had not been completed past the Deeping Roundabout. The Clerk would write to County Cllr. Robinson seeking information on any plans to extend the footway/cycleway from Langtoft to Market Deeping to complete the link.
- A suggestion was made regarding the lack of signage at the Stowe Road Crossroads and that accidents were occurring more frequently. The Clerk will write to County Cllr. Robinson seeking information on any future plans.
- The bridge, heading to Greatford and Barholm was also becoming an area of concern. This is out of our Parish, however, Councillor Woolley will raise this issue with Councillors for Barholm and Stowe at their next Council Meeting and report back.
- An update was received from the Proprietor of 47 East End formerly Nurse Lamberts site. We were informed that the latest planning application had been withdrawn and that he is desperately trying to regain suitable planning permission to enable building work to continue. There was also safety issues surrounding the property raised by all and the Council were assured that this matter is of high priority and will be actioned immediately.
- PCSO Michelle Laughton has agreed to stand at the main crossroads for a morning as there were several issues raised regarding drivers ignoring the red light/green man signals and continuing along at high speed.
- LVHMC were seeking documentation for when the Parish Council took ownership from the Trustees. Cllr D Hallam will check the Archives in Lincoln.

The open forum closed after 30 minutes at 7.30 pm.

Main Agenda

40/11 Chairman's Opening Remarks.

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

41/11 Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Thompson, Cllr Risk and Cllr Halfhide. It was agreed that an acceptable reason had been given.

42/11 Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

43/11 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (5th July 2011)

The approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr McCulloch, seconded by Cllr D Hallam and agreed unanimously.

44/11 Clerks Report

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

- The area behind the crossroads garden is in need of attention and whilst LCC cut the grass area, the flowers and planters need to be maintained. This has now been forward to Malcolm Cullingworth (Gardener) to ensure the area is maintained..
- The Clerk reported that all paperwork regarding the consecration of an area in the Cemetery is now complete. There were several issues outstanding regarding the area to be consecrated, the path layout and dates for the Bishop of Grantham to attend. These will be reported at next Council Meeting.
- The inspection for East End Park will be carried out after a work party on the 24th September and will be reported on at next Council Meeting.
- It had been discussed at previous meeting (10 May 2011) regarding the watering of planters in the Gardeners absence and to find an easier method of watering them. It has now been agreed to speak the with Gardener to ensure he is content with the current system, whilst Councillor Jackson will speak to a member of the Parish reference her availability to water planters at Black Bull Green.
- There had been 5 planning applications since the previous meeting with only 1 of those being approved.

45/11 F&GP Group Report

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

- The terms current financial statement.
- That Councillor Jackson would submit the Winter Weather Questionnaire.
- The precept will need to be approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 29th November. Groups will need to submit their requirements for the forthcoming financial year at October's meeting. This will be advertised in the Grapevine and on all notice boards.
- The Lincolnshire Parking Policy be transferred to the Amenities Group for comment.
- Cllr Hallam is revising current Standing Orders.
- The Clerk is awaiting confirmation from LALC regarding correspondence received from East Midlands Council, urging Langtoft Parish Council to become an Associate Member.
- Insurance Brokers for Fields in Trust has requested an amendment to our existing policy naming them as an interested party. It has been agreed that no amendments will take place until the policy renewal date next year.
- The Clerk reported a request to increase the Cemetery fees. This is currently being investigated and will be reported at the next F&GP Group meeting.

46/11 Events Group Report

The Council accepted the Events Group Report and noted:

- The concerns regarding the documentation relating to the Cemetery. Unfortunately at this time, the Clerk as the Proper Officer must keep all documentation. However, if further concerns are raised the Council are welcome to keep them and Church Records in the Church safe and will have access at all times.
- Rev Beadle agreed to introduce the Clerk to the Church Wardens.
- It was discussed that the Clerk receive Cemetery training as soon as possible to assist in the role of Proper Officer.
- Rev Beadle confirmed that the Bishop had agreed to consecrate more ground in the cemetery but no date had been agreed. This will involve a short service and a small gathering of Parishioners were welcome, possibly from within the Parish Council.
- A portion of the cemetery be left un-consecrated for other denominations in the village.

47/11 Amenities Group Report

The Council accepted the Amenities Group Report and noted:

- Cllr Thompson was appointed as lead Councillor for Amenities.
- Having read through the Lincolnshire Parking Policy document, there was nothing that currently concerned or extended to Langtoft.
- The recommended sites to locate the donated grit bins should be as follows; Ash Close (by Bull Pond), Main crossroads (by the notice board), Crossroads by or close to No 1 West End and adjacent to the School entrance. It was agreed to recommend the purchase of an amount of road salt, combination padlocks and a shovel for each bin. An alternative site in New Road is also proposed should one of those recommended not be allowed.
- In view of the Cemetery, it was agreed to recommend a path be marked out and a temporary means of demarcation of the land to be consecrated and that to be left unconsecrated.
- A work party is take place on 24th September for works to be carried out at East End Park.
- To reinstate the following funds for the precept discussion in November. £2000 for play equipment at East End Park, £1000 for the pond at East End Park, £1000 for Cemetery path, provision of £1000 for Pocket Park, £500 for salt, locks and shovels for the grit bins. There has been no provision for gritting as it is presumed that the contract will roll forward.

48/11 Precept Forecast - Groups Cllr Jackson requested funds to be included for the precept discussion in November.

49/11 Standing Order Amendments

Cllr A Hallam has agreed to revise the current standing orders and make amendments where necessary. This was proposed by Cllr Branch and seconded by Cllr McCulloch and agreed unanimously.

50/11 Bank Mandate

The Clerk reported that the correspondence address be changed on all existing financial accounts. There were also a few previous Councillors that will need to be omitted. Clerk to proceed.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting, 18 October 2011 in the Village Hall

Steina Bishop
Clerk to Langtoft Parish Council.