

Langtoft Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 January 2011 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jim Winstone (Chairman), Bob Cramp, Velma Denniston, Andy Halfhide (from 7.38pm), Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Roy Jackson, Amanda Johnson, Yvonne McCulloch, Mike Thompson.

In Attendance: Derek Risk (Clerk), Jim Haw (Internal Auditor) . Apologies were received from County Cllr. Peter Robinson. There were two members of the public present.

Public Forum

The meeting commenced at 7pm with the open forum and items raised were:

- It was understood that as Back Lane was a restricted byway it should be maintained by the local highways authority. It was agreed that the Clerk would check this with LCC.
- It was noted that contractors working on the New Road Affordable Housing site had left mud on New Road. It was also noted that SKDC Planning had not replied to a number of queries raised by local residents about the planning process. The Clerk would write to the Planning Officer.
- One resident enquired if anything could be done to improve the street lighting within the village. This would be logged for future reviews with LCC Highways.

As there were no further questions the open forum closed at 7.15pm.

Main Agenda

143/10 The Chairman noted how good the Christmas Tree and lights at the crossroads had been this year and recorded his appreciation to all those involved in the arrangements. He also wished to thank Mary Cramp for the decoration of the PC tree in the Church which along with all the other trees made a wonderful celebration of Christmas.

144/10 Apologies for absence. There were no apologies for absence from parish councillors but Cllr Halfhide had advised that he had been delayed and would be arriving late.

145/10 Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

146/10 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (30 November 2010)

With the one correction to the reference to the date of the next Council meeting the approval of the previous minutes was proposed by Cllr Denniston, seconded by Cllr Cramp and agreed unanimously.

147/10 Clerk's Report

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

- That the planning application by the Football Club for the floodlights and portacabins on the SKDC playing fields was expected to go to the Development Control meeting on 1st February 2011.
- The outreach internet course to be run by Computers4U was due to start on 27 January in the village hall and run for two hours each week until Easter. The only cost to the Parish Council would be the hire charges for the village hall. There were 6 residents who intended to attend the course.
- LCC Highways had asked for parish views on the pruning of the trees in the verges from 49 to 71 West End. It was agreed to publish a note in the February Grapevine to advise residents that a decision would be made at the next Council meeting and those interested in expressing a view may wish to attend the open forum or write to the Clerk.
- The Clerk had written to County Cllr Peter Robinson to request that Langtoft should be considered for any allocation of LCC funded speed indicators in the coming year. He had replied indicating that he would support such a bid but it was not yet known whether any funding would be available. The position should be clearer when the overall LCC budget is approved in February.
- The consecration ceremony for the remaining section of the cemetery has to be arranged through Solicitor Caroline Mockford, the Registrar for the Lincoln Diocese. This was being progressed by the Clerk.
- Parish Council Elections are due in May 2011. SKDC would be providing more details of the arrangements in March.
- The orders for the work in the Cemetery and in East End Park had been placed and the Council's year end cash reserves were now expected to be just under £10,000 which is consistent with the assumptions made in setting the 2011/12 precept and budget.

148/10 Internal Auditor's Report

Jim Haw introduced his report on the third quarter of the year and the Council noted the satisfactory conclusion and his comments cash reserves and the funding of safety measures in the parks. The Chairman thanked Jim for his comprehensive report.

(Councillor Halfhide joined the meeting at this point.)

149/10 Amenities Group Report

The Council accepted the Amenities Group Report and noted:

- That the new SKDC dog control orders for the enclosed play areas in the parks would come into effect from 1st February 2011.
- The Group recommendation that whilst not wanting to ban dogs altogether from other areas of the parks they should be kept on leads at all times.

It was agreed that the Clerk should be instructed pursue the process to create orders to require that dogs should be on leads at all times in the un-enclosed areas within the two Parish Council managed parks.

150/10 Road Gritting & Salt Bins

The Council also noted that the Amenities Group had been working on possible options to grit the roads in the village not currently covered by LCC Highways, when there was significant snowfall or icy conditions. The main options were to arrange for private contractors to do the gritting, buy equipment and rely on local volunteers or possibly a mix of the two.

It was agreed that the Amenities Group should continue with its investigations and present its recommendations to the next Council meeting.

Consideration had also been given to the provision of a grit bin at the Truesdale Road junction. It was also agreed to delay further work pending the outcome of the more general review of gritting the local roads.

151/10 Events Group Report

There had not been a meeting of the Events Group since the last Council meeting but the Council noted the report on the Christmas events.

152/10 Planning Group Report

The Council accepted the Planning Report and noted that there had been five new planning applications and three planning decisions received since the last Council meeting.

It was noted that there had been no apparent progress on the planning application for 47 East End. This would be followed up with SKDC.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting, 22 February 2011 in the Village Hall

Derek Risk
Clerk to Langtoft Parish Council.