



## NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Present:** Cllr M Ferguson (Chair), J McGarry, A Conn, C Erridge, I Hobbs, P Dadd & Clerk D Langmead.

**Members of the Public:** 2 residents were present

**Guests:** PCSOs Dave Airey and Clare Walker, DCllr H Burton

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No Issues were raised.

#### **PLANNING MEETING**

**Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting - None**

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council

[Outline Planning Application with All Matters Reserved for Residential Development](#) Land Southwest Of Orchard Lodge Southgore Lane North Leverton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 15/00514/OUT | Received: Tue 21 Apr 2015 | Validated: Tue 21 Apr 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration. **Council comments as follows: The proposed development would lie outside the development boundary of the village. The Draft Neighbourhood plan does not preclude small developments outside the development boundary but only where the housing mix and type meets the needs of local people – Sturton Ward NP, Section 15, Policies 8, 9, &10.**

[Erect Two Storey Detached Dwelling](#) Ashmere Infield Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AL Ref. No: 15/00483/FUL | Received: Wed 15 Apr 2015 | Validated: Thu 16 Apr 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration. **No Objections from Council. Council comments that BDC would need to be satisfied with the sewerage and land drainage proposals – Bassetlaw Core Strategy Policy DM12 and section 5.48.**

[Proposed Side Extension to Existing Agricultural Building](#) Field House Farm Northfield Road North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AH Ref. No: 15/00491/AGR | Received: Tue 07 Apr 2015 | Validated: Tue 07 Apr 2015 | Status: Not Require Application

[Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Application 14/00022/RSB to Amend the Materials of Construction and Finish of the New Wall](#) Leverton House Southgore Lane North Leverton Nottinghamshire DN22 0AA. Ref. No: 15/00333/VOC | Received: Thu 05 Mar 2015 | Validated: Fri 10 Apr 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration. **No Objections from Council. Council comments that this is a practical solution subject to all the outward facing and topping bricks being suitable for a listed building.**

Decisions – considered by Bassetlaw DC / Notts CC / Planning Inspectorate - None

## The Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

Council noted that the formal 6 week public consultation has now finished and that many positive comments have been received. Responses from both the statutory consultees and local residents have been analysed by the Steering Group and recommendations made. All of the responses and recommendations from the steering Group on the responses will now be sent to our Planning Consultant in preparation for presenting to the Planning Inspector. Following approval by the Inspector, the Plan will then be subject to a referendum within the Sturton Ward. Further information can be found at [www.sturtonwardnp.org.uk](http://www.sturtonwardnp.org.uk).

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**05.15.01. Apologies for absence.** – None

**05.15.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting**

None at this stage.

**05.15.03. Chairman's remarks.**

Cllr Ferguson requested that one additional item be added to the agenda: Additional Cheque Signatories to be included in agenda item 11e. Council agreed to this addition to the agenda.

**05.15.04. Police Report / Community Speedwatch.**

### Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there has been just one crime reported in the Parish during April – a theft from a motor vehicle in Ashworth Crescent. This month there has been three reported crimes across the whole beat area. This compares with nine crimes reported throughout March 2015 and eight crimes reported over the same period last year.

Dave reports that East Bassetlaw continues to be an attractive area for criminals involved in the thefts from motor vehicles. Overnight, 25-26/042015, there were four reports of vehicles being entered without permission on the same street in Rampton, which although the parish is not on this beat area, is a village not too far away. A couple of nights later, three vehicles suffered the same fate in Beckingham. Regular readers of my monthly Police reports will notice that the number of crimes of interest reported for April is less than the monthly mean of months that have recently lapsed. This is obviously great news.

At this time of the year, shed and outbuilding breaks are usually prevalent with lawn mowers, gardening and DIY tools, pedal cycles and other summer related items being attractive to criminals. Shed alarms are now available for sale from all retail outlets across this beat area, at North Leverton, South Wheatley and Clarborough. The advice around basic home, outbuilding and vehicle security needs to be adhered to at all times. Further tips on vehicle and household security appear in Dave's newsletter which is published in the Parish Newsletter and on the Parish Website.

Nottinghamshire Police have recently announced that they will have to continue to make savings and this means making more difficult decisions. The Force confirms that Neighbourhood Policing is the bedrock of their policing and that they are determined to deliver a first rate service to all of their communities. Every community will still have a Neighbourhood team but under the proposals it will have a different mix – including officers, PCSOs, Specials and partners.

Finally Dave wished to thank Hugh Burton and John Ogle for funding the initial supplies of shed alarms now available from a number of retail outlets in the area; and the Parish Council and residents of the Parish for their support in maintaining the low crime and ASB figures in the Parish.

<p><b>Confirmation of the Police contact numbers are as follows: - Notts Police – Non-Urgent – 101. Notts Police Urgent – 999. Mobile numbers for other non-urgent matters: PCSO Dave Airey – 07525 226838; PC Bill Bailey – 07910 336884.</b></p>
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### Community Speedwatch

Council noted that despite the small numbers available, the team aim to get out twice during the coming week. On behalf of the team, Cllr Ferguson requested that anyone interested in becoming Speedwatch Volunteers should contact either Sue or Malcolm Ferguson in the first instance.

### **05.15.05. District and County Councillors Reports.**

CCllr John Ogle confirmed that he had met with MP Robert Jenrick and Paddy Tipping, the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss rural policing. It was agreed that Neighbourhood policing is “an efficient way of policing in rural areas” and that PC numbers would be maintained. However, there would be some reduction in the number of PCSOs although the precise number is unclear at this stage – see also Police report above. John also confirmed the make-up of the new District Council following the election as 3 Independents, 12 Conservatives and 33 labour councillors. John also confirmed that Notts CC Highways have recruited some part-time for the northern half of the County.

### **05.15.06. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

### **05.15.07. Matters arising – Non agenda items**

None.

### **05.15.08. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety**

#### 05.15.08.1. Street Lamps & Furniture, Signs and Waste Bins.

The following lamps were reported: - No. 7 Southfields Rise – day burn; No. 4 Manor Farm Rise – day burn; No. 9 Main Street – day burn; and No. 3 Ashworth Crescent – not working. **Action Clerk.**

#### 05.15.08.2. HGV Routes to EDF Energy Power Stations

No further news to report. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

#### 05.15.08.3. Mill Lane Corner – Public Safety.

Council noted approximate costings for new signs and queried why the old signs could not simply be moved. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

#### 05.15.08.4. Parking around the Surgery

The Clerk reported that he has spoken with the Practice Manager who confirmed that a poster has been put up on the notice board and information on parking has been posted in the newsletter. It was agreed that the main problem is cars being parked on the verges and pavements which cause obstructions to pedestrians, particularly with prams/buggies or in wheelchairs. Following discussion it was agreed that the surgery is to produce a notice to be handed to all patients requesting that if the surgery car park is full, cars should be parked fully on the road. The Clerk pointed out that parking fully on the road is perfectly legal, whereas parking on or partly on the pavement/verge is illegal if it causes an obstruction. The Clerk also reported that he offered assistance with the leaflet production from the Parish Council which was noted. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

#### 05.15.08.5. Proposed Pedestrian Crossing for North Leverton School.

Following discussion Council confirmed that they would have no objections to a pedestrian crossing in the village although there was some concern over the proposed site across Main Street. It was agreed to convey these sentiments back to Notts CC Highways. **Action Clerk.**

#### 05.15.08.6. Seat in Hablesthorpe Close

Councillor Ferguson reported that he has investigated the seat in Hablesthorpe Close and suggests that the Lengthsman is requested to trim the grass around the area of the seat to tidy it up. **Action Cllr McGarry.**

#### 05.15.08.7. Hablesthorpe Tree

Nothing further to report this month. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

05.15.08.8. Seat adjacent to Keeton Way.

Council noted reports that the above seat is in poor condition. It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to investigate. **Action Cllr McGarry.**

05.15.08.9. Pot Holes.

Council noted that while some pot holes have been filled in there are others that have not despite having been reported. **Action Cllr Hobbs to follow up.**

**05.15.09. The Lengthsman Report**

Council noted the work carried out by John Taylor in April and agreed both the Lengthsman Scheme and Village Handyman Invoices. Council also noted that a new hand trolley has been purchased as agreed during the April meeting and that the further supply of bin bags has been passed over.

The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman Scheme has been agreed for a further year with funding available from the County Council on the same basis as last year. Council also noted that as all roads in the parish are unclassified it is now possible for John to work at the extremities of the village beyond the 30mph limits where it is safe to do so. The Lengthsman contract was signed off by the Chair.

**05.15.10. Reports from Outside Bodies.**

Nothing to report this month.

**05.15.11. Financial Matters.**

05.15.11.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 was presented to Council and approved.

05.15.11.2. Expenditure.

The following payments were noted and approved by Council. **Action Clerk.**

D Langmead, Clerk Salary + Exps – April	- £ 302.91
Village Handyperson (J Taylor) – April	- £ 150.00
Lengthsman (J Taylor) – April	- £ 112.50
S Rockcliffe – Website costs	£ 8.00
Bill Crowson – Memorial Garden Upkeep	£ 45.00
Indigo Ind. Supplies – Black Refuse Sacs	£ 125.94
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, village	£ 333.60
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Churchyard	£ 169.20
K Tookey – Internal Audit Fee	£ 65.00

05.15.11.3. Annual Audit Arrangements

Council noted that the Internal Auditor has completed her checks and that Section 4 of the Annual return has been signed off confirming that the control objectives were being achieved throughout the last financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council. Council then considered the 9 statements in Section 2 of the return – The Annual Governance Statement. Council confirmed that to the best of their knowledge the 9 controlling factors in respect of the accounting statements were accurate and that there were no issues that require further attention. Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return were then approved and signed off by the Chair.

**Action Clerk to complete the Return.**

05.15.11.4. Purchase of Desk Top Computer

No progress to report this month.

05.15.11.5. Additional Cheque Signatories

Following agreement during the Annual General Meeting to changes in the financial regulations of the Council it was agreed to appoint 5 new cheque signatories – the Vice Chair of the Council, Cllr Conn and Cllrs Dadd, Erridge, Hobbs, and McGarry . Additional Parties forms were handed out for completion and return to the Clerk. **Action Cllrs as above.**

#### **05.15.12. Wind Farms Update.**

Maumhill and Saundby Wind Farms.

Nothing to report this month.

#### **05.15.13. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.**

05.15.13.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr Ferguson reported on behalf of Cllr Schofield that the weekly inspections during the month had revealed no defects.

05.15.13.4. Playing Field East Side Fencing

Council noted that options for replacing the fence with the owner of the adjacent property are continuing. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

#### **05.15.14. Correspondence.**

There were two items of correspondence this month both of which are to be scanned and circulated. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

- North Nottinghamshire Community First Responders – request for financial assistance
- Bassetlaw DC – Community Infrastructure Levy

#### **05.15.15. Hablesthorpe Churchyard Planning**

Nothing further to report this month.\_

#### **05.15.16. Parish Council Elections – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Council noted that 6 councillors have been elected to serve North Leverton with Hablesthorpe Parish Council in an uncontested election – Cllrs Ferguson, Conn, Dadd, Erridge, Hobbs and McGarry.

#### **05.15.17. Parish Council Newsletter & Website**

Council noted that the summer edition of the newsletter is now being prepared with a target publication date of the end of June.

Council noted that Cllr Ferguson's meeting with Steve Rockcliffe, the website manager to discuss improvements to the website will be re-arranged during the month. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

#### **05.15.18. Emergency Planning incl. Winter Preparation**

Emergency Planning Questionnaires. Council noted that approximately 50 questionnaires have been returned and following analysis the results will be published in the next newsletter.

Councillors expressed their thanks to all those residents who took time to complete this important forward planning questionnaire. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

#### **05.15.19. Date of next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 in the Methodist Chapel, starting at approximately 7.30pm immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7.15pm.**

**Further dates for 2015 are as follows: - 6/7; 7/9; 5/10; 2/11; and 7/12.**

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**NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting**

Distribution: All Parish Councillors, CCllr John Ogle, DCllr H Burton, PC Bill Bailey, PCSO Dave Airey, Notice Boards, & File

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