



## NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016**

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

**Members of the Public:** One

**Guests:** PCSOs Dave Airey, DCllr Hugh Burton,

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No Issues were raised.

### **PLANNING MEETING**

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

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council - None

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

#### Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Ferguson reported that he has now received the Referendum Leaflet which is to be distributed to all households during the next few days ahead of the referendum to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Each councillor was handed a bundle of leaflets to distribute to households near to their own homes. Cllr Ferguson encouraged Councillors to deliver the leaflets in person and if possible speak to residents about the importance of their vote.

The Clerk emphasised that the Neighbourhood Plan gives local people greater control over the outcome of planning decisions and that the plan is based on the views of residents within the Sturton Ward. The Clerk also confirmed that he would be available on the day to assist residents in getting to the polling station.

**VOTE FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ON  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**02.16.01. Apologies for absence.** – There were no apologies, a full Council was present.

**02.16.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting**  
None declared at this stage.

**02.16.03. Chairman's remarks.**

Cllr Ferguson wished to include an additional to the agenda - item 11d Precept. He also requested an additional item 16a Clerk's Retirement. Both additions were agreed by Council.

#### **02.16.04. Police Report / Community Speedwatch.**

##### Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey was again delighted to report that there have been no crimes reported in the Parish during the month (January) and that no crimes have been reported across the whole of the beat area either. Here are some comments from Dave's full report which can be found on the website and in the forthcoming newsletter:-

**“Once more this month there has been no reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with seven crimes reported over the same period last year. This is the second successive month where there have been no reported crimes of interest for the beat area.**

**There has not been a similar period, in the last nine years or so, where reported crime across this beat area has been at such a low level.**

**This might sound so repetitive to regular readers of the monthly report, but genuine thanks go out to everyone on the beat area that has allowed this to happen.**

**As I have said many times, at meetings and in local Police reports, we are, parish residents and the Police, all one team with the same objective which is to lower reported crimes of interest and reported anti-social behaviour incidents across the beat area ongoing.**

**Please do not become complacent and remain vigilant around suspicious activity and continue to report the same on 101 to our control room.”**

Dave reported that as from 02/02/2016, Inspector Neil Bellamy assumes the role of District Commander for Bassetlaw when Inspector Knight departs for a Duty Management Inspector role. He mentioned that some of us may have met Inspector Bellamy before as he was, for a number of years, the Inspector for East Bassetlaw.

Finally, Dave mentioned that a number of rogue tradesmen are operating in the area and that residents should be on their guard against this and other types of “doorstep” crime. More details of how to combat these criminals can be found in Dave's full report in the newsletter and on-line.

<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

Cllr Sue Ferguson reported that following the resumption of Speedwatch activity, two sessions were carried out in January where a total of 148 vehicles were noted with two speeders. Cllrs Hobbs and Conn reported on the meeting of Community Speedwatch representatives from neighbouring villages where a number of initiatives were discussed. Council agreed in principle to support the groups work and looks forward to hearing of some concrete proposals from future meetings. Council noted the date of the next meeting of the Group on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

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

DCllr Burton had nothing specific to report from the District Council. However he agreed to take back any issues that may arise from the meeting for investigation or action. DCllr Burton briefly reported on a meeting where it is clear that agreement on proposed 'mergers' is still some way off.

#### **02.16.06. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

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

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

Council noted that the actions on the Clerk have all been completed.

01.16.16. Cllr Ferguson confirmed that he has reported the overturned grit bin to Alan Gray.

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

### **02.16.08.1. Street Lamps & Furniture, Signs and Waste Bins.**

Council noted problems with 2 street lights around the village – No 5 St Martins Road and No 42 Main Street. Council also noted that the 30mph sign and the village name-board sign on Sturton Road have been blown over and are leaning against the adjacent lamp post.

### **Action Clerk to report.**

### **02.16.08.2. Mill Lane Corner – Public Safety.**

Council noted that the matter has now been passed to another member of the Highways Strategy Team and that following conversations between the Clerk and our local Highways District Manager, it is hoped that progress can be made. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

### **02.16.08.3. Sturton Road Footpaths.**

Council noted that footpath between the villages that requires siding back and the hedgerow trimming, has been reported.

### **02.16.08.4. Matters to Report.**

Council noted a number of reports of difficulties at Mill Lane Corner with one vehicle again ending up in the ditch and a councillor having trouble ‘making the corner’ even though he had new tyres and was travelling at under 30mph. **Action Clerk to report. See also 02.16.08.2. above**

## **02.16.09. The Lengthsman Report**

Council noted the work carried out by John Taylor in January and agreed both the Lengthsman Scheme and Village Handyman Invoices for the month. Council also noticed progress with the refurbishment of the village notice boards with one already complete and back in position. Cllr McGarry agreed to speak with JT concerning the litter between the fences on the playing field.

### **Action Cllr McGarry.**

## **02.16.10. Reports from Outside Bodies.**

No reports this month.

## **02.16.11. Financial Matters.**

### **02.16.11.1. Bank Reconciliation**

The Bank Reconciliation to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 was presented to Council and approved.

### **02.16.11.2. Ongoing Financial Support for the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan.**

The Clerk proposed a contribution of £75 towards expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan, largely to pay for the leaflets and posters to promote the referendum. Council agreed the expenditure.

### **02.16.11.3. Expenditure.**

The following payments (for the previous month unless stated otherwise) were noted and approved by Council. **Action Clerk.**

D Langmead, Clerk Salary + Exps	£	296.00
Village Handyperson (J Taylor)	£	120.00
Lengthsman (J Taylor)	£	164.86
S Rockcliffe – Website costs	£	16.00
NALC – Annual Subscription	£	163.57
Sturton Ward NP – Funding for NP Referendum and Expenses	£	75.00

### **02.16.11.4. Annual Precept 2016/17.**

The Clerk reported that following the agreement of the Precept level at £19,560 for the next financial year, the impact of this on residents’ Council Tax bills has been reduced. A band ‘D’ Council Tax payer will now be charged £57.61 for the year (£58.63 in 2015/16) for Parish work

organised by the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that the Precept Order has been passed to Bassetlaw District Council.

#### **02.16.12. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.**

##### **02.16.12.1. Weekly Inspection Report**

Cllr Hobbs again reported on a 'clear' weekly inspection. Council noted that an article would be appearing in the newsletter about the exercising of dogs on the playing field and other 'green' spaces in the village.

##### **02.16.12.2. New Seating**

Cllr Hobbs reported that despite considerable efforts he has had no replies to his letters asking for financial support for the new bench seats. Council agreed to have a re-think and discuss again at the next meeting. **Action All Councillors.**

#### **02.16.13. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were reported to Council this month which Cllr Ferguson agreed to circulate where appropriate: -

- Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine.
- Bassetlaw's annual Spring Clean initiative – "Clean for the Queen".
- Leaflet from Notts Police – "Tackling Rural Crime"
- Email Correspondence from a resident concerning a dog attack.

##### **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

#### **02.16.14. Defibrillator**

Council noted that planning permission is not required to place a defibrillator in its case on the west wall of the Post Office. Council also noted that the Postmaster has agreed for the defibrillator to be positioned on the wall. Council agreed to have a look at further funding opportunities ahead of a decision on the purchase at the next meeting. **Action All Councillors.**

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

Cllr S Ferguson confirmed that articles for the Easter Newsletter need to be with her ideally by mid-February. Council noted that an article on parking at the Surgery will be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

The website was discussed and the Clerk confirmed that the discrepancies with the new site have now been resolved. Council noted that there is a spelling error on the 'return' email system.

##### **Action Clerk to report.**

#### **02.16.16. Emergency Planning incl. Winter Preparation & Residents Questionnaire**

Councillors received a copy of the 'new' Emergency Plan prepared by Cllr Conn and agreed to discuss the plan at the next meeting. Council noted that the data-base from the questionnaires completed by residents will be attached to the plan as an appendix. Cllr Ferguson thanked Cllr Conn for his efforts in putting together the new plan.

#### **02.16.17. Date of next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the Methodist Chapel, starting at 7.15pm.**

**Dates for 2016 are as follows: - 4/4; 9/5; 6/6; 4/7; 5/9; 3/10; 7/11; 5/12;**

Dave Langmead – Clerk, tel. 884756

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

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