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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 2nd November 2015

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

Members of the Public: One

Guests: PCSOs Dave Airey, DCllr Hugh Burton.

PUBLIC FORUM

A resident has raised the problems at the Post Office with the Council where it is understood that there has been a line problem for some weeks which has in turn led to some software problems with the postal information system. It is understood that the problems will be resolved by the 9th November and in the meantime residents have been assisting others including pensioners to other Post Offices to collect their pensions. Council agreed to establish exactly what has happened and forward details to the Clerk so that a formal complaint can be reported. **Action Cllr Ferguson and Clerk.**

Council were also made aware of the verbal abuse suffered by the owner of the Post Office from youths. Council noted that PCSO Dave Airey has been informed and is on the case.

PLANNING MEETING

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting - None

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council.

15/01369/HSE | Erect Single Storey Rear Extension | Pine Lodge Townside Road North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AP.

No Objections or Comments from Council

Decisions – considered by Bassetlaw DC / Notts CC / Planning Inspectorate

Demolish Existing Porch and Garage. Erect Single Storey Side Extension, Detached Garage, Reinstate Entrance Door in the West Elevation, Replace UPVC Guttering with Cast Iron. Erect Garden Shed in Rear Garden and Access Gate at Side of Property.

Gainsborough House Main Street North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AD

Ref. No: 15/01114/HSE & 15/01115/LBA | Received: Fri 14 Aug 2015 | Validated: Fri 21 Aug 2015 | **Status: Grant**

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that only one 'CV' has been received from the Planning Inspectorate (PI) to review and approve the Neighbourhood Plan. It is understood that Bassetlaw DC is negotiating with the PI to agree that one CV would be sufficient (normally three required) as the DC is keen to approve the Plan at the December Planning Meeting on the 16th. Council noted the situation and agreed to respond to the CV as soon as it has been received.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

11.15.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting

There were no declarations at this stage.

11.15.03. Chairman’s remarks.

Cllr Ferguson requested that agenda item 17 is brought forward as item 3a and that the Police report be delayed until PCSO Dave Airey arrived. Council agreed to these changes to the agenda.

11.15.04. Police Report / Community Speedwatch.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there has been just one crime reported in the Parish during October – a burglary from property on Southgore Lane. This month there has been five reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with five crimes reported throughout September 2015 and three crimes reported over the same period last year.

So far this year, beginning 01/04/2015, there have been forty one crimes of interest reported. This compares with forty nine crimes of interest reported over the same period last year. This equates, after seven months of this current tracking year, to a reduction in reported crimes of around eighteen per cent.

This month there have been nine reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with three reported incidents for September 2015 and three reported for the same month in 2014.

The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues. Very few of the anti-social behaviour incidents this month, and in previous months, are youth related

Dave’s report refers to winter weather security suggesting that residents don’t leave the car engines going while defrosting windscreens. He also mentions the Police ‘Fatal Four’ initiative which will be running in the lead up to Christmas. These operations take place at all locations across the county including both urban and rural areas.

“Fatal Four” relates to inconsiderate and/ or inappropriate driving particularly in relation to –

- **Persons driving vehicles in excess of the speed limit.**
- **Persons driving vehicles, and/ or passengers, not wearing seat belts.**
- **Persons driving vehicles whilst using mobile phones.**
- **Persons driving vehicles whilst under the influence of drink and/or drugs.**

Dave’s full report will be published on the Parish Council website and in the Christmas newsletter.

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.

Community Speedwatch

Cllr Sue Ferguson reported that there had been limited Speedwatch activity in the period due to adverse weather and other issues. However Speedwatch sessions have been planned for early November. Cllr Ferguson further reported that the Working Group to look again at the whole issue of speeding traffic through the village has not yet met, but will be meeting during November.

11.15.05. District and County Councillors Reports.

DCllr Burton had nothing major to report from Bassetlaw DC other than the continuing discussions on where Bassetlaw DC will be 'twinned' with D2N2 or Sheffield City Region or both!

11.15.06. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015

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

11.15.07. Matters arising – Non agenda items

Council noted that the actions on the Clerk have been completed with the exception of the transparency fund application. **Action Clerk.**

10.15.08.5. School Bus Stopping at Cross Roads.

The Clerk reported that the double yellow lines on Sturton Road will be reinstated by Notts CC in due course. It was agreed to forward details of any further instances of the school bus stopping and causing an obstruction on the Cross Roads to the Clerk for follow up.

11.15.08. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

11.15.08.1. Street Lamps & Furniture, Signs and Waste Bins.

Council noted problems with 10 street lights around the village. **Action Clerk to report.**

11.15.08.2. HGV Routes to EDF Energy Power Stations

Council noted that no response has yet been received from CCllr Ogle in respect of some possible funding for the scheme by the County Council. **Action CCllr Ogle**

11.15.08.3. Mill Lane Corner – Public Safety.

Council noted the mail to CCllr John Ogle. Council also noted that following last month's incident of a vehicle mounting the kerb another vehicle has been seen over-running the bend and mounting the kerb just missing a resident who was walking on the footpath. The incident was recorded as a white delivery van at 09.50 on 2nd October. Unfortunately the registration number was not recorded as the resident was too busy getting out of the way!! It was agreed to report this further incident to Highways and CCllr Ogle. **Action Clerk.**

11.15.08.4. Sturton Road Footpaths.

Council noted that for a number of reasons the footpaths on Sturton Road are too narrow to successfully navigate with dogs or children in pushchairs. Council agreed to report the section on the east side of the road between the end of the 30mph zone up to the Fenton turn which needs siding back to 'Fix My Street' On the west side of the road within the 30mph zone a yew hedge is over-hanging the footpath and causing an obstruction and it was agreed to visit the owner to discuss cutting the hedge back.

Action Cllr McGarry (siding back) & Cllr Ferguson (yew hedge).

11.15.09. The Lengthsman Report

Council noted the work carried out by John Taylor in October and agreed both the Lengthsman Scheme and Village Handyman Invoices for the month. Council also noted that John has been spending too much of his time clearing up litter. PCSO Dave Airey is aware of the problem and would be speaking with likely offenders to hopefully change their behaviour.

The Clerk reported that there is no requirement on the Parish Council to provide a pension scheme for its employee or contracted workers.

11.15.10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

No reports this month.

11.15.11. Financial Matters.

11.15.11.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 19th October 2015 was presented to Council and approved.

11.15.11.2. Annual Insurance

Council noted receipt of the Policy documents which were passed to Cllr Ferguson for checking.

Action Cllr Ferguson.

11.15.11.3. Expenditure.

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

D Langmead, Clerk Salary + Exps	£ 294.70
Village Handyperson (J Taylor)	£ 120.00
Lengthsman (J Taylor)	£ 75.00
S Rockcliffe – Website costs	£ 8.00
Bill Crowson – Memorial Garden Upkeep – Memorial Garden	£ 45.00
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, village	£ 333.60
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Churchyard	£ 169.20
D Langmead – ¼ of annual Membership of SLCC	£ 37.25

11.15.12. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

11.15.12.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr Hobbs reported on a clear weekly inspection although mentioned that the shelter is looking in a bit of a mess. It was agreed to repaint the shelter at a cost of £52 net for the paint and Cllr Hobbs agreed to carry out the painting work. **Action Cllr Hobbs**

Cllr Hobbs also reported on the availability of community funding opportunities and agreed to research further to fund 3 new bench seats including one for the playing field. **Action Cllr Hobbs**

11.15.12.2. New Seating and Equipment Replacement Program.

Council noted that work has begun and is due to be completed within the week.

11.15.12.3. Additional / Replacement Trees

Cllr Ferguson has discussed the tree planting with the resident who has donated them and agreed for 5 trees to be planted on the playing field.

Council also noted that the volunteer group to tidy up the Memorial Garden and prepare it for winter will be meeting at 10am on Friday 6th November under the guidance of Katie Schofield.

11.15.13. Parish Council Vacancy

Council noted that no further contact has been received from one of the two candidates. Council agreed unanimously that Gordon White be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Action Clerk for paperwork and advice to Bassetlaw DC.

11.15.14. Community Allotment

Council noted the regulations in respect of the provision of allotments as follows: - in accordance with the Allotment Act of 1908 the Parish Council must formally consider any written request by six or more electors (*ten referred to at the meeting in error – my apologies*).

11.15.15. Defibrillator

Council discussed the provision of a defibrillator for the village and noted the approximate costings of £1,235 fitted. Cllr Erridge who is a first responder for the area pointed out that he has only been called upon 3 times in 18 months with no requirements to use his defibrillator. Following further discussion Council agreed to reconsider at the budget meeting in early December.

11.15.16. Correspondence.

Items of correspondence this month included a letter from Paul Tuddenham which is shown below.

Dear Malcolm

Would you please convey my sincere thanks to members of the Parish Council for the beautiful flute glasses presented to me for my service as a Parish Councillor following my decision not to stand for re-election in 2015.

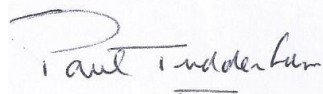
The gift came as a wonderful surprise and is very much appreciated. I will cherish the glasses as they bring back many memories of my time on the Parish Council.

I very much enjoyed being a member of the Parish Council but felt it was time to step down and make way for new people to contribute and make their mark representing the local community.

On a personal note, can I thank you for all your kindness and support given to me whilst serving as a Parish Councillor. Thank you also for the kind words expressed at the presentation ceremony in the Royal Oak. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



Paul Tuddenham

11.15.17. Parish Council Newsletter & Website

Cllr S Ferguson confirmed that the Christmas newsletter is due out at the beginning of December and that there is still some place for articles if interest.

Steve Rockcliffe the Website Manager gave a presentation on the next stage of development for the site. Councillors raised a number of questions and Steve agreed to forward a flow chart summarising his proposals to all ahead of further discussions at the December meeting. Cllr Ferguson thanked Steve for taking time out to attend the meeting. **Action Steve Rockcliffe**

11.15.18. Emergency Planning incl. Winter Preparation & Residents Questionnaire

Cllr S Ferguson agreed to include Cllr Gordon Whites' details to the emergency plan schedule. **Action Cllr S Ferguson.**

11.15.19. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 7th December 2015 in the Methodist Chapel, starting at 7.15pm.

Proposed dates for the first seven months of 2016 are as follows: - 4/1; 1/2; 7/3; 4/4; 9/5; 6/6; 4/7;

Dave Langmead – Clerk, tel. 884756

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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