



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 3rd April 2017

Present: Cllr M Ferguson (Chair), S Ferguson, G White, P Dadd, C Erridge

Clerk: Sara Stilliard

Members of the Public: None

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey; DCllr Hugh Burton

PUBLIC FORUM – no members of the public attended the meeting

PLANNING MEETING

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting – None declared at this stage.

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council –

[Ground Floor Extension to the Rear of the Property \(Resubmission of 17/00021/HSE\)](#) Jalna Southgore Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AA Ref. No: 17/00428/RSB | Received: Tue 21 Mar 2017 | Validated: Tue 21 Mar 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

This is a resubmission of the application which was refused as below. Council had no objections to the original application nor to this resubmission **Action Clerk**

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

[Ground Floor Extension to the Rear of the Property](#) Jalna Southgore Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AA Ref. No: 17/00021/HSE | Received: Mon 09 Jan 2017 | Validated: Wed 18 Jan 2017 | Status: **Refused**

Applications awaiting decision -

Erect Single Storey Rear/Side Extension The Thistle Well Main Street North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AD Ref. No: 17/00263/HSE | Received: Mon 20 Feb 2017 | Validated: Tue 28 Feb 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Proposed Two Storey Dwelling with Detached Garage Block and Associated Landscape Design/Construct New Access Land To The East Of Fingle House Fingle Street North Leverton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 16/01651/FUL | Received: Wed 23 Nov 2016 | Validated: Wed 23 Nov 2016 | Status: **Awaiting decision. Complaint about shipping containers on this site submitted by clerk on behalf of Council**

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

No action until the Autumn. **Action Clerk to remove from agenda until then**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

04.17.01. Apologies for absence. – There was an apology from Cllr Conn

04.17.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting – Cllr Erridge declared an interest at agenda point 12

04.17.03. Chairman's remarks.

Cllr Ferguson requested that 2 items of correspondence be added at 14 and confirmation of the precept for 2017/8 be added at point 12

04.17.04. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017

The minutes of the above meeting were approved by Council and signed by the Chair as true records of the proceedings.

04.17.05. Matters arising – Non-agenda items

Council noted that the actions on the Clerk and Councillors have been completed apart from the request for another black rubbish bin for the playing field which is carried forward to the Clerk's actions for April.

Cllr White was disappointed in the quality of the Playpark Equipment Safely training course on Feb 23rd and as a result NALC refunded the cost of the course with their apologies.

The dog warden has applied stencils to North Leverton roads and stickers reminding residents about dog fouling have been applied to lamp posts. Stickers were also delivered to James Barlow for Mill Lane.

All items requested were added to the newsletter and posters about fly tipping have been added to notice boards and the web site.

Cllr White raised the issue of the state of the pavements and walls at the bus stop opposite the Post Office. Photos were forwarded with the report of the problem **Action Clerk to chase action by Highways**

On behalf of a resident CCllr Ogle has communicated with Highways about a water leak / splashing outside No 9 St Martins Road due to the road camber **Action Clerk to monitor the response.**

04.17.06. Police Report.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there was one crime reported in North Leverton during March, which was criminal damage to a motor vehicle.

In the year from 01/04/2016 there have been ninety-two crimes reported across the beat area. This compares with sixty reported in the same period last year.

PCSO Airey reported that there would soon be more speed traps in the area, including the parishes - building to 1/3 days per month using police cadets.

It has become noticeable that there is an increase in the number of vehicles driving around the area with occupants looking for scrap metal. Please continue to report this type of activity to the control room and, a polite reminder, to ensure that any metal items of value are, where possible, not visible from the public highway or secured accordingly.

A warning has been issued about dodgy door-to-door fish vendors charging hundreds of pounds for low quality fish in Retford, and the surrounding villages. There have been several reports of the "aggressive" rogue traders operating in the Retford area, with at least one incident being reported to the Trading Standards department. The County Councils Trading Standards department team say that people are given the impression that they are only buying a few pieces, but are then presented with a freezer filling amount of largely unlabelled fish, some of which is unfit to eat, plus a bill for two or three hundred pounds. Anyone who has been approached by fish sellers, in this

manner, is urged to contact the Police control room on 101 and the Citizens Advice Consumer Service (Trading Standards) on 08454 040506.

If someone you don't know calls you up and say "Can you hear me?" then you should put the phone down straight away. That is because fraudsters are using a simple, but effective, new phone scam which could cost you a lot of money if you answer the question with a "Yes". At the moment, it is prevalent in America but there are warnings it is likely to move to this country.

The scam uses voice signatures to try and charge you for products, or services, that you've never used. This is how it works: A local number will ring you; The person on the phone will then introduce themselves and the company they supposedly work for; They then ask "Can you hear me?"; Your answer is recorded, and if you say "Yes", your response will be edited and then used to charge you for products, or services, without your knowledge. If you try to disagree with them, they will then play back their recording of you saying "Yes", and threaten to take legal action if you don't pay up. A spokesperson for Action Fraud offered the following advice: "If you receive a call from an unrecognised or withheld number and the caller asks "Can you hear me?" just hang up.

Dave's full report can be seen on-line

Dave asks that residents please continue to report all suspicious persons, vehicles and activity to the control room on 101. Where a crime is in progress, or has just occurred, please continue to use the 999 number. Calls of this nature do make a difference in helping to drive crime figures lower.

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.

04.17.07. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Group

Community Speedwatch

Cllr S Ferguson reported that the team was out on 3 days in March checking 219 vehicles with 14 speeders 35 mph and over = 6.3%

On one occasion, positioned near the bridge at 7am to 8am – 102 vehicles were checked – 35 coming in from Retford and 67 leaving village

Coming in there were 19 above 30 mph and leaving village 13 above 30 mph

12 vehicles were clocked doing 35 mph or over – unclear whether these were coming in or going out. In addition, there was a tractor with no number plate that mounted the kerb doing 37 mph

The speeding registration numbers were sent to EDF to check against their employee vehicles.

The next Speedwatch session will be week beginning 10th April.

Cllr M Ferguson asked that the Speedwatch group make a note of any Tarmac / Gravel lorries passing through the village (inc registration numbers if they are where they should not be) **Action Cllr S Ferguson**

Trentside Traffic Calming Group

Following the intervention of Robert Jenrick MP, a meeting was held with Kevin Greaves on 13th March at which he said that Notts CC would not be able to commit any funding to the scheme. However, another meeting is being scheduled for 3-4 weeks' time and after that there will be a meeting of the Traffic Calming Group

04.17.08. District and County Councillors Reports.

Nothing to report from DCllr Burton but Council welcomed him back to work after his absence

04.17.09. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

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

The following street lights and furniture require attention: -

Nos 23 Main Street – not working

No 6 Sturton Road – not working

Street name sign for Turner's Croft has been scheduled for repair – hopefully by April 7th

Action Clerk to report and chase

There are a couple of benches in the village due for refurbishment – the planks could be replaced by recycled plastic which would last much longer than wood **Action Cllr Erridge to source these if possible**

04.17.09.2. Survey of traffic pending new interactive sign

There will be a week-long speed survey using cables across the road at a position just after the railway bridge on Main Street. Highways cannot tell us when this will be

04.17.09.3. Other issues / matters to report

Cllr Erridge reported seeing 5 x 18-wheeler lorries travelling from South Leverton to North Leverton and turning left at the cross roads to Retford. They clearly should not be on these roads **Action Cllr S Ferguson to take reg numbers from this type of lorry during Speedwatch sessions**

The response from Highways to the request for a 30 MPH speed limit on Mill Lane was that it would mean changing the Traffic Regulation Order, which would in turn mean repeating the process involved in the recent Retford Road speed limit change. Council decided not to attempt this again. **Action Clerk to inform James Barlow of this decision**

North Leverton had an interactive speed sign for a while in the village some time ago. It would be helpful to know when this may be applied again. **Action Clerk to contact Sarah Hird to find out when it will be due next**

04.17.10. The Lengthsman Report / Village Handyman report

04.17.10.1 Repainting numbers on street lamps

John Taylor to be asked to do this. **Action Cllr M Ferguson to provide the paint and stencils**

04.17.10.2 Training courses for lengthsman

Council unanimously agreed for Jack to attend training course on First Aid and the Use of Pesticides despite other PCs not being willing to share the cost of these courses. Clerk to book the next available training slots **Action Clerk**

04.17.11. Reports from Outside Bodies. - none

04.17.12. Financial Matters.

04.17.12.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 20th March 2017 was presented to Council and approved.

04.17.12.2. Expenditure.

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

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| S Stilliard | 263.97 |
| Via East Midlands | 66.00 |
| Jack Foster | 61.25 |
| John Taylor | 150.00 |
| Steve Rockcliffe | 16.00 |
| Cameron Erridge | 499.98 |
| Brian Shead | 144.73 |

04.17.12.3. Clerk's annual salary increment

Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary by one NALC salary scale point from April 2017.

Action Clerk

04.17.12.4. Confirmation of Precept

BDC have confirmed the Precept for North Leverton for 2017/8 at £19,560 which together with a concurrent grant of £140 and a street cleaning grant of £704 totals £20,404

04.17.13. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

04.17.13.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr White reported that there is still quite a lot of litter and the bins are full

Action Cllr M Ferguson to ask John Taylor to empty them

Otherwise all fine although the grass is growing quickly and will be subject to 2 cuts next month

There are various parts needed for the play equipment **Action Cllr White to source these in line with the Wickstead report**

Other actions to tidy up the playing field include staining the fence and seats and painting the shelter and climbing frame **Action Cllr White to source the paint and stain and ask John Taylor or the lengthsman to undertake the painting / staining work**

04.17.13.2. Memorial Garden benches

The 2 new benches are awaiting installation. Cllr M Ferguson has a verbal quote for the removal of the old bench & spoil and erection of the two new benches on a concrete base at a cost of £210.00. One bench to be placed where the existing bench is, near the shelter, and the other near the small slide.

Action Cllr M Ferguson to action this

The Rotary Club have requested plaques on each bench commemorating their gift. Security screws will be needed for these **Action Cllr White to source security screws / Cllr Erridge to supply thickness of plank**

Action Cllr Erridge to arrange the wording with the Rotary Club and source the plaques.

04.17.14. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were received this month:

- Letter from Paddy Tipping in response to Council's letter about Bill Bailey
- Notification of footpath closures between West Burton and Cottam Power stations
- The Clerk Magazine

04.17.15. Parish Council Newsletter and website

04.17.15.1 Parish Council Newsletter

The Spring newsletter will be distributed by w/e 9th April.

The Summer newsletter is due in June and will include the Windmill Weekend. A change of format has been suggested i.e. newspaper type columns and people will be asked which they prefer when the Summer copy comes out **Action Cllr S Ferguson**

04.17.15.2 Parish Website

Website is fine.

Statistics received for January to March:-

Total visits for Sturton Ward is 4,959 with 680 having some relevance to NLPC which is 13.7%

Total number of items on website is 167 with 25 having some relevance to NLPC which is 14.9%

04.17.15.3 Village Archive

Cllr M Ferguson is holding a lot of archive material, much of which should be retained. Many of the documents should be held in fire and water proof conditions. Clerk has cost of circa £1000 for a water and fire proof cabinet which could be shared with another PCs perhaps. Cost options for storage at a solicitor to be investigated for comparison at next meeting

Action Clerk to investigate costs of storage at solicitors or bank strong rooms.

04.17.15.4 Councillor vacancies

There has been no request for a by election following the death of Gill McGarry so the Parish Council can now co-opt another new councillor. The vacancies to be posted on the web site and in the newsletter **Action Cllr S Ferguson**

04.17.15.5 Best kept village awards

Council decided not to enter this award however more could be done to make the village attractive with bulbs etc next spring.

04.17.16. Date of next meetings

The meetings of the Parish Council will be held in the Methodist Chapel, starting at 7.15 pm on the following dates. Cllr M Ferguson reminded Council that the AGM will be due in May and the Annual Parish Meeting is due in June when the meeting will start at 7pm

May 8th (inc AGM) / June 5th (inc APM) / July 3rd / Sept 4th / Oct 2nd / Nov 6th / Dec 4th

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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, S Rockcliffe, Notice Boards, & File

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