



## NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

**Present:** Cllr M Ferguson (Chair), S Ferguson, C Overend, C Erridge, P Dadd

**Clerk:** Sara Stilliard

**Members of the Public:** One

**Guests:** DCllr Hugh Burton & CCllr John Ogle & PCSO Dave Airey

#### **PUBLIC FORUM –**

The member of the public raised the issue of overgrown footpaths which are very hard for older people and dog walkers to negotiate. In particular the footpath over the bridge from Hablesthorpe to Fenton (number 17) and the footpath to Sturton in both instances hedges are overgrowing the walkway. It was noted that it may be the landowner's responsibility to keep hedges cut back. **Action Clerk to report this to Laura Summers of NCC Footpaths to investigate.**

A bench at Keeton Way is also in a poor state of repair – the Chair commented that this is scheduled for repair by the lengthsman

#### **PLANNING MEETING**

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

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council –

##### [Outline Planning Application \(All Reserved Matters\) for up to 3 Dwellings](#)

The Old Plough Main Street North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AD Ref. No: 17/00711/OUT | Received: Mon 22 May 2017 | Validated: Wed 31 May 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council support the application in general with some concern re the access which will be immediately opposite Fingle Street **Action Clerk to comment on planning site accordingly**

##### [Proposed Front Extension for Proposed Reception Area and Fencing](#)

North Leverton C of E School Main Street North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AD Ref. No: 17/00624/FUL | Received: Wed 03 May 2017 | Validated: Tue 06 Jun 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council support this application. **Action Clerk to make this comment on planning site**

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

##### [Change of Use from Existing Chicken Shed, Construction Plant Yard & Offices to Offices and Warehouse](#)

Quantum Farm Infield Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AL Ref. No: 17/00498/COU | Received: Fri 31 Mar 2017 | Validated: Tue 11 Apr 2017 | Status: **withdrawn**

Outline Application with All Matters Reserved for Demolition of Existing Bungalow and Outbuildings and Use Land for Residential Development - Olinda Southgore Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AA Ref. No: 15/01265/OUT | Received date: Tue 15 Sep 2015 | Status: **Grant**

Applications awaiting decision –

[Erect Single Storey Front Extension](#) Lilac Cottage 3 Magpie Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AJ Ref. No: 17/00643/HSE | Received: Mon 08 May 2017 | Validated: Fri 12 May 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: **Still awaiting decision**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**07.17.01. Apologies for absence.** – There were apologies from Cllr A Conn and Cllr G White which were accepted by Council

**07.17.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting** – none at this point

### **07.17.03. Chairman's remarks on the Agenda**

There are 2 invoices – for DN22 Garden Services and HMRC - to add to the finance section at point 12 and 4 additional items of Correspondence to add at point 14

### **07.17.04. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true record of the proceedings. The Minutes of recent Annual Parish and Annual General Meetings were also signed off by the Chair as a true record of the proceedings.

### **07.17.05. Matters arising – Non-agenda items**

Council noted that the actions on the Clerk and Councillors have been completed.

The details of the Speedwatch report were sent to Ian Parker to reinforce the need for more traffic calming measures.

The Dog Warden has repainted the signs on the streets but again these are beginning to fade

Laura Summers has visited the resident concerned about trespassers leaving the footpath and straying onto their land.

### **07.17.06. Police Report.**

#### Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported 2 crimes for North Leverton during the first week of June. A burglary on Main Street resulted in the loss of tools from a barn and there was a theft from a van on Maltkins and tools and other equipment were stolen. Dave has spoken with a couple of residents following reports of trespass on property in the village.

There have been 17 crimes reported across the beat area in the first 3 months of the financial year. This compares with 29 reported in the same period last year.

Police speed gun operations have been mounted on 2 weekends in June and they will be out again in July. In total twenty tickets were given out and twenty-five vehicles were stopped and warned. A number of other vehicles were stopped as a result driving documentation irregularities. Council asked Dave if he could push for this operation to be sited at the bridge entering the village as well as on Sturton Road **Action Dave Airey**

It would appear that the number of residents enrolling to Nottinghamshire Alert, particularly across this beat area, is steadily rising each month. Please take time to view the Nottinghamshire Alert website page and, if interested, please sign up. It is free to join the scheme and messages are sent out from time to time by me, and other agencies, in both text and E mail form.

The Nottinghamshire Police website page has also been recently updated. On this page, there are regular updates from the Police and other agencies around recent crimes and trends, and advice and contact details for support should these are required. Other agencies that regularly have input include the Trading Standards department (or Consumer Direct as it is known now) and the Action Fraud team.

This month there have been six reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incidents for May and two reported for the same month in 2016. 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.

Please look out for each other's homes this summer. Please continue to report suspicious persons, vehicles and activity in your area to our control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate.

As I have said in previous reports – Who knows the villages best?  
The residents themselves, of course.

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.**

#### **07.17.07. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Group**

##### Community Speedwatch

Cllr S Ferguson reported that the Speedwatch team was out for a whole week - 5 days - in June. In the 2 days by the bridge there were 14 speeding vehicles in total whereas on Sturton Road there were 8 and on Main Street there were none. The team checked 414 vehicles in total with 22 speeders at 35 mph and over = 5.3%. This again confirms the results from the Notts CC speed survey.  
The next Speedwatch session will be w/c 10<sup>th</sup> July.

##### Trentside Traffic Calming Group

For about £3k the PC could buy their own interactive speed sign. CCllr Ogle is arranging a meeting with the new person in charge of Highways – John Cottee – and the group would hope to obtain some help in funding these devices. Council agreed to wait for the outcome of this meeting before deciding whether to invest in a speed sign for the village.

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

DCllr Burton said that he is always available to take up issues on the Council or resident's behalf, particularly planning issues which may be difficult or controversial – just call him if anything needs his attention.

CCLlr Ogle confirmed that the region would not be joining Sheffield City due to the petition which was signed by so many residents in the region

He confirmed that there would be £1 million for road repairs over the region and urged all councillors to send photos of particularly bad potholes and road surfaces etc to him for attention, such as the gully at the bus shelter on Main Street **Action all councillors / Clerk**

A petition would be welcome and influential in ensuring that Bill Bailey is replaced when he retires

It is now looking more likely that Sure Start will be able to remain at Leverton School and continue the scheme for younger children.

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

It was noted that Caddow Lane Bridleway has had a gate installed across it recently **Action Clerk to check the status of this road with Laura Summers**

##### 07.17.09.1. Street Lamps & Signs and Street Furniture.

No street lights observed to be faulty but the street light numbers have now been re painted so they are easy to identify.

**Action Cllr M Ferguson to ask John Taylor to use up the excess paint on the railings in the village**

Timber to be bought to repair the bench at Keeton Way **Action Cllrs Ferguson and White**

##### 07.17.09.2. Other issues / matters to report

In response to a formal notification from the Highways department re. an obscured flashing school sign adjacent the Blacksmiths Playing Field Cllr Ferguson confirmed that the offending tree had been cut back

A brown bin for garden waste has been ordered for Jack to use. Council also agreed that 2 more green bins should be ordered for the handyman to use – this will be at a cost of £300 per year for a fortnightly service.

**Action Clerk to order bins**

One bin in the village is damaged **Action Clerk to order a replacement**

**07.17.10. The Lengthsman Report / Village Handyman report**

The Lengthsman report

Council commented that Jack had done a very good job painting the fence at the Blacksmiths Playing Field and that the village is looking very tidy

07.17.10.1 Training courses for lengthsman

Jack has passed the Use of Pesticides course. The pesticide equipment has been purchased so he is ready to spray now. On July 19<sup>th</sup> he will be taking his hedge cutting course.

Handyman report

The litter bins in the village generally and dog poo bins in particular need to be emptied more frequently in the hot weather. New stocks of refuse sacks have arrived and a larger bin is required at the entrance to the playing field. **Action Clerk to request a larger bin. / Action Cllr M Ferguson to ask John to empty bins more frequently**

Council noted that the handyman will be on holiday w/c 4<sup>th</sup> August

**07.17.11. Reports from Outside Bodies.**

The Protection of Rural England group encourage Parish Councils to join to gain help with planning issues which may affect rural areas. Council unanimously decided that there would be no value for the village in joining

**07.17.12. Financial Matters.**

07.17.12.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was presented to Council and approved.

07.17.12.2. Expenditure.

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

Action Clerk.

Sara Stilliard	278.77
Jack Foster	268.75
John Taylor	150.00
Steve Rockcliffe	16.00
Holmes Groundcare	278.00
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North Notts Training Group	608.40
Gordon White	103.27
Brian Shead	144.73
BDC – brown bin	30.00
DN22 Gardening Services	100.00
North Notts CPR	75.00

07.17.12.4. Other matters

Forms to change the signatories for the Building Society were signed by past signatories **Action Clerk to submit these and obtain change forms for Nat West Bank for the next meeting**

**07.17.13. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.**

07.17.13.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr White reported that it is all fine apart from the continuing litter of slush cups in the field. Jack needs a little more paint to complete the fence **Action Cllr White**

07.17.13.2. Memorial Garden benches

The Rotary Club have requested plaques on each new bench commemorating their gift. **Action Cllr Erridge to arrange the wording with the Rotary Club and source the plaques.**

Council will monitor the use of the new benches between now and September's PC meeting and then consider buying one or two more larger benches. **Action Clerk to add to September agenda**

There had been a request from Liz Rickards to change the weathered plaque in the Memorial Garden for a brass or marble one (at her cost). Council had no objections to the exchange or the proposed wording for the new plaque.

#### **07.17.14. Correspondence.**

The following items of correspondence were received this month for circulation:

- Clerk Magazine
- Supporting Merchant Navy Day letter - no further action required
- Offer of a cheap notice board – not required
- Offer of Police presence at Remembrance Day parades – no further action required
- Offer of Transparency grant – Council to consider. **Action Clerk to put on Sept agenda**

#### **07.17.15. Parish Council Newsletter and website**

##### 07.17.15.1 Parish Council Newsletter

The Summer newsletter will be delivered w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The next Newsletter is due in the Autumn – late September.

##### 07.17.15.2 Parish Website

Website statistics for the last 3 months show that there were 3650 hits in total of which 430 were for North Leverton (11%). There were 149 items added to the website and 20 of these were relevant to the village

##### 07.17.15.3 Village Archive

Clerk has now contacted Notts CC to request archive storage for the Parish Council. The archive department has agreed to take North Leverton's archive material. **Action Clerk and Cllr M Ferguson to catalogue it and deliver to Nottingham for storage during August**

##### 07.17.15.4 Councillor vacancies

Interestingly 19 web site hits were related to Councillor vacancies for North Leverton but as yet there have been no applications. **Action Cllr S Ferguson to arrange adding an item to the web site to encourage interested residents to get in touch.**

#### **07.17.16. 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.

The Chair wished everyone a good Summer holiday

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup> / Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> / Nov 6<sup>th</sup> / Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

**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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