



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 5th December 2016

Present: Cllr M Ferguson (Chair), A Conn, S Ferguson, G White, I Hobbs, C Overend, J McGarry, C Erridge

Clerk: Sara Stilliard

Members of the Public: None

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey; CCllr John Ogle; Andrew Grayson and Chris Maidment (BDC planning policy officers)

PUBLIC FORUM

Andrew Grayson gave a quick overview of the new Draft Local Plan which is likely to be adopted in 2019, replacing the current core strategy (which is still in place until then). North Leverton is included in the Trentside Functional Cluster sharing its facilities and services with others in the cluster and not relying on any towns i.e. a self-sufficient network of villages. This presents more options for residential growth - +20% over a 15-year period is targeted. Over the period 2005 – 2015 there have been 115 new dwellings in North Leverton so the new plan may actually involve less growth – but the right type of housing.

He then took questions from councillors: -

Cllr M Ferguson raised concerns that the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood plan is being overridden by the need for more housing and asked how NPs will fit with the new BDC local plan

Response – NPs will be part of the development plan so will need to conform with it. If in 2019 elements of Sturton Ward's current NP are in conflict, the District plan will take precedence – if not the NP will be adopted. Where there is conflict Bassetlaw Council will support changes to the NP. Bassetlaw planning department wants to work with NPs to achieve the same objectives. By December 2017 it is likely the Draft Plan will have developed policies and at that point work on NPs / revisions to NPs can start – rather than waiting until the adoption date of 2019.

Cllr M Ferguson asked how much revision to a NP there could be before needing a new consultation and referendum

Response – the process should not be as onerous as completely re-writing the original NP - but if fundamental differences to the initial philosophies are required then a new consultation/referendum will be required to achieve a new mandate. NPs can now include more character / design based assessment criteria and can allocate sites for more control of where homes are built.

Cllr M Ferguson then questioned the long term security of the current village envelope.

Response – it was confirmed that village envelopes have already been eroded due to 5-year land supply pressures. The village envelope has been an arbitrary line and it will be a more nuanced approach via the New Plan, whilst not allowing encroachment into the countryside

Cllr Conn asked what consideration would be given to the appropriate utilities / infrastructure needs alongside new housing development since there is already a strain on aging systems in NL

Response - BDC are not directly involved with utilities but proof (correspondence showing failures and issues in the village) that existing systems are overloaded and failing would certainly materially affect planning decisions and / or requirements for developers to bear the cost of new systems.

Cllr Hobbs raised the issue of services, such as schools and doctors, which are at capacity in some villages where more housing would create even more strain

Response – the Cluster villages are all no more than 4kms from basic services. Any villages outside of this would not support any more growth so would be considered 'unsustainable'. Some villages are losing services and the Cluster approach goes some way to mitigating this. However capacity at the nearest school or doctor's surgery would not be a reason to refuse planning applications.

Cllr Ferguson asked where the Draft Plan sat with proposed Devolution to Sheffield City Region

Response – BDC would not be required to conform with a non-statutory framework proposed by Sheffield City Region and the Mayor is not obliged to impose a special framework for Bassetlaw. However Bassetlaw housing numbers will probably have to meet Sheffield City targets. Unless the Devolution agreement changes radically Andrew did not consider all the work on the new Draft Plan for Bassetlaw to be under threat but he agreed to let NLPC know if anything changed so the Council can plan accordingly.

The deadline for NLPC's response to the New Draft Plan is 5pm on Friday 9th December

Action Cllr M Ferguson to send Council's response to the Clerk for submission

There was a comment from a resident, raised in the meeting, concerning the possible danger of collapse to a wall in the village

Action Cllr M Ferguson to assess the wall from a Health & Safety perspective and contact Bassetlaw Environmental Health department if deemed to be a public safety issue

PLANNING MEETING

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

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**

Council considered that the proposed house has too modern a façade, not in keeping with the style of the village, especially so close to the church, contravening Sturton Ward NP policy number 3c. Access was deemed to be an issue – the lane to the proposed house is a public right of way and it is not clear how the access will be constructed

The Property could be outside the village envelope - **Clerk to find map to check**

Action Clerk to respond accordingly

Erect Two Storey Side and Single Storey Front and Rear Extensions  10 St Martins Road North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AU Ref. No: 16/01655/HSE | Received: Tue 22 Nov 2016 | Validated: Tue 22 Nov 2016 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council agreed to support this application – a precedent has already been set for this type of extension and there are no issues associated with the application

Action Clerk to respond accordingly

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

Planning Application – Update.

16/01318/HSE | Erect 2.18m High Boundary Wall Between Leverton House, The Granary and The Old Barn | Leverton House Southgore Lane North Leverton Nottinghamshire DN22 0AA Status: **Awaiting decision**

Sturton Ward Plan – Monitoring Group

Nothing to report – no reply from Gavin Barwell as yet

Action Clerk to circulate any reply received

Bassetlaw Initial Draft Local Plan

Already covered in the public forum

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

12.16.01. Apologies for absence. – There was an apology from DCllr H Burton as a result of illness and Cllr Dadd – which were accepted by Council

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

12.16.03. Chairman’s remarks.

Cllr Ferguson requested that the cheque to Brian Marchant be disregarded at point 12b because he would pay the amount in cash from the Chairman’s allowance. He also asked that an item at 10b – Handyman’s report be added to the agenda. All changes/additions were agreed by Council.

12.16.04. Police Report.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported to Council that there were no crimes reported in the village during November although there were 6 crimes in the whole beat area. The number of crimes overall were up by 9 between April – November compared with the same period last year but 2015 had been a very low crime year.

Regarding two abandoned vehicles in North Leverton, PCSO Airey reported that the burned out remains in Mill Lane would be removed by Bassetlaw Council and the Transit Van at Coates, which was stolen from Sturton, would be recovered by the insurance company when the weather improved and made this possible.

Action PCSO Airey to follow up on this

PCSO Dave Airey thanked the Parish Council for all their help and support during the year and also wanted to thank the community members for their vigilance and support in helping to minimise crime in the area.

Cllr Ferguson passed on the Council’s Christmas wishes to David and thanked him for his efforts over the year

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.

<p>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.</p>
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12.16.05. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Group

Community Speedwatch

Cllr S Ferguson reported that the team was out on 3 days in November with 6 speeding vehicles being 'caught' out of 173 cars passing the check points, representing 3.5%. Cllr Hobbs recognised 2 number plates as belonging to drivers caught speeding previously. Details have been passed to PCSO Airey who will talk to them (one lives locally and one out of the area)

Action PCSO Airey

Trentside Traffic Calming Group

The scheduled December meeting of the Traffic Calming group has been postponed until January when hopefully there will be a response from Kevin Greaves to the proposal from the group. He has been reminded that his response is expected

Action Cllr S Ferguson

12.16.06. District and County Councillors Reports.

CCllr Ogle informed Council that the draft BDC plan, which will allow 20% increase in housing development within Village Clusters, removes the 'non-sustainable' reason for rejecting planning permission and the capacity of schools and doctors will also not be sufficient reason to refuse planning in a village. This may lead to commuters and residents increasing traffic on rural roads.

The decision on Devolution has been held up pending a judicial review in Derbyshire where the residents don't want to join with Sheffield although the council supports it (similar to Bassetlaw). A decision is expected on December 6th and if it is dismissed it is likely that this will be the result for Bassetlaw as well. If not there is a referendum to fall back on due to the number of signatures collected in this district.

May 2017 elections will focus on priorities for candidates and a high priority for those wanting a change in administration will be highways and village safety.

CCllr Ogle wished the Council a Happy Xmas which was reciprocated.

12.16.07. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016

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

12.16.08. Matters arising – Non agenda items

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

Cllr S Ferguson has circulated the proposal to Kevin Greaves to all councillors

Winter salt has now been delivered

Request for grit bin refurbishment was made and confirmation received that they were checked and filled

Dave Langmead was to attend a conference on grant aid and report back but he did not attend

Cllr Erridge confirmed that the resident with a leaking car has replaced it with another, which does not leak as badly, and it is no longer parked on the road

John Taylor had fulfilled his hours on the Phone Box refurbishment

Clerk's contract of employment has been signed by all parties and is in force

Figures have been provided to Cllr M Ferguson for budget preparation

12.16.09. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

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

The lamps that were faulty last month have now been fixed but the following require attention:-

No 1 Sturton Road – not working

No 18 Main Street – not working

No 2 Main Street – fixed but on day burn

Street name sign for Turner's Croft has not been repaired - likely to be in the New Year

Action Clerk to report and chase

12.16.09.2. Mill Lane Corner – moving speed signs.

Now have agreement that new 30 MPH signs will be erected before March 2017. A grant of £1,000 has been secured for North Leverton who will only have to pay £400 for the traffic signs. Once moved NCC will monitor traffic speeds to see if an interactive sign at the Retford end of the village would be warranted – if it is they will supply it – if not the Parish Council could consider possible funding at a cost of circa £8k

Action Clerk to follow up – ongoing basis

12.16.09.4. Other issues / matters to report.

Nothing to report

12.16.10. The Lengthsman Report / Village Handyman report

12.16.10.1 Jack Foster continues to do well. Cllr Ferguson suggested re-marking the street lights in the Parish since many are so worn as to be illegible. A map of the street lights and numbers is now available. Waiting for permission from NCC to do this

Clerk to chase permission to mark lights

Jack now has a high vis jacket with 'Lengthsman' on it. However, it was agreed that he should not work in the dark in North Leverton

Action Cllr Hobbs to meet with Jack to give him priorities and tell him not to work in the dark

12.16.10.2 John Taylor has been very busy on the phone box refurbishment including shelving and it is ready to accept books. A poster to go on the notice board asking for book donations (suitable for children please) – **Action Cllr S Ferguson / Cllr White**

There is still an issue with light to the phone box – checks are to be undertaken to determine whether there is power to the box **Action Cllr White to arrange and report**

12.16.11. Reports from Outside Bodies.

12.16.11.1 Consultation on Bassetlaw's draft plan

Covered in public forum

12.16.11.1 Consultation on Parish Council precept

South Leverton Parish Council has written to John Mann about the issue. North Leverton to write a similar letter in opposition to the cap on raising the precept

Action Clerk

12.16.12. Financial Matters.

12.16.12.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 18th November 2016 was presented to Council and approved.

12.16.12.2. Expenditure.

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

S Stilliard	294.91
Jack Foster	91.00
John Taylor	225.00
Steve Rockcliffe	32.00

Council noted that the fee for the lengthsman was low this month because Jack did not complete all the allocated hours in November but would make them up in December

12.16.13. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

12.16.13.1. Weekly Inspection Report

All fine. The bin at the side of the shelter may need attention in due course

12.16.13.2. New Seating

Cllr Erridge has applied to the Retford Lions, administrators of the Percy Laws fund, for £500 towards a new bench. Decision should be made by 9th December

Action Cllr Erridge to inform Council of the decision

12.16.14. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were received this month:

- Offer of a presentation on the roll out of fibre broadband
- Letter about a survey on smoking in children's playgrounds
- Request for a donation to the Revitalise Charity

Action Clerk to decline the offer of a B/Band presentation

Action Clerk to find out if Council have donated to this charity before

Action Cll M Ferguson to complete the survey about smoking in playgrounds

12.16.15. Parish Council Newsletter and website

The next issue of the Newsletter is due at the end of January– any items to be included to Cllr S Ferguson by mid-January please. Cllr S Ferguson suggested the inclusion of a photo of the scheduled appearance of Father Xmas at the Post Office. **Action Cllr Overend – agreed to organise**

Stephen Rockcliffe provided statistics from the web site which showed that North Leverton received 15.4% of the hits to the Sturton Ward site between January and October this year. The hits have increased as the year progressed. Most hits were recorded for the Home page, Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan and Community Policing pages

Action Cllr S Ferguson to send out web site stats at the end of December 2016. Hit statistics re-start again in New Year and will be reported quarterly thereafter

12.16.16. Village Xmas Tree

The Xmas tree (kindly sponsored by Highfields) was put up and decorated on Sunday 4th December. The Chairman's thanks go to Cllrs Overend; Hobbs; White; McGarry for their help and requested that letters of thanks to be sent to:- Mike South; David Schofield; David Evans; Pip Burkitt; Emma (at the Royal Oak) and Highfields Transport

12.16.17. Date of next year's meetings

There will be a budget meeting on Monday 12th November in the Methodist Chapel starting at 7.15 pm.

Action all councillors to review the proposed budget for the meeting

The 2017 meetings of the Parish Council will be held in the Methodist Chapel, starting at 7.15 pm on the following dates

Jan 9th / Feb 6th / March 6th / April 3rd / May 8th / June 5th / July 3rd / Sept 4th / Oct 2nd / Nov 6th / Dec 4th

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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