



## NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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

**Members of the Public:** One

**Guests:** PCSOs Dave Airey, DCllr Hugh Burton, CCllr John Ogle

### PUBLIC FORUM

No issues were raised

### PLANNING MEETING

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

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council.

15/01265/OUT | 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.

**Although there were no specific details of the development proposed, the Parish Council objects to the proposed development in its present form. Council considered from the outline application that access arrangements next to the level crossing were inappropriate and that no consideration has been given to the significant amount of additional sewerage that would be transported into the already overloaded system. Council suggests that the District Council considers Policy DN12 of the Core Strategy to ensure that SuDS are incorporated into any development. The DC is also asked to consider the emerging Neighbourhood Plan where it is clearly the local populations view that new development should incorporate a good proportion of smaller, more affordable houses suitable for first time buyers and elder residents downsizing (Policies 8, 9, and 10 of the Sturton Ward NP).**

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

### Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that it is hoped that BDC will be considering the Plan at the Planning meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December. The request for the 3 CVs of Inspectors for the Ward Parish Councillors to consider has been made. The two main criteria for the choice of inspector will be experience with rural issues and turn-a-round speed of returning the plan. It is hoped that the examination of the plan can start in early November and with an average turn round of three weeks any changes required can be incorporated before BDC approval. If all goes according to plan the 28 day referendum advertisement would start in early January with a referendum date of end Jan/early Feb.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**10.15.01. Apologies for absence.** – Cllrs Erridge and McGarry gave their apologies which were accepted by Council.

### **10.15.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting**

There were no declarations at this stage.

### **10.15.03. Chairman's remarks.**

Cllr Ferguson requested that the following additional items be added to the agenda: Two additional payments to 11b; and that item 11e is considered before 11b. Council also agreed to bring forward item 13 to be discussed between items 8 & 9. Council agreed to these additions / changes to the agenda.

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

#### Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there has been just one crime reported in the Parish during September – a burglary from property on Southfields Rise. This month there has been five reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with six crimes reported throughout August 2015 and seven crimes reported over the same period last year. One of the Criminal Damage other crimes from last month has been passed to an adjoining beat area.

So far this year, beginning 01/04/2015, there have been thirty six crimes of interest reported. This compares with forty six crimes of interest reported over the same period last year. This equates, after six months of this current tracking year, to a reduction in reported crimes of almost twenty per cent. This month there have been three reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with three reported incidents for August 2015 and six reported for the same month in 2014.

Dave made particular reference to the approach of Bonfire Night and draws attention to the curfews on the setting off of fireworks. Dave also mentioned Christmas and the types of crimes that the criminals in society will be attempting. Useful tips on how to protect your property while out shopping, at cash machines, when you are out for the evening and at home can be found in Dave's full report published in the newsletter and on the Parish Website.

Finally, the letter from The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable giving an update on rural crime initiatives was discussed particularly noting comments on the CRS programme. It was agreed to follow up on the comments and contact both Rushcliffe and Gedling districts to enquire on their reaction to the training and the scheme. **Action Clerk.**

**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 Community Speedwatch volunteers have been out on four occasions during the previous week and 'clocked' eleven speeding vehicles. Council were delighted to hear that a further two volunteers have been recruited to the team which brings the number up to seven which gives the team a lot more flexibility. Cllr Ferguson further reported that the Working Group to look again at the whole issue of speeding traffic through the village will be meeting during October.

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

DCllr Burton had nothing major to report from Bassetlaw DC other than his request for a new speaker system to be installed in the Town Hall meeting rooms to enable the public to hear what is being said.

CCllr Ogle agreed to join in and respond to County issues during the discussions as they arose on the agenda.

#### **10.15.06. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

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

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

##### 07.15.08.1. Waste Bin.

Council noted that the new waste bin has been delivered and erected in Hablesthorpe.

**Action Clerk to pay invoice.**

##### 09.15.08.7. Protruding Wall Tiles.

Council noted that the protruding wall tiles have now been removed and the wall made safe.

##### 09.15.08.6. Highway Crossing at the Crossroads.

Following discussions with Notts CC, the Clerk confirmed that the agreed crossing points during school opening and closing times are adjacent to the cross roads on Sturton Road and Main Street (East side) where the Crossing Patrol Warden is on duty to assist during those times The County Council has confirmed that they have no plans to introduce any further formalised crossing points in the village.

##### 07.15.08.5. Hablesthorpe Tree

Council noted the copy correspondence confirming that the tree does grow from the highway verge and is therefore the responsibility of the County Council Highways Dept. to make it safe. However it was noted that this has not yet been carried out and CCllr Ogle agreed to investigate.

**Action CCllr Ogle**

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

##### 10.15.08.1. Street Lamps & Furniture, Signs and Waste Bins.

Council noted problems with 9 street lights around the village. **Action Clerk to report.**

##### 10.15.08.2. HGV Routes to EDF Energy Power Stations

Council noted that Notts CC will not be able to assist with the funding of the proposed signage scheme. CCllr Ogle recalled however that some funding has been agreed by the County Council and agreed to follow this up with his colleagues. **Action CCllr Ogle**

##### 10.15.08.3. Mill Lane Corner – Public Safety.

Council noted that little progress has been made as the County Council is unable to help with financing the project. However, the Clerk reported that he will be having a further meeting with Highways to hopefully arrange for a schedule of work to be produced and costed. Once the scheme has been costed the Parish Council will then consider the funding options. Following discussion, it was also agreed to write to Notts CC at a Senior Officer and Portfolio Holder level to see how with partnership working to best improve the safety at this dangerous corner.

Council also noted that another vehicle has been seen mounting the kerb and it was agreed for an article to go in the Parish Magazine to request details of similar incidents quoting times and dates from the public. **Action Cllr Hobbs.**

##### 10.15.08.4. Footpath adjacent to 16 Keeton Way.

Council noted that following discussions between Notts CC (Rights of Way) and the resident living adjacent to the footpath, agreement has been reached to remove the paving slabs and fill in the remaining holes that lie within two metres of the opposite boundary. It was agreed to write to neighbours to confirm the agreed action. **Action Clerk.**

#### 10.15.08.5. School Bus Stopping at Cross Roads.

Council noted that a school bus is stopping in the afternoon to drop off children right on the cross roads on Sturton Road causing chaos at the busy junction. It was agreed to firstly arrange for the double yellow lines to be reinstated following the drainage work, and secondly to investigate the bus route with the County Council in the first instance to hopefully to then arrange for a more suitable dropping off place in the village. **Action Clerk.**

#### **10.15.09. The Lengthsman Report**

Council noted the work carried out by John Taylor in September and agreed both the Lengthsman Scheme and Village Handyman Invoices for the month. Council also noted that John has been spending most of his time clearing up leaves around drains and from footpaths.

#### **10.15.10. Reports from Outside Bodies.**

No reports this month.

#### **10.15.11. Financial Matters.**

##### 10.15.11.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 was presented to Council and approved.

##### 10.15.11.2. Annual Insurance

Council noted that the Insurance is due for renewal with a premium of £839.24 due for the year to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. Council agreed to take up the offer of a reduced premium (£797.28) for a long term agreement (LTA) to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The rates applied by Aviva at the start of the agreement will be maintained at the same level throughout the period. Council agreed to enter a further LTA to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

##### 10.15.11.3. Expenditure.

The following payments were noted and approved by Council. **Action Clerk.**

D Langmead, Clerk Salary + Exps – September	£	331.06
Village Handyperson (J Taylor) – Sept	£	150.00
Lengthsman (J Taylor) – Sept	£	120.00
S Rockcliffe – Website costs	£	16.00
Bill Crowson – Memorial Garden Upkeep – Memorial Garden	£	45.00
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, village- Sept	£	333.60
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Churchyard - Sept	£	169.20
Came and Company – Ann Insurance Premium	£	797.28
B D Shead – Newsletter Printing	£	81.06

##### 10.15.11.4. Additional Cheque Signatories

The Clerk reported that the four new cheque signatories are now operational.

##### 10.15.11.5. Transparency Code Funding.

Council noted the availability for funding for smaller Councils from UK Government towards the purchase of a laptop, a scanner and certain website costs required in respect of the new transparency legislation. It was agreed to investigate and apply. **Action Clerk.**

#### **10.15.12. Wind Farms Update**

The Clerk reported that official notifications have been received from both EDF Renewables and the Saundby Windfarm developers that the two proposed windfarm applications at Maumhill and Saundby have been withdrawn. It was agreed to remove this item from future agendas.

#### **Action Clerk.**

#### **10.15.13. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.**

#### 10.15.13.1. Weekly Inspection Report

The weekly inspection revealed no defects or problems with the play equipment. Council noted however that there is still a litter problem, and it was agreed to place a note in the newsletter requesting users of the playing field to place litter in the bins provided or take it home

#### 10.15.13.2. New Seating and Equipment Replacement Program.

Council agreed to a pre-start site meeting with installers of the new play equipment on the 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. **Action Clerk to confirm with Proludic.**

#### 10.15.13.3. Additional / Replacement Trees

Council noted the offer of 30/40 young trees that are available to be planted on Parish Council land. Council agreed to accept the offer in principle and Cllr Malcolm Ferguson agreed to discuss the details with the resident concerned. **Action Cllr M Ferguson.**

#### **10.15.14. Correspondence.**

Items of correspondence this month included:

- A Notice from the Royal Voluntary Service – to the noticeboard.
- A notice from the Sir Stuart and Lady Florence Goodwin Charity advertising funds available – to the noticeboard.
- A letter from a resident (via DCllr Hugh Burton) with a request to set up a community garden. Council agreed to discuss this at the November meeting following research into the issue. **Action Clerk for agenda and research.**
- Cllr M Ferguson reported on a request from a resident to provide a defibrillator in the village. CCllr John Ogle agreed to assist with funding and the Clerk agreed to forward information he has from the purchase of such equipment in Sturton. It was agreed to discuss again in November. **Action Clerk for information and agenda.**

#### **10.15.15. Parish Council Vacancy**

Council noted that short extracts from both candidates for co-option onto the Parish Council have been circulated and that a discussion and decision will be made at the end of the November meeting. **Action Clerk for agenda and information to the candidates.**

#### **10.15.16. Christmas Tree Order**

Council agreed to order a 25ft tree to be delivered on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December for erection on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. Cllr M Ferguson agreed to look for sponsorship for the tree as in previous years.

**Action Clerk for order and Cllr M Ferguson for sponsorship.**

#### **10.15.17. Wreath for Remembrance Sunday**

Council agreed to order a wreath to be delivered to Cllr Ferguson's house in time for the Remembrance Day service on 8<sup>th</sup> November. **Action Clerk.**

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

Cllr S Ferguson confirmed that the autumn newsletter has now been delivered around the village. Council noted the update in the newsletter on the improvements to the Blacksmiths Playing Field and congratulated Katie Schofield for her efforts over the years to get to where we are today. Newsletter items now wanted for the December issue.

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

Emergency Planning Questionnaires. Cllr S Ferguson reported that she has now collated all the responses into a document that contains information about all those residents who have special needs, those who have specialist skills, and those who can offer emergency accommodation. Council thanked Sue Ferguson for her considerable effort in collating all the questionnaires. Cllr Ferguson also reported that the list of contacts in an emergency has now been published with copies on the emergency containers.

#### **10.15.20. Date of next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 in the Methodist Chapel, starting at 7.15pm.**

**Further dates for 2015 are as follows: - 7/12.**

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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