



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 6th March 2017

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

Clerk: Sara Stiliard

Members of the Public: One

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey

PUBLIC FORUM – One member of the public attended the meeting

James Barlow (Chair of the North Leverton Windmill Trust) informed Council about the Windmill's Open Day on 10/11th September and asked if the PC would like to be involved and if they would publicise it via the web site and newsletter. **Action Cllr S Ferguson later in the year**

James also mentioned that although the new 30 MPH signs are now in the village there is a derestriction sign at the start of Mill Lane. He asked if this could be addressed. **Action Clerk to request a change from Notts CC Highways**

PLANNING MEETING

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

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council – added during the meeting since application post-dated the agenda.

[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**

Council unanimously supported this application. **Action Clerk to add these comments to the BDC planning site**

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

[Application Discharge Conditions 1-14 of P/A 16/00691/FUL - Erect Three Bedroomed Detached Two Storey House with Integral Garage and Construct New Access](#) Nandina House Southgore Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AA Ref. No: 16/01263/COND | Received: Tue 13 Sep 2016 | Validated: Tue 20 Sep 2016 | Status: **Granted**

Existing Name	Proposed Name	Street
The Sycamores	Sycamore House	Main Street, North Leverton

The house is now renamed

Application – Updates

[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: **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**

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Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

Cllr M Ferguson reported from the meeting that was held on Thursday March 2nd. Several members of the group aired their frustration with current planning decisions which ignore the SWNP but recognised that this was likely to continue until the new Bassetlaw Local Plan is adopted.

Natalie Cockrell from the BDC Neighbourhood Planning team attended the meeting and advised that if the Sturton Ward group is considering amending the existing plan (to allocate sites for example) they wait until the Autumn in order to integrate with the BDC Local Plan, rather than making changes 'blind'. The meeting agreed to wait until later in the year but renamed the Group 'Sturton Ward Development Group' and Cllr Marchant from Sturton remained in the chair, although he will step down asap.

Natalie confirmed that £15k would be available to each Parish to pay for amends / new Neighbourhood Plans so South Leverton and Treswell may want to apply for these costs rather than join Sturton Ward as one entity (which would also involve reforming the group) would only be eligible for one payment of £15k.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

03.17.01. Apologies for absence. – There was an apology from DCllr H Burton as a result of illness

03.17.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting – none at this stage.

03.17.03. Chairman's remarks.

Cllr Ferguson requested that 2 items of correspondence be added at 14 and that item 14 be brought forward for discussion at point 12

03.17.04. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017

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

03.17.05. Matters arising – Non-agenda items

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

A letter has been sent to a resident requesting that a tree encroaching on his garden be removed (following an intervention by DCllr Burton) - Council are not minded to remove a healthy tree but he is free to remove branches which are on his land. The letter also apologies for the late response to his query

The dog warden has been contacted and will be supplying more signs for the village, reminding residents about fines for dog fouling. The warden has also offered to stencil reminders on roads and this was requested for the whole of Main Street, South Street, Sturton Road and Mill Lane and at Church Walk near the Church entrance. **Action Clerk to brief the Dog warden on these locations.** Signs to be provided to James Barlow for Mill Lane. **Action Cllr M Ferguson**
Cllr M Ferguson reported that he had requested materials for the Bassetlaw Spring Clean but he had yet to organise paint and stencils for John Taylor to paint the numbers on street lights **Action Cllr M Ferguson**

03.17.06. Police Report.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there was one crime reported in North Leverton during February which was the theft of 2 log splitters valued at £1,000 each. However, in the beat area generally there has been a return to more 'normal' low levels of crime.

It is important to let residents know that since the turn of the year there have been a number of vehicles broken into and tools stolen, especially works vans, across Retford and Harworth, including Bassetlaw rural parishes. We would like to remind all van owners to remove tools from their vehicle when it is left for long periods of time and overnight. Vans should be clearly marked that all tools have been removed. All works equipment, whether you can remove it or not, should be permanently marked, in a visible place, with the vehicle's registration number. Anyone with any information about the thefts or anyone who is offered tools for sale in suspicious circumstances should contact Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or, alternatively, CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111. For more information and advice about securing your commercial vehicles please visit www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/

The Force receives many calls from members of the public wishing to report unwanted calls on their landline numbers. BT is offering customers a new service to prevent nuisance calls to all existing and new BT home landline customers.

BT blacklist. BT continually monitors for the worst nuisance call offenders and once they identify them, will automatically divert them for you. The service is turned on by default when you get BT Call Protect.

Personal blacklist. You can create your own blacklist of up to 100 numbers, including the last call you received, by dialling 1572, or by going online. Future calls from those numbers will divert to your junk voicemail box. If BT sees that lots of customers are adding the same number to their personal blacklists they will add it to the BT blacklist.

Call Protect also allows you to divert particular types of calls – those from international, withheld and unrecognised numbers.

In all three cases, nuisance calls are directed to a junk voicemail box (completely separate from your regular answerphone) so the phone will not ring at all, and diverted callers will instead be directed to leave a message. **Action Cllr S Ferguson to include information about these services in the March newsletter**

- This month there have been four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incidents for January and six 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. Very few of the anti-social behaviour incidents this month, and in previous months, are youth related.

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.

03.17.07. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Group

Community Speedwatch

Cllr S Ferguson reported that the team was out on 2 days in February with 6 speeding vehicles being recorded from 149 in total (4%). Most of these speeders were caught early in the morning outside the old Police House. Figures from the Speedwatch team will be used to test whether the new 30 MPH speed limit signs in the village are having any effect

The next outing for the Speedwatch team will be w/c 13th March

Trentside Traffic Calming Group

Following the intervention of Robert Jenrick MP, a meeting has now been arranged with Kevin Greaves for the Traffic Calming Group on 13th March. The group will then meet on March 22nd to review the outcome.

03.17.08. District and County Councillors Reports.

CCllr John Ogle reported from a meeting in Tuxford attended by Paddy Tipping; Chief Inspector Andrew Hill and Inspector Andrew Bellamy. John asked if Bill Bailey would be replaced on his retirement later this year. Mr Tipping said that savings had to be made and most crime was committed in Nottingham city but Chief Inspector Hill was more positive in his response to concerns from the public about a lack of policing in Nottinghamshire's villages and the importance of a police presence on the ground in rural areas. MP Robert Jenrick is also lobbying for a like for like replacement for Bill Bailey **Action Clerk to write to Paddy Tipping to express support for a like for like replacement for Bill Bailey and a request to be informed when a decision has been made**

Action Clerk to try and obtain a copy of the minutes from the Tuxford meeting

03.17.09. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

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

The following street lights and furniture require attention: -

Nos 21 Main Street – not working

No 5 Southgore Lane – not working

A stop sign at the main cross roads on the Sturton Road side is still not illuminated

Street name sign for Turner's Croft has been scheduled for repair – hopefully by end March

Action Clerk to report and chase

03.17.09.2. Mill Lane Corner – moving speed signs.

The 30 MPH speed signs and a smaller repeater sign have now been erected. **Action Clerk to remind NCC highways that they agreed to 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 _

03.17.09.3. Other issues / matters to report

There are a couple of benches in the village due for refurbishment in the better weather

Cllr White raised the issue of the state of the pavements and walls at the bus stop opposite the Post Office. Water from a spring is puddling in the road and causing splashing by cars and exacerbating the potholes in the road. **Action Cllr White to take photographs for Clerk re action by Highways**

03.17.10. The Lengthsman Report / Village Handyman report

03.17.10.1 Repainting numbers on street lamps

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

03.17.10.2 Confirmation of 2017/8 grant from Bassetlaw for lengthsman scheme

Bassetlaw has confirmed the payment of the same value lengthsman grant for 2017/8. The contract was signed by the Chair. Council unanimously agreed to pay for Jack to attend training course on

Manual Handling; First Aid; Hedge Cutting and Use of Pesticides. Clerk to source the training and liaise with other councils employing him as lengthsmen so that costs can be shared where appropriate.

Action Clerk

03.17.11. Reports from Outside Bodies. - none

03.17.12. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were received this month:

- Letter of thanks from Revitalise
- Letter from North Leverton Windmill Trust asking for Council support – Council unanimously agreed a donation of £250 – cheque supplied as below. **Action Clerk**
- Letter from resident re fly tipping – Dave Airey visited and BDC removed the item and a letter was sent by the Parish Council. Phone call from resident to say how pleased she was with the quick response – **Action Cllr S Ferguson to highlight in the Newsletter**
Health Watch poster asking for resident comments – **Action Cllr S Ferguson to put on notice board and web site**
- Neighbourhood Planning event on 28th March in Bingham – no further action required

03.17.13. Financial Matters.

03.17.13.1. Bank Reconciliation

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

03.17.13.2. Expenditure.

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

S Stilliard	301.09
DN22 Gardening	140.00
Jack Foster	55.00
John Taylor	150.00
Steve Rockcliffe	16.00
NALC subscription	172.10
North Leverton Windmill Trust	250.00

03.17.14. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

03.17.14.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr White reported the usual amount of litter e.g. toilet rolls in the Memorial Gardens!

Action Cllr S Ferguson to refer to litter in the March newsletter

The grass is getting very long and is due to be cut in March

Storm Doris brought down some branches – Actin Cllr White to ask John Taylor to clear these

There is a damaged litter bin near the shelter which is now unsafe and needs to be replaced.

Action Clerk to advise BDC and ask for a replacement

03.17.14.2. Playpark inspection training

Cllr White was disappointed in the quality of the Playpark Equipment Safely training course on Feb 23rd. It was run by the manufacturers of the equipment and was more like a sales pitch than training **Action**

Clerk to report this complaint to NALC

03.17.14.3. Memorial Garden benches

Cllr Erridge applied successfully to the Rotary Club for £500 towards a new bench. **Action Clerk to write to the Rotary Club to thank them**

Council decided to purchase 2 seats (cost of £249 each inc VAT). **Action Cllr Erridge to order the seats and request drawings for their installation.**

Action Cllr M Ferguson to obtain quote for removal of old bench & erection of the two new benches

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.**

03.17.15. Parish Council Newsletter and website

03.17.15.1 Parish Council Newsletter

The Spring newsletter will be ready in March – information from the Wednesday Club or anywhere else required by Monday 13th March please

To be included in the Spring issue –obituaries for Jill McGarry and Julie Cotton (the Hub); dog mess in Village, littering and fly tipping; Health Watch poster and new Library Book to home service; new road signs for the village; new services from BT relating to nuisance calls; information on the fact that the Council are holding the precept at the same level as last year. **Action Cllr S Ferguson**

03.17.15.2 Parish Website

Website is fine and there will be statistics available at the end of March ie for the next PC meeting.

03.17.15.3 Village Archive

Cllr M Ferguson is holding a lot of archive material, much of which should be retained (list circulated to Councillors). Some of the documents could be scanned and kept electronically – others should be held in fire and water proof conditions. **Action Clerk to investigate costs of strong boxes (for storage in Village Halls for example) and / or costs of storage at solicitors or bank strong rooms.**

Options to be reviewed in mid-summer

03.17.15.3 Councillor vacancies

There has been no request for a by election following the resignation of Ian Hobbs so the Parish Council can now co-opt a new councillor. Material advertising another casual vacancy will be posted in the village on Friday 10th March for 14 days.

03.17.16. 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

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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