



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 7th March 2016

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

Members of the Public: Three

Guests: PCSOs Dave Airey,

PUBLIC FORUM

Council welcomed Julie Cotton, representing Bassetlaw Community Voluntary Service (BCVS) who gave a short briefing on the impact of rural isolation and a pilot scheme in North Leverton aimed to reduce such isolation. A survey of residents has been carried out and this will be followed up with a meeting of those who have volunteered to help with the 12 month pilot scheme. Council thanked Julie for attending and explaining a little about the scheme.

Council also welcomed Mike Vessey, Church Warden of both North and South Leverton Churches. He spoke about the lack of community facilities in the village notably a village hall. North Leverton is the largest village in the area and yet smaller villages all have village halls. He suggested that one option could be to use the church more for community events. The church is currently underused, but it would require some significant alterations so that it could be used for both services and community events. Mike enquired whether the Parish Council would be interested in working with the church to provide facilities that could be used for community events in the same way as a village hall. Council agreed to put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting and thanked Mike for his input. **Action Clerk**

A resident mentioned the issue of speeding traffic and particularly one individual who continually speeds through the village. He also mentioned the 'sunken pavement' on Sturton Road which it is understood is now being repaired.

PLANNING MEETING

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting - None

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council - None

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

Local Development Order – West Lindsey DC

Council noted the above order to build 450 houses along with supporting services beside the river, and also the proposal from Gainsborough Town Council for a second river crossing over the Trent into Gainsborough. As no further information was available on a second bridge and as the proposal is in the very early stages of development, Council agreed to write to Gainsborough Town Council offering "in principle" support and request to be kept in touch with the plans as they develop. **Action Clerk.**

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk confirmed the results of the referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan as follows: - There was a YES vote of 88% in favour which therefore confirms that the plan is now legal and able to be used as part of the planning process. The overall turnout across the Ward was 28.28% and the individual polling stations turnout were Bole – 15.75%; North Leverton – 11.69%; Wheatley – 33.27%; and Sturton – 27.11%. The next task is to set up the Sturton Ward NP Monitoring Group with Parish Councillors / representatives drawn from the villages within the Sturton Ward. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting having first discussed the issue with the other two Parish Councils at their March meetings.

Action Clerk to Progress.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

03.16.01. Apologies for absence. – There were apologies from Cllrs Ferguson, McGarry and Erridge which were accepted by Council.

03.16.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting

None declared at this stage.

03.16.03. Chairman’s remarks.

Cllr Conn requested an additional item – Chapel rental agreement to be included at 11d. He also requested that items 6 and 7 on the agenda be taken together. Both additions were agreed by Council.

03.16.04. Police Report / Community Speedwatch.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there have been no crimes reported during February in the village. For the Beat area as a whole there were 6 crimes reported which while being 6 too many is well short of the numbers of crimes reported in other beat areas. So far this year, beginning 01/04/2015, there have been fifty four crimes of interest reported. This compares with eighty crimes of interest reported over the same period last year. This equates, after eleven months of this current tracking year, to a reduction in reported crimes of around 32%.

Dave further reported that vehicles are still being targeted across East Bassetlaw- usually overnight – where they have been left insecure, either on private driveways or on the roadside. He highlighted the fact that two villages close by namely Elkesley and Ranskill have been targeted and that North Leverton could be next. Dave suggested “Three Golden Rules” to help deter the thieves: -

- 1. Always keep your car locked. This includes the sunroof and windows, even if you are only leaving it for a few seconds – that is all the time it takes for a criminal to steal your car or your belongings.**
- 2. Don’t leave anything in your car, whether it is valuable or not, particularly when it is parked overnight. More than sixty per cent of thefts of and from vehicles occur when they are parked outside the home. If you must leave items in your vehicle, lock them in the boot or out of sight and be particularly careful with expensive stereo units, mobile phones and satellite navigation systems.**
- 3. Park with care. Park in busy, well-lit areas near CCTV cameras or in Police approved “Park Mark” car parks. Always chain bikes, motorcycles and scooters to something fixed, like a security rail or post.**

Dave also mentioned that over the last few months there has been a rise in outbuilding breaks across East Bassetlaw and in the last month this has become evident on this beat area too.

This is not unusual for this time of the year when lawn mowers, gardening equipment and garden enhancing items and tools become increasingly attractive to criminals. Shed alarms, “No uninvited callers” stickers and UV marker pens are all available from village stores in the beat area to help residents combat these criminals.

Further tips and information can be found in Dave’s full report on-line and in the Parish Newsletter.

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

Cllrs S Ferguson and Hobbs confirmed that they attended a recent Area Speedwatch meeting although only two others were there and it was foreshortened as the hall had not been booked. The Clerk referred to the rather unsatisfactory start for this group and agreed to put future meetings on a firmer more formal footing with an agenda sent out before the meeting is due. The next meeting on the 17th March has in the meantime been postponed. Cllr S Ferguson further reported on two Speedwatch sessions where 108 vehicles were noted with 3 speeders amongst them. Following discussion, Council agreed that Community Speedwatch is only effective during the session itself although there may be some ‘driver learning’ if they caught on camera a number of times.

03.16.05. District and County Councillors Reports.

No reports this month.

03.16.06. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th January 2016

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

03.16.07. Matters arising – Non agenda items

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

03.16.08. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

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

Council noted problems with 3 street lights around the village – No 24 Main Street; No 10 Southgore Lane and No. 2 Ashworth Crescent. **Action Clerk to report.**

03.16.08.2. Mill Lane Corner – Public Safety.

Council noted that the nothing further has been heard following the matter being passed to another member of the Highways Strategy Team. Our local Highways District Manager is following this up with the individual concerned. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

03.16.08.3. Dog Mess and Litter.

Council noted an email from a resident pointing out that there seems to be an increasing amount of litter, cans, bottles etc. along with dog mess particularly along Church Walk and in the grounds of the church. Council thanked the resident for picking up the litter and dog mess and placing it in the nearby bins. Council also noted that the footpath from Windmill Corner to the village is also particularly bad for dog mess. Council agreed to contact the Bassetlaw Dog Warden to see what can be done in terms of signage and other ideas to help reduce this problem. It was also agreed to ask the Village Handyman if he is able to do more on the litter front around the village.

Action Clerk – Dog Warden Contact; and Cllr Hobbs – litter and Village handyman.

03.16.08.4. Matters to Report.

No other issues were reported.

03.16.09. The Lengthsman Report

Council noted the work carried out by John Taylor in February and agreed both the Lengthsman Scheme and Village Handyman Invoices for the month. Council also noticed progress with the refurbishment of the village notice boards with just one remaining to be completed.

03.16.10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

The Clerk reported on the recent meeting of the Bassetlaw Parish Forum where Anthony May, the Chief Executive of Notts CC presented on "Devolution". While no decisions have yet been made it looks as if the preferred option is linking with Sheffield. The Clerk mentioned that he understands that the N2D2 deal may be floundering and confirmed that the Sheffield link-up is the most likely scenario.

Council noted the plans for the creation of a unitary authority under the name of ARENA (Association of East Notts Authorities) comprising the parishes of rural East Nottinghamshire. Council agreed to invite the organisers to a future meeting to elaborate further on their plans when they have more information. **Action Clerk.**

Council noted that the next Bassetlaw Rural Conference is to be held in Retford Town Hall on the 23rd March starting at 6.30. A formal agenda will be circulated in due course but it is known that Neil Taylor CEO BDC will be speaking on devolution.

03.16.11. Financial Matters.

03.16.11.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 17th February 2016 was presented to Council and approved.

03.16.11.2. Expenditure.

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

D Langmead, Clerk Salary + Exps	£	296.64
Village Handyperson (J Taylor)	£	120.00
Lengthsman (J Taylor)	£	120.00
S Rockcliffe – Website costs	£	26.20
B Shead – Newsletter Printing (NB Bumper Edition)	£	164.11

03.16.11.3. Bank Statement Day

Council noted that we have requested that our statement day remains the same so that we receive statements before the PC meeting. **Action Clerk.**

03.16.11.4. Methodist Chapel Hall Hire Contract.

Council noted the requirement to sign a contract for use of the hall for Parish Council meetings. The document was signed by Cllr Conn as Vice-Chair and passed to Cllr Ferguson for signing by the Chair before returning to the Church Warden.

03.16.12. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

03.16.12.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr Hobbs again reported on a 'clear' weekly inspection with no specific issues to report.

03.16.12.2. New Seating

Cllr Hobbs reported that he has had one reply from EDF Energy which was a 'NO'. It was agreed to discuss both the requirements and the funding of the bench(s) at the next meeting.

Action Clerk for Agenda.

03.16.13. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were reported to Council this month.

- Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine.

03.16.14. Defibrillator

Council further discussed both the provision and funding of a defibrillator for the village, and agreed to discuss again at the April meeting when a full Council including our First Responder will hopefully be present. **Action Clerk for Agenda and Budget.**

03.16.15. School Use of Flagpole.

Council noted that following a recent 'Ofsted' visit the school has received a 'good' rating which is a significant improvement over their previous position. The Parish Council has received a request from the school to place a flag on the flagpole advertising their success. Council agreed for a period of 2 months. **Action Clerk to advise.**

03.16.16. Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations.

Council noted the various activities organised by the church that will be taking place in the village over the Queen's birthday week end. Following discussion, Council agreed that it would not be possible to organise anything for the Community at this late stage although agreed to support the church events.

03.16.17. Parish Council Newsletter & Website

Cllr S Ferguson confirmed that the bumper Easter Newsletter is due to be delivered shortly. Cllr White raised an issue with the website. **Action Clerk to follow up.** *This issue has now been resolved with the 'old' site having now been closed.*

03.16.18. Emergency Planning incl. Winter Preparation & Residents Questionnaire

The Emergency Plan prepared by Cllr Conn was welcomed by all councillors as a simple and straightforward summary of procedure and contact details. Council agreed to place the plan on the website along with the appendices where appropriate having first confirmed with any individuals mentioned in order to conform to the Data Protection regulations.

Action Cllr Conn and S Ferguson.

03.16.19. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th April 2016 in the Methodist Chapel, starting at 7.15pm.

Dates for 2016 are as follows: - 9/5; 6/6; 4/7; 5/9; 3/10; 7/11; 5/12;

Dave Langmead – Clerk, tel. 884756

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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