



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 7th December 2015

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

Members of the Public: Two

Guests: PCSOs Dave Airey, DCllr Hugh Burton, CCllr J Ogle

PUBLIC FORUM

Two residents from Sturton required some clarification concerning comments minuted from last month's Public Forum. The Chair confirmed that no individuals were named during the meeting and that the Council has no knowledge of any of the individuals concerned. It is understood that the Police are dealing with the matter.

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

15/00514/OUT. Outline Planning Permission for residential development on land Southwest of Orchard Lodge, Southgore Lane.

Cllr Conn attended the Planning Committee meeting and spoke on behalf of the Council emphasising the points in the Council's original submission.

Outline Planning Permission was granted.

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspector has now completed his report which has been forwarded to BDC. There have been a number of discussions between the inspector and BDC none of which have caused any major changes to the Plan or loss of policies. The plan with the minor amendments will now go forward to the Full Council Meeting on December 17th where it is hoped that it will be unanimously approved. Planning for the referendum can then begin which will take place on Thursday 11th February 2016. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

12.15.01. Apologies for absence. – Apologies were received from Cllr McGarry which were accepted by Council.

12.15.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting

There were no declarations at this stage.

12.15.03. Chairman's remarks.

Cllr Ferguson thanked all those who help with the erection and decoration of the Christmas tree which was this year again kindly sponsored by Highfields Ltd. It was agreed to write to all those who helped namely David Evans, Tim Highfield, Mick South, Dave Schofield and of course to the Royal Oak for agreeing to house the tree in the Pub Grounds and for supplying hot bacon butties to all the helpers. **Action Clerk.**

12.15.04. Police Report / Community Speedwatch.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there have been two crimes reported in the Parish during November – a burglary from property on Hawthorne Close and criminal damage to a motor vehicle on Southgore Lane.

This month there has been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with five crimes reported throughout October 2015 and four crimes reported over the same period last year. So far this year, beginning 01/04/2015, there have been forty eight crimes of interest reported. This compares with fifty three crimes of interest reported over the same period last year. This equates, after eight months of this current tracking year, to a reduction in reported crimes of five crimes.

During November there have been eleven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with nine reported incidents for October 2015 and four reported for the same month in 2014. Nine of the above incidents referred to found/ abandoned vehicles – most of these reports were repeat calls and related to just two vehicles. 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 reported that there are still too many thefts from vehicles being left unlocked overnight and that cars and vans left unoccupied with their engines running are easy prey from fleet-of-foot thieves. He also gave some security tips in the run up to Christmas which can be found in his full report on the Parish Website.

The issue of dangerous dogs was discussed following a number of disturbing reports of attacks on dogs walking with their owners, particularly in the Habbleshorpe area. It is understood that a number of these dangerous dogs are able to get out from their garden(s) and while roaming free attack other dogs which may be on leads. The Police are dealing with some of the reports but emphasised the need for ALL instances to be reported to the Police on the 101 tel no.

Finally Dave wished all Parish Councillors and residents a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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 during Speedwatch activity in November the group has 'clocked' 4 speeding vehicles. Cllr Ferguson further reported that the Working Group to look again at the whole issue of speeding traffic through the village has now met, and agreed to work with the Association of Trentside Parish Councils Group led by Cllr Bob Fleming (Sturton). It is understood that a meeting of the larger group is planned for early January.

12.15.05. District and County Councillors Reports.

DCllr Burton reported that Bassetlaw DC has approved a licence for exploration into possible fracking in the Bawtry Area and that a further fracking exploration licence application in the Misterton area will shortly be determined by the Planning Committee.

CCllr Ogle reported that the Sure Start Centre in the village will, following consultation, be closing. He also mentioned that Bassetlaw Hospital is bucking the trend with the quality of care to patients improving, while in many others the standards are dropping.

12.15.06. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015

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

12.15.07. Matters arising – Non agenda items

Council noted that the actions on the Clerk have been completed with the exception of the Declaration of Office for Cllr White. **Action Clerk to forward.** Council also noted that the Emergency Plan now includes Cllr White's details.

10.15.08.5. School Bus Stopping at Cross Roads.

Council noted that the school bus is now parking well back from the cross roads.

11.15.08.4. Sturton Road Footpaths.

Cllr Ferguson reported that the footpath has been cleared of weeds and leaves so that the edge of the path can now be seen. The overhanging hedge needs to be cut right back although it was clear that if this was carried out in one go it may cause permanent damage to the hedge. Cllr Ferguson agreed to discuss with the owner of the hedge the suggestion of a phased cut back over a number of years. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

11.15.08.2. HGV Routes to EDF Power Stations.

CCllr Ogle confirmed that no funding was available from the County Council to help fund these signs

12.15.08. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

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

Council noted problems with 8 street lights around the village. **Action Clerk to report.**

12.15.08.2. Mill Lane Corner – Public Safety.

Council noted that the position regarding a quotation from the County Council for the work is outstanding. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

12.15.08.3.

Council noted that a number of manholes covers require attention and that they have already been 'marked up' where required.

Council noted comments from a resident reporting that parking outside the Methodist Chapel is "equally as bad" as the problems caused at the Surgery.

Council also noted the environmental problems arising from works at the pellet farm, and that it is understood that action is being taken to improve the situation.

12.15.09. The Lengthsman Report

Council noted the work carried out by John Taylor in November and agreed both the Lengthsman Scheme and Village Handyman Invoices for the month. Council also noted that John requires larger 'black bags' on the next order.

12.15.10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

No reports this month.

12.15.11. Financial Matters.

12.15.11.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 19th November 2015 was presented to Council and approved.

12.15.11.2. Annual Insurance

Cllr Ferguson raised a question in connection with the insurance schedule and requested that it be investigated. Also, the new play equipment needs to be added to the schedule. **Action Clerk.**

12.15.11.3. Expenditure.

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

D Langmead, Clerk Salary + Exps	£	294.34
Village Handyperson (J Taylor)	£	120.00
Lengthsman (J Taylor)	£	82.50
S Rockcliffe – Website costs	£	8.00
Bill Crowson – Memorial Garden Upkeep – Memorial Garden	£	45.00
Proludic Ltd – Play Equipment	£	25,755.61
Doddington Farms – Christmas Tree	£	450.00
Royal British Legion – Wreath	£	17.50
B Shead – Newsletter Printing	£	81.06

12.15.12. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

12.15.12.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr Hobbs reported on a clear weekly inspection. Council agreed that Cllr Hobbs should buy the paint and be reimbursed accordingly. **Action Cllr Hobbs.**

12.15.12.2. New Seating and Equipment Replacement Program.

Council noted that work has been completed satisfactorily and that the invoice can be paid. Council noted that the WREN grant has been received into the bank on the 30th November.

12.15.12.3. Memorial Garden Tidy Up.

Council also noted that the volunteer group to tidy up the Memorial Garden and prepare it for winter met on Friday 6th November under the guidance of Katie Schofield. Council wished to thank Ian Hobbs, Jill Atkinson and Pam Charlton for helping Katie with the gardening job.

12.15.13. Defibrillator

Cllr Erridge who is a first responder for the area gave a brief presentation of his defibrillator which he carries along with the rest of his First Responder kit. He pointed out a number of concerns as well as the clear advantages of the equipment but suggested that some training should ideally be carried for those using the equipment. Following further discussion Council agreed to reconsider at the budget meeting in early December.

12.15.14. Correspondence.

Items of correspondence this month included:-

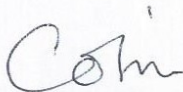
- Fact Book – Bassetlaw DC
- Local Council Review Magazine
- New Electoral Arrangements – Notts CC/Boundary Commission
- Letter received from Colin Walker – see below

Dear Malcolm

I write to you and all the members of North Leverton with Hablesthorpe Parish Council to express my warmest thanks for the lovely cut glass decanter that you recently presented to me in recognition for long service on the Parish Council. I am particularly touched by the Council's generosity in awarding me such a beautiful gift and wish to thank you for your care in selecting it. Needless to say I shall thoroughly enjoy using it, suitably stocked with Talisker! May I further say that it has been an honour to be a member of the Council for the past thirty years or so, and to be able to serve our splendid community in this way. Though I have made the decision to step down from the Council I hope to remain involved with the community in many other ways for a long time to come, and to continue to support the very important work undertaken by the Council on all our behalves.

With deepest gratitude and all good wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely



Colin Walker

12.15.15. Parish Council Newsletter & Website

Cllr S Ferguson pointed out to Council that on some occasions an extra page would be useful in the newsletter so as to be able to include more articles and give them more space. Council noted that this would double the cost of printing and agreed to discuss further at the budget meeting.

Cllr Ferguson confirmed that the requested changes to the website have been made resulting in a significant improvement to access. Cllr Ferguson requested that all councillors have a good look round the website prior to the next meeting so that the final agreement and go-ahead can be given to Steve Rockcliffe the Website Manager. It was also suggested that Members check out the Street Life website (a local DN22 website similar to Facebook) for possible PC involvement.

Action All Councillors.

12.15.16. Emergency Planning incl. Winter Preparation & Residents Questionnaire

Cllr Conn confirmed that the revised emergency plan will soon be completed and presented to Council at the January meeting. **Action Cllr Conn.**

12.15.17. Date of next Meeting

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

Dates for 2016 (to July) are as follows: - 1/2; 7/3; 4/4; 9/5; 6/6; 4/7;

Dave Langmead – Clerk, tel. 884756

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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