



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 5th June 2017

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

Clerk: Sara Stilliard

Members of the Public: One

Guests: DCllr Hug Burton

PUBLIC FORUM –

The member of the public asked if residents were allowed to put advertising posters on their external gates which front onto the main road. In fact, the poster is mounted on a Notts CC safety barrier and this is not allowed. **Action Clerk to write to householder accordingly**

PLANNING MEETING

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

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council –

[Erect Single Storey Front Extension](#) Lilac Cottage 3 Magpie Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AJ Ref. No: 17/00643/HSE | Received: Mon 08 May 2017 | Validated: Fri 12 May 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council unanimously voted to support this application. **Action Clerk to report to Planning site accordingly**

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

[Ground Floor Extension to the Rear of the Property \(Resubmission of 17/00021/HSE\)](#) Jalna Southgore Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AA Ref. No: 17/00428/RSB | Received: Tue 21 Mar 2017 | Validated: Tue 21 Mar 2017 | Status: **Granted**

Applications awaiting decision –

[Change of Use From Existing Chicken Shed, Construction Plant Yard & Offices to Offices and Warehouse](#) Quantum Farm Infield Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AL Ref. No: 17/00498/COU | Received: Fri 31 Mar 2017 | Validated: Tue 11 Apr 2017 | Status: **Withdrawn**

[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: **Still awaiting decision despite all dates having expired**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

06.17.01. Apologies for absence. – There were apologies from Cllr M Ferguson and PCSO D Airey

06.17.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting – none at this point

06.17.03. Chairman's remarks.

None

06.17.04. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017

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

06.17.05. Matters arising – Non-agenda items

Council noted that the actions on the Clerk and Councillors have been completed. Updated Parish Council documents such as the Standing Orders etc were signed by the Vice Chair

06.17.06. Police Report.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey sent his report via the Clerk - there were no crimes reported in North Leverton during May. This year, from 01/04/2017, there have been 9 crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with 21 reported in the same period last year.

Thefts of lead from residential properties are still quite prevalent in the Retford and thefts from gardens have shown an increase in the last month from rural village properties. Items being targeted are ornamental plant pots and topiary trees and bushes.

In the last month, there have been Police speed gun operations at South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, North Leverton (Sturton Road and Main Street), Misterton (Gringley Road and Station Road), and Tiln Lane and Spital Hill at Retford. In total, fifteen tickets were given out and a number of vehicles were stopped and warned. One car was seized for driving licence irregularities. Villagers, and some Parish Councillors, approached and thanked the officers at most of the sites. They were all asking for this to happen more often and the team were very happy to say that it would.

This month there have been 4 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area compared with 11 reported incidents for April and 8 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. At the time of preparing this report, it is encouraging to report that there have been no incidents of youth related anti-social behaviour reported in the holiday period. This is good news for residents and young persons should be thanked for their behaviour in this period.

During holidays there is an increase in the number of children out playing both during the daytime and in the evenings. Might I ask that road users please take extra care, not only on main roads but also in built up residential areas and around play park areas?

Presently, there is a phone scam from bogus customs officials circulating. Please do not be duped by the ruse which has been reported several times in the last few weeks. The telephone call states that money is owed to the Inland Revenue, as a pension had not been taxed correctly. Personal details were known and a reference number was given. When questions were asked by the receiving person, the caller threatened Police action. HMRC would not contact you via telephone regarding money owed. This is a phishing call. Please contact HMRC on the below link if you have any enquiries:

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-hmrc>

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.

06.17.07. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Group

Community Speedwatch

Cllr S Ferguson reported that the Speedwatch team was out on 4 days in May - by the bridge where the speed limits signs have been moved and on Sturton Road. The team checked 354 vehicles with 25 speeders at 35 mph and over = 7% which is a significant uplift from usual. 22 of the speeding cars were by the bridge, 3 of whom worked at EDF. This confirms the results from the Notts CC speed survey and hopefully an Interactive Sign will be provided at this location next year. Action Clerk to send results to Ian Parker

Residents were pleased to see the police speed van in the village on Main Street although it may have had more effect had it been located by the bridge.

The next Speedwatch session will be w/c 12th June.

Trentside Traffic Calming Group

A meeting of the Traffic Calming Group was held on May 18th to consider the proposals of a pilot scheme in detail. For about £3k the PC could buy their own interactive speed sign if Notts CC will not provide one next year. This device would also provide data about average speeds etc and may help to determine where it would have most effect in the village. **Action Cllr S Ferguson to e-mail details to all councillors for their comments at the July PC meeting**

06.17.08. District and County Councillors Reports.

Nothing to report due to preparations for the election. DCllr Burton said that he is always available to take up issues on the Council or resident's behalf – just call him if anything needs his attention.

A letter from CCllr Ogle was read out thanking the Council for circulating his election material and referring to his commitment to reducing speeds in rural communities and to maintaining the police presence.

06.17.09. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

06.17.09.1. Street Lamps & Signs and Street Furniture.

No street lights observed to be faulty

The Keetons have given permission to refurbish their bench near the war memorial.

06.17.09.2. Other issues / matters to report

The signs about dog mess that were painted on the road by the dog warden 6 weeks ago have all been washed away and are no longer visible! The dog warden has promised to respray the signs. More are also needed towards Hablesthorpe **Action Clerk**

A resident has reported that people are trespassing on their land from footpaths **Action Clerk to report this to Footpaths department**

The Chair of Treswell PC has complained to Cllr Erridge that there are many Yodel distribution vans causing chaos in the Cottam / Coates area where a distribution Centre has been established. There are up to 80 white vans travelling to and from this area daily. Council confirmed that Cottam is part of Treswell Parish Council not North Leverton.

06.17.10. The Lengthsman Report / Village Handyman report

The Lengthsman report

06.17.10.1 Training courses for lengthsman

Jack has attended a First Aid course and is still taking the Use of Pesticides course which is run over several sessions. The pesticide equipment has been purchased so he will be ready to spray by the end of June hopefully.

It was noted that Jack has started work clearing the footpath between North Leverton and Sturton and he also now has the paint and brushes to paint fencing in the Playpark

Jack to be instructed to leave the dying plants in the Memorial Garden until the flowers are over before cutting back **Action Cllr Erridge**

Council agreed to fund the cost of a brown bin for Jack to use which will be sited in the Pub car park. **Action Clerk to order bin**

Handyman report

06.17.10.2 John Taylor has started work on repainting the street light numbers. Cllr M Ferguson provided a detailed map of street light numbers for each Councillor

John has been asked to provide itemised invoices as done by the lengthsman and other contractors.

06.17.11. Reports from Outside Bodies.

The Bassetlaw Forum which took place on Monday May 22nd reported that more special constables are being recruited for the area and in November about 16 will be allocated to rural areas. The 'Ring of Steel' which constitutes APM cameras apparently tracks known criminals who come into the Bassetlaw area and is effective at keeping crime contained.

There was a presentation by the Protection of Rural England group encouraging Parish Councils to join for £36 per year to gain help with planning issues which may affect rural areas. **Action Clerk to add this to July's agenda**

The next consultation for devolution / joining the Sheffield City Region will be May 2018.

The number to call to report fly tipping in the village is 0800 807060 **Action Cllr S Ferguson to add this to the next newsletter**

06.17.12. Financial Matters.

06.17.12.1. Bank Reconciliation

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

06.17.12.2. Expenditure.

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

Action Clerk.

Sara Stilliard	312.67
Jack Foster	329.17
John Taylor	150.00
Steve Rockcliffe	16.00
Holmes Groundcare	278.00
Holmes Groundcare	141.00
NALC	17.00
Malcolm Ferguson	76.63

06.17.12.3. Approving Council's Annual Statement of Accounts for 2016/7

The Clerk listed the Accounting Figures which are to be submitted to Grant Thornton and presented the year's income and expenditure summary which was agreed by Council. The forms were signed by the Vice Chair and Clerk **Action Clerk to submit to Grant Thornton**

06.17.12.4. Other matters

Forms to change the signatories for Bank and Building Society were presented and signed by existing signatories

Action Clerk to submit these and Action Cllr S Ferguson to obtain signatures from past Councillors

06.17.13. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

06.17.13.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr White reported that it is all fine apart from the large amount of litter apparent during half term week. The fencing is awaiting painting by the lengthsman

Cllr White has made some minor repairs to some equipment for example gluing on protective end caps

A couple of residents requested a gate to stop younger children running out of the playing field. Council had considered this previously and felt that it would prevent access for some.

06.17.13.2. Memorial Garden benches

The 2 new benches are now installed although the old bench still needs to be removed. **Action Cllr M Ferguson to chase this**

The Rotary Club have requested plaques on each bench commemorating their gift. **Action Cllr Erridge to arrange the wording with the Rotary Club and source the plaques.**

Residents are using the benches and have expressed their appreciation. Another 2 benches would be an asset – the next size up at 1.8 mts for 4 people to sit comfortably. **This to be added to July's agenda for consideration – Action Clerk**

06.17.14. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were received this month for circulation:

- Facts about the Parish report
- Request for charitable donation to NNCFR – a donation of £75 was agreed **Action Clerk**
- Supporting Merchant Navy Day letter - on agenda for July **Action Clerk**

06.17.15. Parish Council Newsletter and website

06.17.15.1 Parish Council Newsletter

The bumper edition of the Summer newsletter will be delivered by the end of June and will include the Windmill Weekend; Councillor vacancies; Speed watch results; Speed monitoring results; photo of the Lengthsman; Election results and a WI article. It will appear in new newspaper type columns and people will be asked which they prefer when it is published **Action Cllr S Ferguson**

06.17.15.2 Parish Website

Website is fine and statistics will be available for July's PC meeting.

06.17.15.3 Village Archive

Clerk has contacted BDC to request archive storage for Parish Councils – not yet found the person who is responsible for this **Action Clerk to continue to press for this service**

06.17.15.4 Councillor vacancies

The 2 councillor vacancies have been posted on the web site and will appear in the next newsletter. **Action Cllr S Ferguson**

06.17.16. 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.

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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