



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 14th May 2018

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

Clerk: Sara Stilliard

Members of the Public: none

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey; CCllr John Ogle

PUBLIC FORUM – none present

PLANNING MEETING

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting – none

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council –

Erect Detached Dwelling Land Adjacent To East View Southgore Lane North Leverton Nottinghamshire
Ref. No: 17/01734/FUL | Received: Fri 22 Dec 2017 | Validated: Fri 22 Dec 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision – new amendments to the application**

Council has no objections – **Action Clerk to make this comment to planners**

Applications – awaiting decision by Bassetlaw DC / Notts CC / Planning Inspectorate –

Erect Single Storey Rear Extension

Jalna Southgore Lane North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AA

Ref. No: 18/00125/HSE | Received: Tue 30 Jan 2018 | Validated: Tue 03 Apr 2018 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

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

Reserved Matters Application for the Approval of Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale Following Outline Application 17/00711/OUT - Outline Planning Application for Two Additional Dwellings (All Reserved Matters)

The Old Plough Main Street North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AD

Ref. No: 18/00045/RES | Received: Tue 16 Jan 2018 | Validated: Wed 24 Jan 2018 | Status: **Granted**

Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Outbuildings and Erection of 13 Dwellings

The Cottage Main Street North Leverton Nottinghamshire DN22 0AN Ref. No: 17/01305/FUL | Received: Wed 27 Sep 2017 | Validated: Tue 21 Nov 2017 | Status: **Withdrawn**

Other planning matters

The Chair and a resident attended a meeting of the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee on April 24th at Wheatley Village Hall. Luke Brown from BDC reiterated the process and confirmed that the date for adoption of the BDC new Local Plan has gone back to 2020. Luke said that the existing SWNP plan is OK but needs a better village statement and some refinement and he suggested that a professional be hired to help with these amendments.

Cllr M Ferguson challenged the 20% cap for housing development in rural communities and Luke confirmed that this can be challenged and that there is no legal basis for it.

Cllr M Ferguson and the residents' view was that revising the SWNP will involve a lot of money and expense for little result / reward for North Leverton. Cllr M Ferguson will meet with the other residents who volunteered for the steering group to see what they want to do and report back to the PC in June **Action Cllr M Ferguson**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

05.18.01. Apologies for absence – Cllr S Moir which were accepted by Council

05.18.02 Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting – Cllr White who is a recipient of a cheque at point 12.2

05.18.03. Chairman's remarks on the Agenda

Addition of a cheque – Keren Tookey for £70.00 at point 12.2

Correspondence item added at point 14.2 – about anti-social behaviour

05.18.04. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018

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

05.18.05. Matters arising – Non-agenda items

Council noted that the Clerk had carried out all her actions

The Chair has issued a contract to Homes Groundcare for grass cutting

The delivery of Newsletters to residents in Sturton Road has been investigated and they seem to be receiving them now

05.18.06. Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported no crimes for North Leverton in April. There has been an increase in daytime burglaries in the beat area and Dave asks that residents keep an eye on properties which are unoccupied during the day. There will be 'speed check' operations upcoming locally and Dave has asked for this support in areas which operate a Speed Watch scheme.

This month there have been six reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with three crimes reported throughout March 2018 and three crimes reported over the same period last year. This is the first month of this current tracking year, from 01/04/2018.

It is quite noticeable that the last few dwelling breaks that have been reported to the Police, across the areas which I cover, have occurred during daytime hours and, each time, entry has been gained via the rear of the property. Please could I ask that those residents at home during the day keep a watchful eye on properties close to them which they believe are unoccupied during daytime hours? Any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity around these properties, as always, needs to be reported through to the Police control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate.

As the gardening season now gets into full swing, sheds and outbuildings, and the items stored within, become attractive to criminals too. It is sometimes easy to overlook security to these buildings at this time of the year as they could, at times, be entered by the homeowner almost on a daily basis. Remember, that at this time of the year, criminals know that items stored in these kinds of places are easier to sell on to persons willing to engage with them.

Again, at this time of the year, particularly, residents should remain vigilant around doorstep distraction crime and bogus property repairs. Please look out for your neighbours too, and report any unwanted visitors to the Police, the Trading Standards department, or both, as deemed appropriate. The county councils Trading Standards team says there are often links between those committing bogus property repairs, and those who commit distraction burglaries – where these persons can use different approaches to target the vulnerable and gain access to their homes. The

Trading Standards team investigates many doorstep crimes involving bogus property repair scams. Common tactics used include:

- **Telling the householder that unnecessary work needs doing immediately to the roof or other part of the house.**
- **Products or services sold to the householders that are ineffective.**
- **Undertaking very poor quality work, this has to be put right at a cost far more than already paid.**
- **Given a price for a given piece of work but when finished, using threats to extract a far higher price.**
- **Signing residents up to expensive long term contracts.**

In the forthcoming months, there will be Police operations locally targeting speeding vehicles. These operations will be taking place across rural East Bassetlaw, and further afield too. Speeding motor vehicles has been highlighted as a concern from local residents and is often discussed at the local Priority Setting Group meetings.

This month there has been three reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incident for March 2018 and eleven reported for the same month in 2017. 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.

The control room continue to receive reports from community members of sightings of suspicious persons, vehicles and activity across the beat area. These calls are important to us all and do help in keeping reported crime figures relatively low across the beat area. My contact number is 07525 226838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 3258 Jason FELLOWS has a contact number is 07525 226893 and his E mail address is jason.fellows@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters – including seeking advice and/ or information.

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 and PC Jason Fellows – 07525 226893

05.18.07. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Group

Community Speedwatch

The Speedwatch team were out on 4 days in April and checked 339 vehicles of which 35 were speeding – 10.32% - which is the highest ever recorded as follows:-

Bridge – 63/12 - not noted whether coming in or going out of village - speed range 36-42 mph

Bridge – 89/8 - 5 in/3 out – speed range 36-44 mph

Bridge – 59/9 – 4 in/5 out – speed range 35-39 mph

Sturton Rd – 128/6 – all 6 in – speed range 36-41 mph

Most speeders were caught in the morning at the Bridge area.

The next outing of the team will be w/c 21st May

Cllr Erridge reported that there is also an issue with speeding motorbikes / a Jeep on Manor Farm Rise

Traffic Calming Group

Nothing to report as yet **Action Clerk to remove from Agenda until further notice**

05.18.08. District and County Councillors Reports.

CCllr Ogle said that the County Council were looking again at road programmes and any road or highway issues (pavements or gullies for example) should be reported to him via the Chair. **Action All Councillors to consider issues and report back at the June PC meeting with photographs where possible**

CCllr Ogle also reported that there are now 2 Camera Cars taking photos outside schools and around bus stops to deter people parking illegally there.

05.18.9. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

05.18.9.1. Street Lamps & Signs and Street Furniture.

The street sign 'Main Street' by the war memorial on Main Street has been dislodged and still needs to be repositioned **Action Clerk to continue to chase this**

Bent 'Stop' sign at the crossroads to be reported **Action Clerk**

The refurbishment of the bench at Keeton Way has now been completed.

Chair to clean the Perspex in the notice boards so that notices can be read **Action Cllr M Ferguson**

05.18.9.2. Road closure on Southgore Lane

No issues anticipated

05.18.9.3. Other issues / matters to report

None

05.18.10. The Lengthsman Report / Village Handyman report

The Lengthsman report

Jack has trimmed the grass around the telegraph pole near the Book Library although Cllr M Ferguson will ask Holmes Groundcare to include this in their regular cut **Action Cllr M Ferguson**

Handyman report

Cllr M Ferguson has talked to the Handyman about the bin emptying schedule - he is checking more regularly and the Play Park is not as bad now. However the Slush machine is working so there are likely to be more discarded cups.

05.18.11. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Nothing to report

05.18.12. Financial Matters.

05.17.12.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 20th April 2018 was presented to Council and approved.

05.17.12.2. Expenditure.

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

Sara Stilliard – salary and expenses	291.48
Jack Foster – lengthsman services	115.00
John Taylor – handyman services	125.28
HMRC – Clerks tax for January – March 2018	150.20
Holmes Ground Care – Churchyard grass cut in	73.00
Darbys – PAYE services for 2017-8	60.00
Brain Shead – newsletter printing	68.57
BDC – bins for lengthsman half year servicing	158.60
Gordon White – Playground fencing material	147.30
Keren Tookey – internal audit of annual accounts 2017/8	70.00

Action Clerk to pay invoices

05.18.12.3. Pay rate increases for 2018/19

Council agreed and voted unanimously to increase Jack Foster's hourly rate to £8.00 in line with the other Parish Councils for whom he works. Having done this they also voted unanimously to bring the Handyman's rate of pay in line with this at £8.00 per hour. **Action Clerk to inform Jack and John of this**

05.18.12.4. Signing of Annual Governance Statements

The Clerk read out the Governance Statements and Council confirmed that it had adhered to these and that being the case the Chair signed and dated the Statement. **Action Clerk to publish these in accordance with the rules of transparency**

05.18.12.5. Review and signing of Year End Accounts and Accounting Statements for 2017/8

The Clerk circulated a summary of the annual receipts and payments for North Leverton and the Chair signed off the Accounting Statement as a true record, following confirmation of this by the internal auditor. The Chair also signed the Exemption Certificate which confirms that the Council has income and or expenditure of less than £25,000 for the year 2017/8

Action Clerk to publish these in accordance with the rules of transparency

05.18.13. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

05.18.13.1. Weekly Inspection Report

The PC thanked Cllr White for all his and Jack's work on replacing the fence at the Playing Field which looks great. Cllr Erridge said that Cllr White had done an outstanding job and offered Council's thanks for his and Jack's work.

Cllr White to try and put some matting down under the play equipment now that the weather has improved – with Jack’s help **Action Cllr White**
The Memorial Garden has a lot of weeds. **Action Cllr White to ask Jack to do some weeding – with a hoe and not using weed killer in this area**
Action Cllr White to ask Jack if he is making use of the tipping area at Magpie Lane

05.18.14. Correspondence.

The following items of correspondence were received this month for circulation **Action Cllr M Ferguson**

- A review of the Polling Station consultation
- BDC e-mail re dog fouling in open spaces. In Nth Leverton only the Blacksmiths Playing Field has a dog ban. Cllr M Ferguson has requested that the Playing Field, Churchyard and the Green on Hablesthorpe Close be included and has send BDC a map showing these locations - awaiting a response

05.18.15. Parish Council Newsletter and website

05.18.15.1 Parish Council Newsletter

The Spring Newsletter has been distributed. The Summer edition is due out in July

05.18.15.2 Parish Website

Web site statistics are due for the July PC meeting.

Steve Rockcliffe has created a parish map which can be used to pin point incidences of dog mess in the village. This is now being tested and details of how to use it will appear in the Summer newsletter. PC to review it before it goes public **Action Cllr S Ferguson to send to all Councillors as soon as ready**

05.18.16. Emergency Plan Review

Cllr S Ferguson has reviewed the emergency plan and the updated sheets are now complete and in the files. **Action Clerk remove this point from the agenda now**

05.18.17 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. Please note that the meeting in June will start at 7 pm to allow for the APM

June 4th to include the APM / July 2nd / September 3rd / October 1st / November 5th / December 3rd

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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