



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 13th April 2015

Present: Cllr M Ferguson (Chair), C Walker, P Tuddenham, J McGarry, A Conn & Clerk D Langmead.

Members of the Public: 2 residents were present

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey.

PUBLIC FORUM

Residents present addressed the Council on a matter relating to the planning application 15/00342/FUL. Council noted other issues which concerned the residents and that a letter has been sent to BDC Planning in response to the application and the other issues.

PLANNING MEETING

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting - None

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council

15/00342/FUL. Land adj Crooks Garage, Main Street. Siting of a metal storage container for storing materials to refurbish The Bungalow for a period of 18 months.

No Objections. Council commented that there are two metal storage containers already on the site and suggested that this application should be a retrospective one along with a second retrospective application for the other container.

15/00344/FUL. Saw Mill, Northside Lane. Erection of a Stockman's House ancillary to the continuing use of the site for cattle rearing.

Council Objects to this proposal on the grounds that it is a new dwelling to be built outside the development boundary. Council commented that the access track passes over a bridge which Council considers would not take heavy loads and would be vulnerable to an increase in traffic.

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

15/00043/HSE. 12 Mill Close. Erect single storey extension. **Permission Granted**

The Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

Council noted that the Plan will shortly be coming to the end of the formal 6 week public consultation which ran until the 6th April (extended to 10th April). There have been a number of comments from residents and statutory consultees and these will now be analysed by the Steering Group and our Planning Consultant (to prepare the 'consultation statement') prior to formal 'sign off' by Bassetlaw DC. The revised plan along with all the original comments will then be forwarded to a Planning Inspector and on approval will then be subject to a referendum within the Sturton Ward. Further information can be found at www.sturtonwardnp.org.uk.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

04.15.01. Apologies for absence. – Cllrs Schofield, Dodd and Erridge gave their apologies which were accepted by Council.

04.15.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting

None at this stage.

04.15.03. Chairman’s remarks.

Cllr Ferguson requested that one additional item be added to the agenda: New Councillor Training to be included in agenda item 16. Council agreed to this addition to the agenda.

04.15.04. Police Report / Community Speedwatch.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there has been just one crime reported in the Parish during March – an attempted theft of property from Yew Tree Rise.

This month there has been nine reported crimes across the whole beat area. This compares with ten crimes reported throughout February 2015 and just three crimes reported over the same period last year.

This year, from 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015, there have been eighty eight reported crimes across this beat area. This compares with fifty six crimes reported in the same period last year. The number of crimes reported this year is a very similar figure to those reported the year before last. Even so, the crimes reported figure equates to just over one crime per month for each parish across the beat area.

The three theft other crimes reported in March 2015 related to thefts of heating oil and a lawn tractor, together with the attempted theft of a horse trailer. One of the criminal damage other offences was the damage to a tap on a domestic heating oil tank. As such, it would appear that heating oil does seem to be particularly attractive to criminals across this beat area at the present time. Please ask for security advice around tank security from your heating oil supplier.

Dave stressed again the need for vehicle owners to keep vehicles locked at all times, and some helpful tips on how best to do this can be found on Dave’s full report published on the Parish Council’s website. Council noted that the shed alarms have now arrived and will be sold in various local outlets for £5 each.

Finally, Dave confirmed that we now have a new Beat Manager – Bill Bailey whose details can be found below.

Community Speedwatch

Council noted that the team had been out on two occasions clocking 8 vehicles out of 180 (c5%) travelling at over the 30mph speed limit.

<p>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.</p>
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04.15.05. District and County Councillors Reports.

No Reports

04.15.06. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on Monday 2nd March 2015

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

04.15.07. Matters arising – Non agenda items

Council noted that action on 03.15.08.8. is outstanding. **Action Clerk.** Council noted that the remaining actions on the Clerk have all been completed. _

04.15.08. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

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

Nothing to report this month.

04.15.08.2. HGV Routes to EDF Energy Power Stations

No further news to report. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

04.15.08.3. Mill Lane Corner – Public Safety.

Council noted that the detailed signage proposals for the scheme is still awaited.

Action Clerk to follow up.

04.15.08.4. Mill Close and Main Street Road Surfaces.

Council noted that the County Council's 2015/16 resurfacing programme is fully committed and that this request has not been included. Any defects will be repaired as part of the ongoing programme of highways repair work.

04.15.08.5. Parking around the Cross Roads and Surgery

No further news to report; follow up agreed. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

04.15.08.6. Proposed Pedestrian Crossing for North Leverton School.

The Clerk confirmed that he had reported back to Highways and understands that as the traffic survey has been instigated it would be continuing to completion. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

04.15.08.7. Level Crossing Issues

Council noted the reported problems with the automatic gates which it is understood have been reported to Network Rail.

04.15.08.8. Seat in Hablethorpe Close

Council noted the reported problem with the seat and its ash-felt base. It was agreed to investigate. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

04.15.08.9. Hablethorpe Tree

Council noted that Notts CC are still trying to establish the ownership of the land on which the tree stands, although Council feels that it is clear that the tree grows from the verge and is therefore 'owned' by the County Council. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

04.15.09. The Lengthsman Report

Council noted the work carried out by John Taylor in March and agreed both the Lengthsman Scheme and Village Handyman Invoices. Council also noted that litter being blown about in high winds is a problem. It was agreed to purchase a new hand trolley at an approximate cost of £50.

Action John Taylor with cost to be included in Lengthsman Invoice.

04.15.10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Council noted that the Rural Conference which was held on the 25th March was dominated by the Police with the changes being made, and focus on rural policing. There was also an interesting presentation on the work being done to better preserve and promote the Sherwood Forest as a significant heritage asset in North Nottinghamshire.

04.15.11. Financial Matters.

04.15.11.1. Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation to 18th March 2015 was presented to Council and approved.

04.15.11.2. Expenditure.

The following payments were noted and approved by Council. **Action Clerk.**

D Langmead, Clerk Salary + Exps – March	- £	339.44
Village Handyperson (J Taylor) – March	- £	120.00
Lengthsman (J Taylor) – March	- £	105.00
S Rockcliffe – Website costs	£	8.00
Bill Crowson – Memorial Garden Upkeep	£	45.00
Bill Crowson – replacement of lost cheque	£	45.00
Notts CC (for approval only) – 1 Ton Salt, pd chq no 1956	£	55.00
B D Shead – Newsletter Printing	£	81.06
Notts PCC – Shed alarms – part payment	£	50.00

04.15.11.3. Income and Expenditure Summary 2014 / 2015

Council noted the I&E Summary Statement for the year and following discussion agreed the statement. The Audit Statement will now be prepared. **Action Clerk.**

04.15.11.4. Annual Audit Arrangements

The Clerk confirmed that he has now received the audit package from the external auditor, Grant Thornton. Council noted that the Annual Return has to be returned by the 15th June and that the Clerk will now be preparing the return for internal audit as soon as possible so that the annual return can be signed off by Council during the May or June meeting. **Action Clerk.**

04.15.11.5. Insurance Matters

Council noted the latest edition of 'Council Matters' from Council's brokers Came and Co. They have suggested that all trees on Council land have an inspection carried out by an arboricultural consultant and any recommended work carried out by an appropriately qualified person.

04.15.11.6. Purchase of Desk Top Computer

Council discussed the proposal circulated by the Clerk and noted that the original 'special offer' has now gone and that their current quotation of a net cost of £634.83 is only valid for 1 day and that some flexibility is required. Council noted that Sturton PC has agreed to fund the purchase fully in the first instance and then recover the VAT. Having taken off the Clerks contribution (approx. £54.83) Council noted and agreed to a net contribution of £145 +/- 10% (1/4 of the remaining net cost) which is subject to a write down of 24 months. **Action Clerk.**

04.15.12. Wind Farms Update.

Maumhill and Saundby Wind Farms.

Nothing to report this month.

04.15.13. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

04.15.13.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr Ferguson reported on behalf of Cllr Schofield that the weekly inspections during the month had revealed no defects.

04.15.13.2. SLC Funding – New Seating and Equipment Replacement Program

Cllr Ferguson reported that the application to WREN for funding for the remaining play equipment has now been submitted. Some additional information has been requested by WREN and the information required will be forwarded by 13th May. **Action Cllr Ferguson and Clerk.**

04.15.13.3. Additional Flowers for the Memorial Garden.

Council have received a request from the 'Sturton Ward Group' to plant flowers in the Memorial Garden. Council agreed the request subject to the upkeep of the flowered areas by the group.

04.15.13.4. Playing Field East Side Fencing

Council noted that the fence on the eastern boundary of the playing field is in poor condition and has tree growth coming through the lattice. It was agreed to explore the options for replacing the fence with the owner of the adjacent property. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

04.15.14. Correspondence.

There were two items of correspondence this month.

- 'Clerks and Councils Direct' magazine
- 'Local Council Review' magazine

04.15.15. Hablesthorpe Churchyard Planning

Nothing further to report this month. **Action Cllr Walker.**

04.15.16. Parish Council Elections – 7th May 2015

Council noted that all the completed nomination papers have been delivered and checked by the Bassetlaw DC Election Office before the deadline. Councillors Schofield, Walker and Tuddenham will not be standing for re-election.

Council noted that Cllr Hobbs has agreed to attend the 'New Councillor Course' at a cost of £25. Council agreed the expenditure. **Action Clerk for paperwork.**

04.15.17. Parish Council Newsletter & Website

Council noted that the Spring newsletter has now been distributed

Council noted that Cllr Ferguson's meeting with Steve Rockcliffe, the website manager to discuss improvements to the website has had to be postponed and the date re-arranged.

Action Cllr Ferguson.

04.15.18. Emergency Planning incl. Winter Preparation

Emergency Planning Questionnaires. Council noted that the last remaining questionnaires will be collected from Cllr Walker, and following analysis the results will be published in the next newsletter. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

04.15.19. Arrangements for the AGM of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting

Council agreed that the AGM of the Parish Council will take place ahead of the Parish Council meeting on 11th May; and that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 1st June.

Action Clerk for agendas.

04.15.20. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Cllr Ferguson confirmed that 3 Councillors would not be standing for re-election. Cllr Colin Walker has been on the Parish Council for 30 years and his experience will be sorely missed. Cllr Paul Tuddenham has been a councillor for over 10 years, many as Vice-Chair, and has greatly contributed to Council work. Cllr Katie Schofield has been the driving force behind the Blacksmiths Playing Field play equipment improvements – an invaluable contribution for the youth of the village. Cllr Ferguson thanked them all and wished them well for the future.

04.15.19. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th May 2015 in the Methodist Chapel, starting at approximately 7.20pm immediately following the AGM of the Parish Council.

Further dates for 2015 are as follows: - 1/6; 6/7; 7/9; 5/10; 2/11; and 7/12.

Dave Langmead – Clerk, tel. 884756

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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