



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 4th January 2016

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

Members of the Public: None

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

PUBLIC FORUM

No Issues were raised.

PLANNING MEETING

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting - None

Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council

15/01663/COND | Discharge of Conditions 3, 4, 9, 10, 12 and 16 of Planning Permission 15/00634/FUL - Demolish Existing Cottage and Outbuildings, Erect Two New Two Storey Dwellings and Construct New Access | Rose Cottage Main Street North Leverton Newark Nottinghamshire DN22 0AN. **No Objections or Comments**

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

15/01369/HSE | Erect Single Storey Rear Extension | Pine Lodge Townside Road North Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0AP. **Permission Granted**

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that at the Full District Council meeting on the 17th December the SWNP was passed with some glowing comments from Members present. The Referendum on the Plan will take place on Thursday 11th February 2016 with voting at the Methodist Chapel under the same arrangements as any other district, county or general election. A draft leaflet was circulated which is to be distributed to every household in the Ward and councillors agreed to carry out the distribution and talk to as many residents as possible asking them to vote for this important piece of local legislation. A turnout target has been set for 40% with the average around the country of 33% from 113 referenda to date. Nationally the average 'YES' vote currently stands at 88%. As soon as the leaflet has been finalised and printed sufficient copies are to be delivered to Councillors for distribution.

A 'flasher' across the front page was suggested by Council to alert residents to the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan and a yes vote on a good turnout. It was also agreed to consider assisting with the cost of the leaflet at the next meeting as well as providing an ongoing float for monitoring the plan in the future. **Action Clerk for leaflet and agenda.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

01.16.01. Apologies for absence. – Apologies were received from Cllrs Overend and Conn which were accepted by Council.

01.16.02. Declarations of interest – Parish Council meeting

Cllr Ferguson declared an interest in agenda item 11b

01.16.03. Chairman's remarks.

Cllr Ferguson wished to include an additional payment in agenda item 11b – Chairman's allowance of £350. Council agreed to the addition.

01.16.04. Police Report / Community Speedwatch.

Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey was delighted to report that there have been no crimes reported in the Parish during December and what is more no crimes reported across the whole of the beat area. Here are some comments from Dave's full report which can be found on the website and in the forthcoming newsletter:-

“This month there has been no reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with seven crimes reported throughout November 2015 and ten crimes reported over the same period last year.

This is the first time since I began working with Nottinghamshire Police, which is around nine years, that the beat area has not had any crimes of interest reported in a month.

Thanks go out to everyone on the beat area that has allowed this to happen. As I have said many times, at meetings and in local Police reports, we are, parish residents and the Police, all one team with the same objective which is to lower reported crimes of interest and reported anti-social behaviour incidents across the beat area ongoing.

Some crimes are being reported across adjoining beat areas, and historically across this one, which could be prevented by adopting basic security measures around homes and vehicles.

Vehicles are still being left insecure overnight and, in a lot of cases, items, which are attractive to criminals, are being left inside on full view to the same. There are criminals out and about who randomly visit villages in order to check on vehicle insecurities. They will try door handles of vehicles of vehicles parked on the public highway or on private driveways.

I must congratulate parishes across the whole beat area for their efforts over the festive season – the number of different events and engagements planned over Christmas have been very well attended and very much appreciated.

Lots of credit goes out to you all.

The local beat team looks forward to meeting up with residents ongoing at such seasonal events. Please take time to talk to your local representatives about any concerns and/ or issues which you might have relating to the policing of your parish/ beat area”.

Council raised the issue of hover boards causing obstructions on the highway. Dave said that he would look into the legalities of their use on the public highway and respond to Council. Council noted that there have been no more instances of dangerous dog attacks discussed at the December meeting.

Finally Dave gave a few tips on what to do when going on holiday to secure your home (to be found in his full report) and wished all Parish Councillors and residents a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Cllr Ferguson thanked Dave on behalf of the village for all his efforts during the past year which was warmly reciprocated by Parish Councillors present.

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 following the Christmas break Speedwatch activity will be resuming during w/c 18th January. Council noted that during 2015 a total of 2656 vehicles were logged during Speedwatch sessions of which 63 were speeders representing 2.4%. Council noted the desire to move Speedwatch positions and agreed that this could be considered subject to a full risk assessment being obtained and recorded.

01.16.05. District and County Councillors Reports.

Both DCllr Burton and CCllr Ogle had nothing specific to report from their respective Councils. However both agreed to take back any issues that may arise from the meeting for investigation or action.

01.16.06. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015

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

01.16.07. Matters arising – Non agenda items

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

Following the question raised by the Chair on the insurance policy schedule, Council noted that a response has been received from the Insurance Broker confirming that the policy has been issued without noting the excess of £250 being applicable to the Theft peril. This has now been corrected and confirmed with the policy schedule being corrected at the next renewal. **Action Clerk to file.**

01.16.08. Highways, Footpaths and Public Safety

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

Council were pleased to note the speed with which the street lights were repaired following the last report. This month Council noted problems with 4 street lights around the village.

Action Clerk to report.

01.16.08.2. Mill Lane Corner – Public Safety.

Council noted the update from Highways (Jenny Hawkes) which states in effect that the housing density and accident statistics do not justify the moving of the speed signs. Council further noted that Ian Parker suggested that our request is not that “far away from work we’ve done in the past”. However it appears that in any event NCC will not have the resource to deliver this scheme even if funded by the Parish Council. Council agreed to look to a private solution and to first check with Notts CC that provided the specification for the work was agreed with Highways from a ‘recognised’ contractor, the work could proceed on that basis. It was further agreed to forward copy correspondence to CCllr Ogle for further discussions at County level. **Action Clerk.**

01.16.08.3. Sturton Road Footpaths.

Council noted that the yew hedge has now been cut back and that the footpath is now navigable up to the village boundary. Council noted that the footpath between the villages needed siding back and the hedgerow trimming. **Action Clerk to report.**

01.16.08.4. Matters to Report.

Council noted that the three noticeboards in the village require attention (the two opposite the Post Office and the one at Hablesthorpe). It was agreed that the Lengthsman should be requested to take them down for ‘servicing’ one at a time during the coming months. **Action Cllr McGarry.**

01.16.09. The Lengthsman Report

Council noted the work carried out by John Taylor in December and agreed both the Lengthsman Scheme and Village Handyman Invoices for the month.

01.16.10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

No reports this month.

01.16.11. Financial Matters.

01.16.11.1. Bank Reconciliation

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

At this point Cllr Ferguson passed the 'Chair' to the Clerk and took no part in the meeting

01.16.11.2. Expenditure.

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

D Langmead, Clerk Salary + Exps	£	338.21
Village Handyperson (J Taylor)	£	120.00
Lengthsman (J Taylor)	£	82.50
S Rockcliffe – Website costs	£	8.00
Came and Company – Additional Insurance Premium	£	66.90
Malcolm Ferguson – Chairman's Allowance	£	350.00

Cllr Ferguson resumed his role as Chairman.

01.16.11.3. Annual Budget and Precept Request.

Council agreed the budget for the 2016/17 financial year as £21,334. Council also agreed the precept at £19,560 which along with the other income (£1,674) and a contribution from reserves of £100, covers the anticipated expenditure. **Action Clerk to complete Precept request to BDC.**

01.16.12. The Blacksmiths Playing Field.

01.16.12.1. Weekly Inspection Report

Cllr Hobbs reported on a clear weekly inspection. Cllr Hobbs also reported that the grass is getting rather long although currently it is too wet to cut. Council noted that while the playing field is relatively clear of litter there has been an accumulation between the boundary fences. It was agreed to ask the village Lengthsman to see if a clear-out is possible. **Action Cllr McGarry.**

01.16.12.2. New Seating

Following agreement to replace the bench seat adjacent to the war memorial and to provide two new bench seats for the playing field, Cllr Hobbs agreed to approach local firms to assist with funding anticipated to be in the region of £1,500. **Action Cllr Hobbs.**

01.16.13. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to report this month.

01.16.14. Defibrillator

Council agreed at the budget meeting to fund a defibrillator for the village. The preferred site for the equipment and its casing is on an external wall of the Post Office. The Clerk agreed to forward details of the equipment (electricity supply required?) to Cllr Ferguson so that he could discuss this with the Post Office owner. **Action Clerk and Cllr Ferguson.**

01.16.15. Parish Council Newsletter & Website

Cllr S Ferguson confirmed that provision has been agreed in the budget for larger editions of the newsletter to be produced if required. The next newsletter is due out before Easter and Cllr Ferguson requested all material and articles to be with her by the end of February.

The website was discussed and there appears to be updating discrepancies between the old site and the new site within the Sturton Ward site. The Clerk agreed to take up the issue with the Website manager. **Action Clerk.**

01.16.16. Emergency Planning incl. Winter Preparation & Residents Questionnaire

The revised emergency plan was not discussed in the absence of Cllr Conn and deferred to the February meeting. **Action Cllr Conn.**

Habblethorpe Grit Bin. Cllr Ferguson agreed to speak with Alan Gray to replace the over-turned grit bin adjacent to Habblethorpe Bridge. **Action Cllr Ferguson.**

01.16.17. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st February 2016 in the Methodist Chapel, starting at 7.15pm.

Dates for 2016 are as follows: - 7/3; 4/4; 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

Distribution: All Parish Councillors, CCllr John Ogle, DCllr H Burton, PC Bill Bailey, PCSO Dave Airey, Notice Boards, & File

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