

South Leverton Parish Council

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**Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Institute**

Present: Cllr G Wareham – Chair, Cllrs G Muir, J Cawthorne, R Loates, S Rickards, M Darlow & Clerk Sara Stilliard

South Leverton Residents: none

Guests: CCllr J Ogle

PUBLIC FORUM

Apologies for Absence – Apologies from Cllr Jones due to ill health, which were accepted by Council

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting. - None declared.

New Applications – none

Applications awaiting decision –

Outline Application with Some Reserved Matters (Approval Being Sought for Access) - Erection of 2 No. Detached Dwellings and Garages and Formation of 2 No. Vehicular Entrances Land At Priory Farm Retford Road South Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0BY Ref. No: 16/01573/OUT | Received: Wed 09 Nov 2016 | Validated: Wed 16 Nov 2016 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Decisions –

Resubmission of P/A 16/00515/OUT - Outline Planning Application with all Matters Reserved for the Erection of One Dwelling Land East Of Lambcote Lodge Station Road South Leverton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 16/01403/RSB | Received: Tue 11 Oct 2016 | Validated: Tue 11 Oct 2016 | Status: **Decided - refused**

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

Following several planning decisions in Sturton and Wheatley Parishes where applications have been supported by BDC in contravention of the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – the current Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group is feeling very demoralised and is requesting that it is dissolved.

CCllr Ogle reminded Council that because the BDC Plan is not adopted there can be no legal requirement for the Sturton Ward NP to be considered.

SLPC considered that a Monitoring Group should continue to monitor or amend the Sturton Ward Plan to give it more teeth / make it more prescriptive in line with the new BDC Local Plan - which is due to be adopted in 2019. It is likely that PCs with NPs will be encouraged to identify development sites within their villages and ideally work with developers to agree on the numbers and types of houses required by the village. Coincidentally an article in the SLCC monthly magazine encourages PCs to engage in early discussions with developers.

It was agreed that SLPC should be part of a 4-council group and possibly a wider group including the other 5 proposed Trentside Cluster villages on the basis, that there would be strength in a larger 'action group'. **Action Clerk to inform the other Parish Councils of this decision and facilitate a meeting.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

01.17.01 Apologies for Absence - Apologies from Cllr Jones due to ill health which were accepted by Council

01.17.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality
None

01.17.03. Report from the Chair – Agenda Issues.
None

01.17.04. Police Report

PC Bill Bailey sent his apologies and the following report:-

There were 2 crimes reported in South Leverton both on in December

13th – Town Street – attempted garage burglary

23rd - Orchard Lane – harassment

The total number of crimes reported in South Leverton during 2016 was 19.

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 Lucy Campion – 07525 989445; PC Bill Bailey – 07910 336844. Lucy’s e-mail address is lucy.campion@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

01.17.05. District and County Councillor Reports.

CCllr Ogle informed Council that the results of the judicial review in Derbyshire has ruled that the decision to join Sheffield City Region was illegal because the residents of Chesterfield were not asked if they wanted to join. The Mayor of Doncaster (due to join Sheffield City Region) is also querying the need for Sheffield to have a mayor. Cllr Ogle confirmed that, in his opinion, it was looking very unlikely that Bassetlaw will join Sheffield this year.

CCllr Ogle raised the issue of poor Broadband speeds and service in rural areas, despite the roll out of Fibre Broadband. CCllr Ogle is aware of the problems in Milton, East Markham and South Leverton and homes at the edges of villages furthest away from the Green Junction boxes. BT are supposedly improving the infrastructure so that rural areas can receive superfast Broadband and Notts CC have grants to facilitate this. Cllr Ogle would like to hear from any residents with Broadband problems and they can e-mail him direct at cllr.john.ogle@nottsc.gov.uk

01.17.06 Minutes of Meeting held on 9th November 2016

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed off as a true record of the proceedings.

01.17.07 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None

01.17.08. The Lengthsman Scheme

Cllr Cawthorne asked if the lengthsman could be directed to clear the grass / debris along gutters at the end of Cottam Rd - past New Farm - since this is obstructing water drainage. **Action Cllr Darlow to look at this stretch of road and instruct Jack accordingly**

There may be opportunities to use Jack for more work in the village if he is willing and able to take on more – this could reduce costs for the PC. **Action Cllr Darlow to talk to Jack about this**
Council confirmed that Jack’s hourly rate would be increased from March 2017 to a living wage of £7.50 per hour in line with the new rate agreed by other Parish Councils. **Action Clerk to inform Jack of this**

01.17.09. Correspondence

There were 8 items of correspondence from November and December 2016:

- Training session on Neighbourhood Planning on 20th February – **Action Clerk and other Cllrs wishing to attend**
- Notts Mineral Plan – no action required
- Western Power offer of severe weather bulletins – **Action Clerk to register for them**
- Consultation on other Parishes Neighbourhood plans - no action required
- Letter from Robert Jenrick MP to say that Savid Javid has dropped the idea of capping precepts – no action required
- Police and Crime Commissioner budget consultation - no action required
- Offer of a presentation by NCC on Broadband – not required – **Action Clerk**
- Letter from BDC Environmental Health re Anchor Block monitoring – no longer required

01.17.10. Parish Paths/Rights of Way

01.17.10.1. Broken Stile.

Now repaired

01.17.10.2. Footpath along the Catchwater Drain

Bassetlaw has agreed to contact Network Rail about this matter – it is still in hand within the backlog of work **Action Clerk to follow up.**

01.17.10.3. Overgrown footbridge on Millfield Lane.

Laura Summers has confirmed that NCC is responsible for the upkeep of this footbridge and will schedule maintenance work once a year **Action Clerk to follow up that this is done.**

01.17.11. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues

01.17.11.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

No faults reported

01.17.11.2. Pot holes vs speed signs – priority for spending

Cllr Ogle said that if there was a change of administration later this year there may be a change in the priorities for spending with more emphasis on road safety and speed restrictions.

01.17.11.3. Retford Road Dyke and Meeting House Lane Dykes

The dyke on Meeting House Lane has now been cleared. **Action Clerk to remove from agenda**

The drains on Retford Road still need to be jetted however to avoid potential flooding

Action Clerk to continue to chase Matt Duckworth

01.17.11.4. Trentside Speed Awareness group

Dave Langmead has formally complained to the Chief Executive of BDC re the total lack of response from Kevin Greaves to the proposal from the Trentside Traffic Calming Group
The next meeting of the Traffic Calming group has been postponed until a response is received.

01.17.11.5. Issues to report

A tree within the garden of a bungalow on the corner of Meeting House Lane and Church Street is obstructing the village Speed Limit Sign. **Action Clerk to write to the residents to ask them to cut the branches back**

Although the sides of an overgrown dyke on Cottam Road have been cut back there is a lot of debris in the dyke which has the potential to cause a blockage leading to flooding. **Action Clerk to ask R Hewitt to remove the debris if possible**

Cllr Loates requested another bin for dog mess for the end of Meeting House Lane which is frequented by dog walkers, resulting in many bags being left in the lane or on the bridge.

Action Clerk to obtain a price for a bin for the next PC meeting

01.17.12. Finance

01.17.12.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation to the 23rd December 2016 which was agreed by Council.

01.17.12.2. Payments.

The following payment for November and December were approved for payment. **Action Clerk**

S Stilliard	Salary and Exps	£497.04
HMRC	Tax for Sept – Dec 2016	230.40
Jack Foster	Lengthsman	188.75
Steve Rockcliffe	Web site for Oct - Dec	66.99
R Hewitt	Dyke Clearing	72.00
North Notts CFR	Debif Training donation	50.00
Brian Marchant	Clerk leaving event	49.61
Karen Howard	Clerk leaving event	18.34

Council noted that a cheque for £250.00 for Xmas trees and lights had been paid to Cllr Muir during December and was included on the Bank Rec

01.17.12.3. Precept for 2017 /18

Council discussed various budget proposals and agreed that there were some upcoming projects, such as additional speed curbing measures / cost of developing a Neighbourhood Plan which the PC may need to fund on behalf of the Parish. The decision to raise the precept to £10,000 was unanimously agreed by Council. The impact of this will be to raise the precept for residents in Council Tax Band D by £9.50 per year or 79p per month

Action Clerk to submit the precept request to BDC

Council also recognised its obligation to ensure value for money for the Parish and will obtain competitive quotes for grass cutting (one of the largest costs for the PC) and other contracts to see if money can be saved. **Action Cllr Darlow to seek grass cutting quotes and assess whether the lengthsman could take on this job**

Action Clerk to ask existing contractor for a new quote for 2017

01.17.13. Reports from Other Committees

No reports - this item to be removed from the agenda **Action Clerk**

01.17.14. Village Website

Nothing to report

01.17.16. Defibrillator for the village

The location of the Defibrillator is now logged with the police and ambulance service. The number to gain access to the cabinet is held at the Plough and the Garage. The equipment is being monitored by Cllr Jones **Action Clerk to remove the item from the agenda now**

01.17.17. Matters to report

01.17.17.1 Upcoming events in the village

None

Cllr Cawthorne said that they would not be requesting any Village Ventures events during 2017 due to the difficulty in getting the events the committee want and the relatively poor attendance.

01.17.18. Dates of next meetings

15th Feb, 15th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 13th Sept, 11th Oct, 15th Nov

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