

# South Leverton Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Institute

**Present:** Cllr G Wareham – Chair, Cllrs G Muir, K Jones, S Rickards, & Clerk Sara Stilliard

**South Leverton Residents:** none

**Guests:** none

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No member of the public was present but the Clerk read out a letter received from a resident of Cottam Road concerning the state of the grass verge alongside the dyke following the dredging of the dyke the previous week. Council acknowledged that the verge had been damaged with mud left on the road and agreed that this should be tidied by the lengthsman and the verge reseeded later in the year. **Action Clerk to ask Cllr Darlow to instruct the lengthsman accordingly**

If any similar work is commissioned by the Parish Council, they will try to ensure that it is done when the weather is dry to minimise the damage

**Action Clerk to respond to the complainant**

## **PLANNING MEETING**

**Apologies for Absence** – Apologies from Cllr Loates due to ill health, Cllr Cawthorne and Cllr Darlow – away from home, which were accepted by Council

**Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting.** - None declared.

**New Applications** - none

**Applications awaiting decision** – none

## **Decisions**

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 Priors 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: **GRANTED**

Council noted that this decision was in contravention of Bassetlaw's Core Strategy which states that South Leverton is a non-sustainable village. **Action Cllr Wareham to raise this at the next Bassetlaw Parish Forum**

## **BDC Local Plan**

Only a very general response was received to comments submitted. Cllr Wareham suggested that the Parish Council would benefit from a discussion with a member of the BDC planning team.

**Action Cllr Wareham to request a meeting whilst at the NP Training Session hosted by the BDC planning team on February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group**

A meeting has been called on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in Sturton Village Hall to re-form the Neighbourhood Plan monitoring group. It is open to all councillors who may want to join the group or are interested in its objectives. The meeting will be chaired by Cllr Brian Marchant of Sturton Parish Council.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**02.17.01 Apologies for Absence** - Apologies from Cllr Loates due to ill health, Cllr Cawthorne and Cllr Darlow – away from home, which were accepted by Council

### **02.17.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality**

None

### **02.17.03. Report from the Chair – Agenda Issues.**

2 additional items of correspondence to be added to the agenda at point 09 which were accepted by Council

### **02.17.04. Police Report**

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

There were no crimes reported in South Leverton in January

**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](mailto:lucy.campion@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)**

### **02.17.05. District and County Councillor Reports.**

CCllr Ogle is on holiday

### **02.17.06 Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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

### **02.17.07 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.**

None

### **02.17.08. The Lengthsman Scheme**

#### **02.17.08.1 Confirmation of lengthsman grant for 2017/8**

Bassetlaw DC have confirmed that a lengthsman grant will be paid for 2017/8. The contract has been issued which SLPC will need to sign, committing the Council to ensuring that the lengthsman is fully trained and provided with the right safety and work equipment to undertake any task he is given by the Council.

**Action Clerk to confirm the training courses required and shared costs between 3 PC’s using Jack Foster as their lengthsman**

#### **02.17.08.2 Grass cutting / mower costs**

It may be that the lengthsman can take on the grass cutting for the village and save costs. Final cost benefit analysis to be prepared for the next Parish Council meeting so that a decision can be made. In the meantime, Holmes Groundcare is the cheaper option for contract grass cutting.

**Action Cllr Wareham and Darlow to produce final comparative costs including buying a mower, cost of maintenance / running costs and cost of training course for the lengthsman**

### **02.17.09. Correspondence**

There were 8 items of correspondence to consider:

- Consultation on Housing Strategy – **Action Cllr Wareham to respond**
- Bassetlaw Spring Clean – no action required
- Letter from new Chair of NALC – in reading bag
- Plunket Foundation call to action – in reading bag
- Funding advisor meetings – in reading bag
- Thank you letter from NCR for £50 donation – in reading bag

- Letter asking for charitable donation – **Action Clerk to respond – local charities only**
- Next dates for Bassetlaw Forums – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – both in Retford Town Hall between 7-9 pm

### **02.17.10. Parish Paths/Rights of Way**

#### 02.17.10.1. 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.**

#### 02.17.10.2. 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.**

#### 02.17.10.3. Issues with green lane gates.

One of the gates was not issued with a padlock and this has been reported and will be issued. If padlocks are hard to use because the numbers are too small they can also be replaced. Bring forward to next PC meeting. **Action Clerk to chase new padlock**

### **02.17.11. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues**

#### 02.17.11.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

Street light outside North Lodge on Retford Road not working. **Action Clerk to report it**

#### 02.17.11.2 Dog waste bin for Meeting House Lane

Council agreed to fund a new dog waste bin for the top of Meeting House Lane where there are a lot of dog walkers. **Action Clerk to order bin and inform Notts CC where in situ to ensure it is emptied**

#### 02.17.11.3. Trentside Speed Awareness group

Due to an intervention by MP Robert Jenrick, Kevin Greaves has now agreed to meet the Trentside Traffic Calming Group on Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting of the Traffic Calming group will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm to review the outcome.

#### 02.17.11.4. Issues to report

The debris in the dyke along Cottam Road has been cleared. A large concrete slab holding up the bank has however slipped. This has been reported to Notts CC

A refuse lorry collecting blue bins was observed on Retford Road going towards North Leverton shedding rubbish from the back which was littering the roadside hedges and verges. **Action Clerk to report to Environmental Health**

Very large potholes in Rampton Lane and Mill Lane have been reported

Owen's Lorries have been seen using the village as a 'rat run'. **Action Clerk to report this to Tarmac (Sturton Quarry). Cllrs to take registration numbers and report to the Clerk who will pass them on to try and stop this route being used.**

### **02.17.12. Finance**

#### 02.17.12.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation to the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 - agreed by Council.

#### 02.17.12.2. Payments.

The following payment for January were approved for payment. **Action Clerk**

S Stilliard	Salary and Exps	£245.04
P Cawthorne	Litter picking	112.50
Jack Foster	Lengthsman	157.88
SL Institute	Hall Hire	21.00

### **02.17.13. Village Website**

Nothing to report

### **02.17.14. Village matters to report**

01.17.14.1 Upcoming events in the village

None

There will be a meeting of the SL Memorial Hall Committee and residents to review what the hall is being used for. Currently it is vulnerable to a couple of key users such as Cambrian Beeches, without which the hall would struggle with funding. It is getting harder to attract residents to events although the committee is considering running a 'Flicks in the Sticks' film club if there is enough demand for it.

A road sign pointing to the village hall (and possibly The Plough) located on the main road through the village was mooted to signal both facilities, which otherwise go unrecognised. **Action Clerk to find out from highways what would be allowed and where it could be positioned.** The PC would have to fund it

The Defibrillator has been checked. Cllr Jones has the replacement defibrillator should it ever be needed

### **02.17.15. Dates of next meetings to be held at 7pm in the Memorial Institute**

15<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

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