

# [South Leverton Parish Council

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

**Present:** Cllr G Wareham – Chair, Cllrs G Muir, K Jones, J Cawthorne, B Loates; M Darlow & Clerk Sara Stilliard

**South Leverton Residents:** none

**Guests:** CCllr Ogle and DCllr Critchley

### **PUBLIC FORMUM**

No members of the public present

### **PLANNING MEETING**

**Apologies for Absence** – Apologies from Cllr Rickards which were accepted by Council

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

### **New Applications –**

Council agreed that an application received after the agenda was published could be considered at this PC meeting

Outline Application with Some Matters Reserved (Approval Being Sought for Access) to Erect a Detached Dwelling, Garage and Construct New Access Land Adjoining Mulberry Barn Rampton Lane South Leverton Nottinghamshire DN22 0BF Ref. No: 17/00351/OUT | Received: Tue 07 Mar 2017 | Validated: Tue 07 Mar 2017 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Council agreed that it was necessary to adopt a consistent approach to new dwelling planning applications by objecting to the application in accordance with BDC Core Strategy Policy but noting that the proposed dwelling would enhance the locality **Action Clerk**

**Applications awaiting decision** – none

**Decisions –** none

### **BDC Local Plan**

No change until Autumn when new draft plan will be published taking into consideration comments from the first consultation. BDC seems to be under pressure to build houses in key conurbations such as Haworth and Worksop and rural areas will fill in the gaps in the required housing numbers. Council noted that rural areas have very limited existing infrastructure such as doctor's surgeries, police, schools etc. and therefore cannot cope with large numbers of new homes.

**Action Cllr Wareham to compose a letter from the PC addressed to MPs John Mann and Robert Jenrick in respect of the overload on rural infrastructure.** Other PCs in the Trentside Cluster may then wish to put their names to it

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

The Clerk reported from the meeting that was held on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Natalie Cockrell from the BDC Neighbourhood Planning team attended the meeting and advised that 'site allocations' within Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) would be the best way to control the type of new housing built. Natalie also advised that any new NPs, or changes to existing plans, wait until the Autumn in order to integrate with the BDC Local Plan, rather than making changes 'blind'. South Leverton could of course start the full village consultation process in the meantime. The meeting agreed to wait until later in the year but renamed the group 'Sturton Ward Development Group'. Cllr Marchant remains in the chair, although he will step down asap.

Natalie confirmed that £15k would be available to each Parish to pay for amends / new Neighbourhood Plans. South Leverton may want to apply for this funding rather than join Sturton Ward since one entity (which would also involve reforming the group) would only be eligible for one payment of £15k.

**Action Clerk to invite Natalie to an open meeting of the PC and South Leverton residents at the end of April – subject to her availability.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**03.17.01 Apologies for Absence** - Apologies from Cllr Rickards which were accepted by Council

**03.17.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality**

None

**03.17.03. Report from the Chair – Agenda Issues.**

None

**03.17.04. Police Report**

None available

**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)**

**03.17.05. District and County Councillor Reports.**

DCllr Critchley gave feedback from the meeting held in Tuxford with Paddy Tipping where the replacement of Bill Bailey on his retirement was raised. There was no guarantee of a like for like replacement given by Mr Tipping. **Action Clerk to write to Paddy Tipping on behalf of the PC to ask that he be replaced**

DCllr Critchley also talked about the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for health care over the next 5 years which is likely to lead to the combining of Bassetlaw with Barnsley, Sheffield and Doncaster in order to save money. DCllr Critchley also pointed out that it is hard to recruit doctors and nurses to work in this area

Finally, DCllr Critchley mentioned the Community Energy Fund project which encourages PCs to work with land owners to install solar and wind energy appliances on their land and share income with the community. There is £20k available for feasibility studies. **Action DCllr Critchley to send details to the Clerk**

CCllr Ogle reported that the children’s ward at Bassetlaw hospital is open although it closes between 7pm – 8am as a result of staff shortages so paediatric cases have to be diverted at night. Pregnancy scanning is also reduced to only 2 days a week due to the same issue. CCllr Ogle is watching developments.

CCllr Ogle raised the issue of road safety and ‘Village Gateways’ creating a pincer effect to reduce speeding. Depending on the results of local elections this may become more of a priority and will be useful for the Council’s Traffic Calming Group.

**03.17.06 Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

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

**03.17.07 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.**

None

### **03.17.08. The Lengthsman Scheme**

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

The Chair signed the contract with Notts CC for the Lengthsman Grant.

Council agreed to fund the following training for the lengthsman in accordance with the requirements of the contract:-

Manual Handling

Hedge Cutting

**Action Clerk to book the training courses and confirm costs for PCs sharing these costs**

#### **03.17.08.2 Grass cutting / mower costs**

Cllr Darlow had prepared an analysis of potential cost savings which could be achieved if the lengthsman was paid to cut the grass in the churchyard and at the Millennium Corner. This would necessitate buying a commercial mower (which Cllr Darlow could garage), servicing the mower and training for the lengthsman but could possibly result in a saving for the Council of circa £2,000 over the next 4 – 5 years. However, several Councillors raised concerns over the quality of the grass cutting (the Churchyard being a sensitive area) and the time it would take one man. Council decided to test the premise by asking the lengthsman to undertake a cut (using his own mower) of a large enough area of the Churchyard to prove it can be done at the cost and quality required before a final vote is held by the PC in April.

**Action Cllr Darlow to ask lengthsman to cut a sample of churchyard to demonstrate the time it would take and quality of the cut before a final decision is made at the April PC Meeting**

### **03.17.09. Correspondence**

There were 3 items of correspondence to consider:

- Health Strategy consultation for residents – no action required
- Neighbourhood Plan meeting in Bingham – no action required
- Letter from resident in Cottam Road about the state of the verge – reply sent and actioned

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

#### **03.17.10.1. 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.**

#### **03.17.10.2. 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.**

#### **03.17.10.3. 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**

#### **03.17.10.4. Blocked drain and ditches on corner of Retford Road and Millfield Lane.**

Blockage reported and land owner is meeting Notts CC to discuss ditch clearance before further work on the pipe is undertaken if deemed to be appropriate.

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

#### **03.17.11.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.**

A warning sign is not illuminated **Action Cllr Darlow to inform Clerk where to report to NCC**

#### **03.17.11.2 Dog waste bin for Meeting House Lane**

A new dog waste bin for Meeting House Lane has been delivered **Action Clerk to inform Notts CC where in situ to ensure it is emptied**

#### **03.17.11.3. Trentside Speed Awareness group**

A meeting between Kevin Greaves and the Traffic Calming Group was finally held on 13<sup>th</sup> March to put the case for a 'pilot' traffic calming scheme in the area. Kevin Greaves felt that

they could not make any commitment on funding but in principle agreed that what the group is trying to achieve is a good starting point. It was agreed to hold further meeting in 3/4 weeks' time after which the results will be fed back to the whole Traffic Calming group.

**Action Clerk to ensure that Cllr Jones is receiving e-mail updates on this matter**

03.17.11.4. Issues to report

Very large potholes and poor state of the road surface in Town Street to be reported **Action Clerk**

A resident from High Street reported the very dangerous exit from there onto the main road and asked if it would be possible to have a convex mirror so cars could see what was coming. Cllr Muir reported that the Chair of the Transport and Highways Committee Cllr Kevin Greaves has no plans to extend the use of these mirrors to this situation so South Leverton will not be eligible for one.

**03.17.12. Finance**

03.17.12.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

03.17.12.2. Payments.

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

S Stilliard	Salary and Exps	£244.16
Glasdon UK	Dog waste bin	152.02
Jack Foster	Lengthsman	104.25
NALC	Annual Subscription	101.40
KR Hewitt	Clearing dyke	97.20

**03.17.13. Village Website**

Nothing to report

**03.17.14. Redbank / Cambrian Beeches**

The parking on the roadside by staff working at Redbank has got worse again. **Action Clerk to write to current manager and her superior** to ask that staff do not obstruct resident's drives and the road such that cars cannot pass and lorries / farm vehicles find it hard to traverse Rampton Lane.

**Village matters to report**

03.17.14.1 Upcoming events in the village

None

03.17.14.2 Defibrillator check

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

03.17.14.3 Other matters

Clerk gave a point of information following a complaint about rubbish blowing out of a refuse lorry. All refuse lorries are fitted with curtains to stop waste blowing back, however if there is a lot of small items /shredded paper and it is also windy some blow back is inevitable and cannot be prevented.

A road sign pointing to the village hall (and possibly The Plough) located on the main road through the village would not be allowed by highways on the basis that there is insufficient room at the roadside opposite the turning to Town Street to site a signpost.

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

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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