

South Leverton Parish Council

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**Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Institute**

Present: Cllrs G Wareham – Chair; J Cawthorne; S Rickards; Gill Taylor
Clerk - Sara Stilliard

South Leverton Residents: none

Guests: PC Gareth Mitchell

PUBLIC FORUM –

PC Gareth Mitchell introduced himself as the new beat manager and Bill Bailey's final replacement. Gareth is based at Harworth and works rurally so will be seen in the 15 villages in his beat area. Gareth reported that in the last 90 days there were 5 reported crimes / incidents in South Leverton – 2 were traffic related. There was also one burglary from High Street in June, the theft of a motor vehicle and a report of criminal damage. As well as reporting these incidents Gareth will send the Clerk details of any significant incidents in the village as they happen and the results of any speed gun activity and he will try to do more of the latter in the village at key times when there is most likely to be speeding traffic - for example at the time of the school run and when contractors leave the power stations and Rampton hospital. However Gareth also pointed out that police resources are very limited in terms of responding to Speedwatch activity for example.

Gareth will vary his shifts where possible to mirror the needs of his Parishes and he and the PCSO - Lucy Campion - will try to attend PC meetings where they can. Gareth is also happy to take calls for advice when he is on shift and will respond to messages left when he is not available – his contact details are as follows:-

Mobile: 07976 173926

E-mail: gareth.mitchell@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

In the event of an incident or crime or when in doubt could residents please call 999

PLANNING MEETING

Apologies for Absence – received from Cllr Darlow; B Loates and G Muir which were accepted by Council

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting. - None declared.

New applications – none

Applications awaiting decision –

Variation of Condition 2 (To Add 2 Additional Pitch Plots 19/20) on P/A 43/12/00009 - Change Of Use Of Land For Stationing Of Caravans For Residential Occupation With Ancillary Works (Additional Hard Standing, Utility Blocks, Decking, Fencing, Package Treatment Plant, Electricity Box) Treswell Park Outgang Road Treswell Retford Ref. No: 18/00801/VOC | Received: Wed 20 Jun 2018 | Validated: Mon 25 Jun 2018 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Proposed 49 Holiday Lodges, 32 Touring Caravan Pitches, 14 Glamping Pods, Reception Area with Manager's Accommodation, Store and Play Areas, Parking and Associated Infrastructure (Resubmission of 16/01363/FUL) Land At Elmwood Lodge Sundown Adventureland Rampton Road Treswell Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0ED Ref. No: 17/01239/RSB | Received: Fri 15 Sep 2017 | Validated: Fri 15 Sep 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Decisions –

Discharge of Conditions 3, 4, 5, 11, 12 and 14 - Demolition of a Disused Agricultural Building and the Construction of One Detached Three Bed Bungalow with Garage and One Detached Four Bed 2 Storey Dwelling with Garage New Farm Stud Retford Road South Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0BY Ref. No: 18/00817/COND | Received: Mon 25 Jun 2018 | Validated: Mon 25 Jun 2018 | Status: **Determined**

South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group will be issuing a regular newsletter to all residents to keep them updated on progress. The first is due imminently and will give the time lines for the SL NP work and a summary of resident comments from the last Public Consultation meeting.

The next step in the process is a call for land sites (for residential development and play areas / other amenities for the village) and this is being done via advertisements in Retford Life and Retford Times and leaflets delivered to all houses in South Leverton. At the same time experts will be helping the steering group to gather the evidence to justify the homes and facilitates that the village needs.

Finally BDC has called all NP Steering Groups to a meeting on September 24th to talk about the numbers of homes which need to be built in designated areas. Cllr Wareham and Catherine Hoyle (Chair of the Steering Group) will attend.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

09.18.01 Apologies for Absence – received from Cllr Darlow; B Loates and G Muir which were accepted by Council

09.18.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality
None at this stage

09.18.03. Report from the Chair

There has been a report of illegal travellers with caravans occupying a site in the village – off Broad Lane. **Action Clerk to report this to the BDC enforcement officer**

Cllrs Wareham and Rickards both went to the House of Commons as guests of Robert Jenrick MP. Whilst there he mentioned that John Mann and he have suggested that Sturton Ward, including North Leverton; Sturton le Steeple and Wheatley be move to Robert Jenricks's area under the new boundary changes currently being considered by the government. This is unlikely to be accepted however because it will create an out of balance in voter numbers by comparison with other constituencies.

9.18.04. District and County Councillor Reports.

None present

09.18.05 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th July 2018

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

09.18.06 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

Traffic Calming to be added to point 09.18.10.4 below

The large leylandii hedge fronting a house on Retford Road, which was the subject of some concern re the obstruction of the pathway, has been comprehensively cut back by the owners and the PC would like to thank the owners for their action in this regard.

09.18.07 The Lengthsman Scheme

There has been very good feedback from some residents about the work that Jack has done in strimming and tidying Brickings Lane, making it much easier to walk on, particularly for older people. The bench at the crossroads of Rampton Lane and Brickings Lane has also been welcomed although it is attracting litter (mainly beer cans and cigarette ends) which is currently being picked up regularly by Cllr Taylor. The chair commented he had noticed that such litter was characteristic of other village's quiet locations, where youngsters meet in their cars and throw litter out of the car windows irrespective of a local waste bin. **Action Clerk to request a new litter bin at the location of the bench.**

09.18.08. Correspondence

There were 10 items of correspondence this month

A letter of thanks for the £50 donation to the North Notts CFR

A number of bus timetables – to be put in the Village Hall

Invitation to the Chair to attend a charity hog roast

Invitation to attend a WW1 event in November – no action required

NALC AGM agenda papers – no further action required

Letter from BDC re CIL payments – none available for South Leverton – no further action required

Clerk Magazine

Countryside magazine (CPRE)

A request for a donation toward anti fracking campaigns from CPRE – no action required

Offer of trees to be planted next to rivers from the woodland trust – no action required

09.18.09. Parish Paths/Rights of Way

09.18.09.1. Footpath along the Catchwater Drain

Laura Summers has agreed to contact Network Rail about this matter during September and asked that the PC be patient a little longer to allow her to action it.

09.18.09.2. Issues to report

Laura Summers has said that it will be better if her contractors close the gates across the Green Lanes on October 31st since they can check that the gates are in good order at the same time.

Action Clerk to remind her a week before closure is due

The map of footpaths in the village which is in a display cabinet outside the Village Hall is now illegible. **Clerk to contact Laura Summers to request a replacement**

Action Clerk to try again to get another post box for the village which only has 1 versus Wheatley village which has 5 boxes

A resident has suggested that there should be a signpost to Ashton's Meadow on Rampton Lane and also a bench at that location. More benches in the village will be addressed via the Neighbourhood Plan since this was suggested during public consultation.

Action Clerk to find out if the National Trust would pay for a signpost to Ashton's Meadow

09.18.10. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues

09.18.10.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

Nothing to report

09.18.10.2 Issues to report

Trees by Orchard School on the pavement verge are very overgrown and obscuring signage etc. Apparently the verge on which the trees sit does not belong to either the school or Highways. Highways will write to the school asking if they will cut the trees back

A resident has complained about cars parking on Church Street near the Church which is giving rise to hooting as other cars try to pass. Highways has confirmed that it is not illegal to park on this road and they will not apply yellow lines to it. The situation will be mentioned to PC Gareth Mitchell who may be able to have a word with the owners of the parked cars. **Action Clerk to pass the issue to PC Mitchell**

09.18.10.3 Removal of 30 MPH signs

Council did not think that any permanent 30 MPH signs had been removed however several 'Its 30 For a Reason' signs applied to lamp posts have been removed by Highways who have a policy of not allowing too many of this type of sign because this dilutes their effect. **Action Clerk to report this to the resident who commented on their removal.**

09.18.10.4 Traffic Calming

A meeting of the Traffic Calming Group was held on September 11th with Jo Horton from Highways who gave the group her feedback to their proposals. The recommendations were largely accepted by Highways which was a very positive response.

Much of the recommended road painting standardises the measures for all 4 villages and Highways will pay for this work (circa £22k). Jo has also recommended Traffic Regulation Orders to extend the 30 MPH speed limit in Meeting House Lane and in Cottam Road and also to increase the speed limit from 30 to 40 MPH between North and South Leverton on Station Road. These measures will be funded by Highways. There is still an issue with visibility when exiting from High Street onto Church Road **Action Cllr Taylor to ask Jo Horton to visit to assess this**

If the villages want additional traffic calming measures, such as sharks teeth gateway markings and high friction red surfacing at entrances to the villages, they will have to find some funding - which may be available from the Local Improvement Plan for example. South Leverton would have to find about £4k to fund all requested measures.

Action all councillors to make their comments to Cllr Taylor for compilation and feedback to Jo Horton by the end of September.

09.18.11. Finance

09.18.11.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliations to the 27th July and 27th August 2018 - agreed by Council.

09.18.11.2. Payments.

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

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| S Stilliard | Salary & Expenses | £565.73 |
| Jack Foster | Lengthsman for July | £108.00 |
| Jack Foster | Lengthsman for August | £110.03 |
| ICO | GDPR registration | £ 40.00 |
| P J Cawthorne | Litter picking to end August | £ 96.00 |
| JPS Contracts | Installation of the bench | £228.00 |

09.18.12. Village Website

The minutes / agendas and other information relating to the Neighbourhood Planning meetings are all on the site now. Cllr Taylor kindly volunteered to take responsibility for making sure the web site is kept up to date i.e. that old items are removed and all contact details etc are correct.

09.18.13. Redbank / The Beeches

A resident has complained about both the parking on Rampton Lane by staff and visitors to Redbank House and the recent noise from a resident of the house. **Action Clerk to write to the manager of Redbank with the complaint and again request consideration when parking and a solution to the noise issue.**

09.18.14 Village matters to report

09.18.14.1 The Churchyard

The Church has finally responded to the PC's offer of a land transfer to say that they would like to accept it and will be presenting legal documents in due course

09.18.14.2 Installation of bench / plaque

The new village bench has been installed at the cross roads of Rampton Lane and Brickings Lane Cllr Muir to install the plaque recognising the Rotary Club and arrange a time for photographs to be taken and sent to the Rotary Club / Retford Times etc **Action Cllr Muir**

09.18.14.4 Defibrillator check

Cllr Jones has a replacement defibrillator should it be needed and kindly continues to make the monthly checks

09.18.14.5 Upcoming events in the village

The charity motor bike tour for the Air Ambulance is due to pass through the village on Sunday 23rd September at about 12.30 pm. It would be great if as many residents as possible could support them. **Action Cllr Taylor to put up a poster about the event**

The village hall committee is seeking funding for the WWI event in November. The event will be publicised via a flyer for each house distributed in October.

The PC agreed to a donation of £200 to pay for the entertainment. **Action Clerk to approach Cottam Power Station to see if they would make a donation toward the cost of food – to be provided FOC for residents.**

09.18.15. Dates of next meetings to be held at 7 pm in the Memorial Institute are as follows:-

Oct 10th / Nov 14th

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

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