

South Leverton Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Institute

Present: Cllrs G Wareham – Chair; G Muir; S Rickards; R Loates; J Cawthorne
Clerk - Sara Stilliard

South Leverton Residents:

Guests: CCllr Ogle; DCllr Critchley

PUBLIC FORUM – none present

PLANNING MEETING

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Darlow and Cllr Taylor

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting. - none declared.

New applications –

Outline Application with All Matters Reserved to Erect 5 Bungalows Land At Priory Farm Retford Road South Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0BY Ref. No: 19/00429/OUT | Received: Fri 22 Mar 2019 | Validated: Fri 22 Mar 2019 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

This is a change to the planning permission which was granted (January 2017) on the land for 2 detached dwellings. The village already has 22% of its dwellings as bungalows so is not in need of more. The PC therefore believes that the original application would be more in keeping with the village needs and character. In addition the PC understands that the BDC Core Strategy Policy is being adhered to, awaiting finalisation of the Local Plan in 2021. The Core Strategy Policy would prohibit granting permission for 5 new dwellings on land at Priory Farm

Action Clerk to pass these comments to planning

Applications awaiting decision –

Erect Front Porch (Resubmission of P.A. 18/01632/HSE) Applegarth High Street South Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0BN Ref. No: 19/00258/RSB | Received: Tue 26 Feb 2019 | Validated: Tue 26 Feb 2019 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Decisions –

Change of Use of Existing Stable to Provide Holiday Accommodation Stables West Of Holmleigh Cottam Road South Leverton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 18/01183/COU | Received: Tue 18 Sep 2018 | Validated: Thu 01 Nov 2018 | Status: **Granted**

Five Lime Trees - Remove One Branch to 4m High to Lime Tree (T5) Remove One Branch Over Highway to 4m High, Tidy Lower Branches (T1), Remove Suckers and Tidy Along Base of 5 Lime Trees At Croft House Town Street South Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0BT Ref. No: 19/00100/TPO | Received: Mon 28 Jan 2019 | Validated: Mon 28 Jan 2019 | Status: **Granted**

Other planning issues

Travellers enforcement update

The enforcement officer Terry Wells have been in touch with the Clerk and informs the Council that he is underway with his investigation of the caravans etc parked on land over the railway crossing at Cottam Road.

South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting was held on April 3rd at which the PC made their comments on the submitted sites for the village. The Chair circulated notes following the meeting and awaits comments from other councillors. **Action Clerk to send them to the Chair of the NP Steering Committee when finalised**

The AECOM report on the sites and Housing Needs Analysis is delayed from March, possibly until July, however Council considered that there should be some communication to residents to update them on progress and maintain momentum **Action Cllr Wareham to talk with the Chair of the Steering Group**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

04.19.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Darlow and Cllr Taylor

04.19.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - none at this stage

04.19.03. Report from the Chair

Nothing to report

04.19.04. District and County Councillor Reports.

DCllr Critchley told Council that despite stepping down as District Councillor she would continue to pursue the safety issue relating to the access onto Church Street from High Street.

She will also continue to petition for a flyover or tunnel under Grove railway crossing. East Midlands Ambulance service and Rampton Hospital are both supporting this - a meeting with Network Rail is scheduled.

PC Gareth Mitchel has not been able to spend much time in the rural areas of his beat but DCllr Critchley reported police chasing poachers in Grove recently so there has been some activity. A meeting with EDF at Cottam Power Station was attended by DCllr Critchley and the Chair and they reported that it will take 5 years to return the site to 'brown field' status and another 5 years to return it to suitability for agricultural use. Many options are being considered and other ideas were presented at the meeting, for example a Biomass plant which may generate heat to serve Cottam and Treswell. EDF has confirmed that they may sell parts of the site to various developers, it does not have to be sold in its entirety. From October the plant will start to be dismantled and over a 5 year period cleared, including the demolition of the cooling towers.

04.19.05 Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March 2019

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

04.19.06 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None

04.19.07 The Lengthsman Scheme

Jack has done a great job of cleaning up the footpath on Cottam Road.

He was awarded an Achievers Award at a recent presentation in Retford and this will be put in Clays Contact and on the web site. **Action Clerk**

04.19.08. Correspondence

There were 4 items of correspondence:-

Letter about public paths on arable land – noted by Council

Mayflower Legacy Oaks project information – **Councillors to bring possible sites for planting oak trees to the next meeting**

Offer of Merchant Navy ensign – no further action required

A letter from the Clerk at Tuxford Town Council asking if SLPC would attend a meeting on rural policing on July 18th **Action Clerk to respond positively**

A request for a donation from AGE UK – council voted to give them £50 **Action Clerk**

04.19.09. Parish Paths/Rights of Way

04.19.09.1. Footpath along the Catchwater Drain

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

04.19.09.1. Old footpaths / footpaths on development sites

The Chair has footpath maps in hard copy and will circulate to all councillors and members of the NP Steering Group **Action Cllr Wareham** There is one footpath crossing a site which may affect its suitability for development

04.19.09.2. Issues to report

The surface of the footpath at Millfield Lane is very poor with craters and rubbish **Action Clerk to report this**

The bench at Meeting House Lane is rotten and in need of making good **Action Cllr Cawthorne to ask Peter to see what can be done**

04.19.10. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues

04.19.10.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

Pot holes in Town Street and Cottam Road have now been filled although there is one which has appeared again on Rampton Lane **Action Clerk to report**

04.19.10.2 Interactive speed sign

An interactive speed sign has now been installed on Retford Road. The existing Interactive Speed Sign is still awaiting repair or a move to make it more effective in slowing traffic before it gets to the village

04.19.10.3 Issues to report

The poor repair of a collapsed dyke at Cottam Rd has been reported and awaits reinspection The damage to verges and by ways caused by the recent Church Street road closure has been reported to highways and Laura Summers has agreed to close the Rampton Lane byway if this happens again **Action Clerk to write to D Loates (who maintains the byway) to inform him**

04.19.11. Finance

04.19.11.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliations to the 28th March 2019 - agreed by Council.

04.19.11.2. Payments.

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

S Stilliard	Salary & Expenses	£342.49
British Legion	Lamp post poppies	36.00
Jack Foster	Lengthsman	£162.00
Steve Rockcliffe	IT services Jan - March	99.00
Holmes Groundcare	Grass cut of Church	73.00

04.19.11.3. Annual Pay increases

Council agreed to increase the hourly rate for both the Lengthsman and P Cawthorne (litter picking) to £8.50 in line with the National Living Wage and the hourly rate for the Clerk to £14.00

Action Clerk to inform accordingly

04.19.11.4. Grass cutting contract

The Clerk had obtained a quote from the current contractor for 2019/20 – who agreed to maintain the existing price per cut and also one other quote which was slightly more expensive. One potential supplier declined to quote on the basis that they were too expensive last year. Council agreed to award the contract to Holmes Groundcare but to reiterate that they should seek permission before increasing the number of contracted cuts. **Action Clerk to inform them of this**

04.19.12. Village Website

Nothing to report in Cllr Taylor's absence

04.19.13. Redbank / The Beeches

Nothing to report. **Action Cllr Rickards who is stepping down to give her files to Cllr Muir**

04.19.14 Village matters to report

04.19.14.1 The Churchyard

Nothing to report – waiting for the church to respond to offer of land in the churchyard

04.19.14.2 Upcoming events in the village

None to report

04.19.14.3 Defibrillator check

Cllr Jones has a replacement defibrillator should it be needed and has kindly confirmed that he is prepared to continue to make the monthly checks

04.19.14.4 A New Notice board

A new location in Glover Close was suggested **Action Cllr Loates to take a photo and send to the Clerk for approval from Highways**

04.19.14.5 Other matters to report

Cllr Loates suggested that wild flower seeds be planted in a suitable site in the village – such as the Millennium Corner. To be further considered at upcoming PC meetings

04.19.15. Parish Council elections – nomination forms

Nomination forms were delivered to BDC and councillors will be notified within a couple of days of their elected status. It is expected that they will be unopposed

04.19.16. Dates of 2019 meetings to be held at 7 pm in the Memorial Institute

The meeting in May will start at 6.30 pm to allow for the additional AGM and APM

May 15th including the AGM and APM; June 13th (Thursday); July 17th; September 9th (Monday); October 16th; November 13th

Before the meeting ended the Chair wished Councillor Rickards well in her retirement from the PC after 47 years of service and also wished DCllr Critchley well as she also steps down from her position. A bouquet of flowers and a card from the Council were presented to both

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