

South Leverton Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Institute

Present: Cllrs G Wareham – Chair; S Rickards; R Loates; G Taylor; J Cawthorne

Clerk - Sara Stilliard

South Leverton Residents: 3

Guests: DCllr Critchley who also introduced Anthony Coultate who may stand as councillor in May

PUBLIC FORUM –

A resident told Council how dangerous the turn out of High Street onto Church Street is, with very poor visibility of traffic approaching from the right. Other residents supported this comment – see comments from Council at point 10.2 below

Mr Tomlinson (brother of the owner of Valrhona House) stated that he was attending the meeting to check on the identity of the person photographing Valrhona (including a play area). The Chair said he had identified himself and his position on the PC at that time and explained that there was a potential issue with Planning Permission for the 3 garages under construction. The Chair had invited Mr Tomlinson to the PC meeting to ensure that what he said was correct. The Chair had then taken a phone call from the owner of the property who gave him the Planning reference number and at that point the Chair thanked Mr Tomlinson and apologised for any misunderstanding relating to the photography.

Anthony Coultate told Council that he was standing as a Conservative Councillor for the District in the upcoming elections. He had been a police officer spanning 17 years in both London and Leeds but now lived in Headon running a family business. He said he was passionate about Public Services and improving life for local residents.

Cllr Loates said that she would be very sorry to see DCllr Critchley leave when she stepped down in May.

PLANNING MEETING

Apologies for Absence – none

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting. - none declared.

New applications –

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 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: **Awaiting decision**

Council voted to support this application **Action Clerk to report to planning**

Applications awaiting decision –

Proposed Single Storey Front Porch and Application of External Render to Porch and Existing House Applegarth High Street South Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0BN Ref. No:

18/01632/HSE | Received: Wed 19 Dec 2018 | Validated: Wed 19 Dec 2018 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

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: **Awaiting decision**

Decisions –

Conversion of Disused Stables to a Bakery with Customer Collection Facility Stable At New Farm Studd Retford Road South Leverton Nottinghamshire DN22 0BY Ref. No: 18/01437/COU | Received: Thu 01 Nov 2018 | Validated: Mon 26 Nov 2018 | Status: **Granted**

Other planning issues

To avoid any future misunderstandings re. planning applications in the village the Clerk will maintain a spread sheet of all applications over the last 3 years and will keep it up to date for reference by Councillors **Action Clerk**

BDC Local Plan

The Chair and Cllr Muir had attended the BDC Rural Conference at which the new Draft Local Plan for 2021 was presented – a summary was circulated to all councillors prior to the PC meeting. In the meantime i.e. over the next 2 years, planning decisions will be driven by the existing BDC core strategy so South Leverton will be deemed to be unsustainable for new housing.

2 new towns / garden villages are proposed in Bevercoates and Gamston – providing 4,000 homes over the next 15 years with infrastructure as required, which will be paid for via developer CIL payments.

Any new infrastructure in rural areas will also be down to CIL payments and may be avoided via small numbers of houses built at one time. This could result in an increase in rural populations with the inevitable strain on existing doctors surgeries and schools etc. In South Leverton 22 is the minimum number of houses required within the Local Plan being prepared and 39 is the maximum number i.e. capped at a 20% uplift.

South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan

An AECOM meeting will be held on February 14th to formally assess the 29 submitted sites – following this there will be a Public Consultation – date to be announced at the next PC meeting

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

02.19.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Darlow and Muir sent apologies which were accepted by Council.

02.19.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - none at this stage

02.19.03. Report from the Chair

Nothing to report

02.19.04. District and County Councillor Reports.

DCllr Critchley urged Councillors to attend a presentation of the new Local Plan and respond accordingly within the consultation - it is not yet a done deal. DCllr Critchley claimed that the Gamston Airport / Bevercoats pit sites where circa 4,000 homes are proposed will result in a loss of jobs for the area and with the loss of the airport, planes from Finningly could be more frequent and fly lower. There is a major issue with access onto the A1 and there has been as yet no consultation with Notts CC about schools provision. Planners have been allowing 106 arrangements i.e. swapping affordable housing provision for amenities such as play parks although they have said that this will stop so there may be affordable homes built. The current land supply required by Central Government is not dependent on these 2 new villages.

DCllr Critchley talked about the closure of Cottam Power Station on September 30th 2019. This will have a big impact on BDC via the loss of Business Rates as well as the loss of 150+ jobs along with the impact on suppliers of services in the rural areas surrounding the Power Station. There are no concrete plans for the site as yet but the PC could approach BDC and EDF re their thoughts on how it could be developed for Cottam and the surrounding area. Members of the PC had attended meetings with the station manager in this regard and will attend one in March **Action Councillors**

The Traveller site in Treswell has an official address now so that BDC can collect Council Tax – it does fall within the boundary of South Leverton although it is called ‘Treswell Park’.

Finally DCllr Critchley mentioned the rise of poaching and burglary in the area

02.19.05 Minutes of Meeting held on 16th January 2019

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

02.19.06 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None

02.19.07 The Lengthsman Scheme

The lengthsman has done an exceptional job of trimming back the Brickings Lane hedges and it is looking very tidy now. Cllr Loates to ask Jack to trim the hedge on the path alongside the Churchyard **Action Cllr Loates**

02.19.08. Correspondence

There were 3 items of correspondence:-

- Clerk Magazine
- Information on the upcoming elections in May
- A request to tender for the 2019/20 grass cutting contract

No further action required

02.19.09. Parish Paths/Rights of Way

02.19.09.1. 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.

02.19.09.1. Old footpaths / footpaths on development sites

A meeting to be set up between Laura Summers and Cllrs Wareham and Loates to discuss the old footpaths, the state of footpath bridges with no handrails and rotting wood and various other issues relating to footpaths **Action Clerk to arrange a meeting between Laura Summers and Cllr Loates / Cllr Wareham to assess the issues and to confirm footpath / stile numbers**

02.19.09.2. Issues to report

The Clerk has contacted the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust regarding a signpost to Ashton's Meadow – they will not provide a signpost but have no objection if the PC wanted to fund one following a quote for the cost of the sign and installation. Cllr Loates to check with Laura Summers at the meeting if this can be done at the Brickings Lane entrance to the site **Action Cllr Loates before the Clerk obtains a quote**

02.19.10. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues

02.19.10.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

Street light on Retford Road outside North Lodge on all the time **Action Clerk to report**
Verge at the end of High Street is being destroyed by vehicles parking on it and the dustbin lorry etc – leaving large ruts **Action Clerk to report to Highways**

02.19.10.2 Interactive speed sign

Another speed sign for the village - to be positioned on Retford Road - should be installed by March 2019. **Action Cllr Wareham to meet with Highways to review the working / possible moving of the existing speed sign close to Meeting House Lane**

02.19.10.3 Issues to report – visibility from High Street when turning onto Church Street

The main impediment to visibility is a residential brick wall which has been in position for many years (with planning permission) and this cannot be removed. A number of possible solutions have been discussed with Highways but none were considered practical. It is therefore not clear what can be done to improve visibility for residents but for any further action residents need to get together to approach Highways **Action Cllr Taylor and DCllr Critchley to see what could be done**

02.19.11. Finance

02.19.11.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliations to the 27th January 2019 - agreed by Council.

02.19.11.2. Payments.

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

S Stilliard	Salary & Expenses	£298.72
S Stilliard	Repayment of brown bin fee	30.00
Jack Foster	Lengthsman	£178.00
Holmes Goundcare	Churchyard grass cut	73.00
R Loates	Lengthsman gift	£5.00

02.19.12. Village Website

Cllr Taylor will take responsibility for making sure the web site is kept up to date Councillor Taylor to agree a meeting date with Steve Rockcliffe to go through the obsolete items and set some rules for how it will be kept updated / objectives for the site, along with members of the Village Hall Committee / Garden Club if they wish to attend **Action Cllr Taylor**

02.19.13. Redbank / The Beeches

Nothing to report apart from the fact that there continue to be fewer cars parked on the pavement outside Redbank recently

02.19.14 Village matters to report

02.19.14.1 The Churchyard

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

02.19.14.2 Upcoming events in the village

None to report

DCllr Critchley kindly offered a donation towards a senior citizens lunch in the village **Action Cllr Cawthorne to complete the relevant forms and return to DCllr Critchley**

02.19.14.3 Notice board for the village

Highways have agreed that the notice board currently on Church Road could be moved **Action Cllrs Taylor and Loates to take a photograph of where the existing notice board could go if it was moved. Clerk to check with Highways if this would be possible**

02.19.14.4 Other matters to report

Recycling information notices have been distributed within the village. Cllr Cawthorne to ask the WI / Memorial Institute committee and the Garden Club whether their members would like to attend a session, run by the recycling education team, in the village hall. If enough residents would attend this can be arranged **Action Cllr Cawthorne to bring response to March PC meeting**

Cllr Loates met with the dog warden – Nigel Barton – to discuss the dog mess in the village. Later in the year he will arrange for some stencils to be painted on roads and he has provided leaflets for all councillors to distribute and laminated posters to apply to lampposts **Action Cllr Wareham to apply posters provided at Meeting House Lane**

If any councillor sees litter being thrown from a car they should take the registration number and report this to BDC who will prosecute. **Action all Councillors**

02.19.14.5 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

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

March 13th; April 8th (Monday); June 10th (Monday); July 17th; September 9th (Monday); October 16th; November 13th

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