

South Leverton Parish Council

www.southlevertonpc.org.uk

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

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

Clerk - Sara Stilliard

South Leverton Residents: 3 present

Guests: DCllr Coultate

PUBLIC FORUM –

2 residents stayed to view the proceedings prior to considering whether to apply to join the Parish Council. The Chair told these residents that the whole village had been leafleted and interested parties were asked to respond to the Clerk by the end of June. Since there were likely to be more than 2 people interested each would be asked to write a short piece on what they could bring to the Council and the PC would take a vote at the July PC and co-opt the two selected thereafter.

A resident asked that Jack Foster be considered for the grass cutting contract when it comes up for renewal – the Chair said that he would be included in the tenders in March 2020

She also mentioned that branches had overgrown the path near to the level crossing opposite the site of the old Railway Pub and were impeding pedestrians. **Action Cllr Loates to either cut them back or ask the Lengthsman to do this**

PLANNING MEETING

Apologies for Absence – none

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting. - none declared.

New applications – none

Applications awaiting decision – none

Decisions –

Erect Single Storey Rear Extension and Rear Detached Garage Weatherleys Retford Road South Leverton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0BY Ref. No: 19/00443/HSE | Received: Tue 26 Mar 2019 | Validated: Tue 26 Mar 2019 | Status: **Granted**

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: **Granted**

Action Clerk to write to planning to ask for the rationale for granting the additional bungalows when they are working within the original Core Plan which says that South Leverton is a non-sustainable village and no new houses are required.

Other planning issues

South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan

A newsletter has been issued to all residents explaining the reasons for the lack of progress i.e. awaiting AECOM reports which are now due at the end of July. Cllr Taylor made the point that it was not clear on the leaflet what AECOM was i.e. – consultants engaged to advise and write various aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan including an assessment of each proposed site with regard to its suitability for housing development

As soon as the final report is received a Public Consultation date will be set. The Chair reported that minutes of the recent NP meeting have been sent to Steve Rockcliffe for the website

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

06.19.01 Apologies for Absence – none

06.19.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - none at this stage

06.19.03. Report from the Chair

Cllr Wareham had attended a meeting with Cottam Power Station where the decommission team is in place. They have burned most of the coal with small reserves remaining and this will be gone by September. They are now down to 140 staff - 120 of these will be taking early retirement or have been found other jobs leaving a maximum of 20 redundancies. The gas station on the site will be there until 2029

The site will be returned to 'brown field' status within 5/6 years' time. During the demolition contractors' lorries will be in evidence and the Parish will be informed of this at the time with details of routes to be adhered to etc.

Various uses for the site are being considered for example a solar farm.

There is some furniture which may be available for Parish Councils / Village Halls and some of their staff, who are underemployed currently, could be used for village projects for example spreading ash from the plant into holes in our lanes in conjunction with Laura Summers.

It was suggested that councillors hold a brain storming meeting in July to come up with ideas for the village which could be forwarded to Laura Baxter at EDF **Action Clerk to arrange a suitable date**

There will be one more meeting between EDF and the Parishes in mid-September

06.19.04. District and County Councillor Reports.

DCllr Coultate said that he had attended a BDC Young Person's Council and there are no representatives from this ward. He asked that this be publicised because it is a great process.

Action Clerk to add to web site

He mentioned that our rural police officer is currently on a firearms course lasting 12 weeks and there has been no presence at PC meetings. He urged councillors to attend the upcoming meeting with the police in Tuxford on July 18th to raise this issue.

DCllr Coultate reported that Rampton school is now a feeder primary for both Retford Oaks and Tuxford Academy, which should encourage more parents to send children to what has been an underpopulated school

DCllr Coultate's contact details are now on the website and he asked Councillors and residents to raise issues with him as they occur

06.19.05 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May 2019

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

06.19.06 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None

06.19.07 The Lengthsman Scheme

Jack has weeded the Millennium Corner well and done a good job on the Church Hedge and the dyke which runs from High Street onto Brickings Lane.

06.19.08. Correspondence

There were 4 items of correspondence:-

Letter asking for agenda items for upcoming police meeting in July **Action Clerk to ask them to add the lack of attendance of police representatives at Parish Council meetings**

CPRE letter re membership renewal which was agreed **Action Clerk to write check for July**

A request for a donation from North Notts CFR - £50 agreed **Action Clerk to write check for July**

Offer of EDF attendance at July PC meeting to talk about the proposed Gas Fired Power Station

06.19.9. Parish Paths/Rights of Way

06.19.9.1. Footpath along the Catchwater Drain

Laura Summers has contacted Network Rail about this matter now and they say they have a 20 day turnaround. So action may be forthcoming in the next months.

06.19.9.1. Old footpaths / footpaths on development sites

Being implemented – west side of the village to be done

06.19.9.2. Issues to report

A new bridge has been installed as promised with other repairs to stiles due after harvest
The conifers on the footpath alongside the Vet - between Town Street and Green Lane - are very overgrown. They belong to Bryan Cottage – **Action Clerk to write to the owner and ask if they could trim them back**

06.19.10. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues

06.19.10.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

Nothing to report

06.19.10.2 Issues to report

None

06.19.11. Finance

06.19.11.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

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

S Stilliard	Salary & Expenses	£329.74
Holmes Groundcare	Grass cutting	£ 73.60
Jack Foster	Lengthsman	£124.75
P J Cawthorne	Bench Repair	£ 55.00
Keren Tooley	Internal audit for the year	£65.00
Sth Lev Institute	PC meetings	£120.00
Sth Lev Institute	NP Meetings	£75.00
Rebecca Loates	Bedding plants	£51.05

06.19.11.2. Annual Accounting Statements

The Clerk issued summaries of the income and expenditure for the PC for year ending March 2019 which will now be published on the web site having been internally audited. The Chairman signed the statement as part of the audit process

06.19.12. Village Website

Cllr Taylor asked that those who had not submitted head shots with a short biography for the web site submit them now. **Action all Councillors to send electronic photos to Cllr Taylor**

Mark Darlow has a disc of old village photos which we need **Action Clerk to ask him to return this**

Cllr Taylor would like to have some material to add to a village Facebook page **Action all**

06.19.14 Village matters to report

06.19.14.1 The Churchyard

Correspondence between the Clerk and the Archdeacon of Southwell has concluded with the decision being left to the local Church Committee. **Action Cllr Cawthorne to pass on all the correspondence to the committee and leave it with them.**

06.19.14.2 Upcoming events in the village

Victor and Albert – a musical comedy evening has been booked for 11th October

The Craft Fair will be held as usual in November and a Burns Night event in January

06.19.14.3 Village Newsletter

Cllr Taylor suggested that we should try to issue a twice yearly newsletter with contributions from both PC and resident sources **Action Clerk to send the North Leverton newsletter to all councillors**

06.19.14.4 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 until such time as he leaves the village. **Clerk to ask him if he would be prepared to train a replacement**

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

July 17th; September 9th (Monday); October 16th; November 13th

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

www.southlevertonpc.org.uk