

South Leverton Parish Council

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

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

South Leverton Residents:

Guests: CCllr Ogle

PUBLIC FORUM – none present

PLANNING MEETING

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Darlow and DCllr Critchley

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting. - none declared.

New applications –

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**

A resubmitted application without the render to the whole house. Council now supports this application **Action Clerk to make comment to planning**

Applications awaiting decision –

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: **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 –

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: **Refused**

Other planning issues

South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting was held on March 6th. The Chair is still waiting for the AECOM report which is expected in April and there can be no public consultation until then so this is likely to be held in May. Since the Parish Council is ultimately responsible for the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan for South Leverton it was considered that as a body it should submit its comments to the Steering Group on each of the 29 submitted sites. As such a meeting will be held for this purpose on

Wednesday April 3rd at 10 am in the Memorial Hall **Action All councillors to attend if possible**
Action Clerk to book the meeting room

BDC Local Plan

Will Wilson came to the above meeting to discuss the new Local Plan and the Chair has already made his comments within the consultation framework, with particularly reference to the lack of infrastructure versus the increase in housing in rural areas.

DCllr Critchley (via the Clerk) reiterated the issues with the Gamston site re the loss of jobs and businesses and poor access onto the A1

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

03.19.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Darlow and DCllr Critchley

03.19.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - none at this stage

03.19.03. Report from the Chair

Nothing to report

03.19.04. District and County Councillor Reports.

DCllr Critchley sent notes to the meeting to say that she has contacted Highways about the dangerous exit from High Street and will chase this. She reported that she would be attending an LCLC meeting at Cottam Power Station and hoped that the PC had been invited – they have and the Chair will attend. **Action Cllr Wareham**

CCllr Ogle had circulated his response to the BDC Local Plan to the Clerk for onward circulation to all councillors. **Action Clerk**. In summary he cannot support an uplift in rural housing of 20% when there will be no improvement in roads or other infrastructure. Retford is likely to get an uplift of 3% in housing (having already had an 11% uplift) so the brunt of new housing in the plan will fall on rural areas. He also objected to the proposed 2 new towns. Gamston airport is an asset and should be preserved and the Bevercoates site was meant to create jobs within a distribution centres. Jobs will be needed with the demise of the Power Station.

03.19.05 Minutes of Meeting held on 13th February 2019

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

03.19.06 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None

03.19.07 The Lengthsman Scheme

The lengthsman had dug some holes in a verge to allow drainage of rainwater into the beck at Cottam Road. A resident whose house sits behind the verge has complained that the holes make it hard to cut the grass on the verge. Although the verge is CC property Council agreed that Jack should install drainage covers over the holes which will allow a mower to safely run over the verge.

Action Clerk to inform the resident of this and ask Jack to obtain the drain covers

Cllr Loates to ask Jack to clear the footpath on Cottam Road which is in a poor state as a result of the diversion of traffic during road closures. **Action Cllr Loates**

03.19.08. Correspondence

There were 4 items of correspondence:-

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

A letter from David Loates about the damage done to verges and the surface of Rampton Lane as a result of the road closure on Church Street. He asked that Rampton Lane be closed to traffic if this happens again **Action Clerk to ask Footpaths and Highways that this be done**

An offer of lamp post poppies for November 2019 **Action Clerk to order another 12**

Offer of winning a Calor community grant – no further action required

03.19.09. Parish Paths/Rights of Way

03.19.09.1. 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.

03.19.09.1. Old footpaths / footpaths on development sites

A meeting was held 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 other issues relating to footpaths. Various actions have been agreed with Laura to improve footpaths and the old footpaths will be marked out with posts etc and incorporated into the NP accordingly.

03.19.09.2. Issues to report

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust will not provide a signpost to Ashtons Meadow but have no objection if the PC wanted to fund one at a cost of about £300. Council voted 3/2, with one abstention, not to purchase this.

03.19.10. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues

03.19.10.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

Pot holes in Town Street and Cottam Road are again getting worse - awaiting complete resurfacing. There are some yellow lines around the significant pot holes which presumably means they are due to be repaired. **Action Clerk to chase this**

03.19.10.2 Interactive speed sign

Another speed sign for the village - to be positioned on Retford Road - should be installed by end March 2019. The existing Interactive Speed Sign is also awaiting repair or a move to make it more effective in slowing traffic before it gets to the village **Action Cllr Ogle to chase this**

03.19.10.3 Issues to report

The collapsed dyke at Cottam Road has been repaired but inadequately without the use of concreted sandbags. **Action Clerk to see if this can be done better**

Cllr Loates is planting bulbs in the village planters

There has been a great deal of disruption and mess caused by the recent Church Street road closure and on 3 days there was no work carried out yet the road remained closed. The Clerk to ask Via to seek restoration work from the contractors in respect of verges in Cottam Road and repair of potholes in Rampton Lane **Action Clerk and copies to be sent to CCllr Ogle for information**

03.19.11. Finance

03.19.11.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

03.19.11.2. Payments.

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

S Stilliard	Salary & Expenses	£291.15
P J Cawthorne	Litter picking	72.00
Jack Foster	Lengthsman	£144.00
NALC	Annual subscription	111.10
BDC	NP leaflet printing	62.16

03.19.11.3. Grass cutting contract

This comes to an end in March **Action Clerk to get three more quotes for 2019/20**

03.19.12. Village Website

Cllr Taylor has spoken with Steve Rockcliffe and will work with him to make changes to and update the website. She also suggested that the PC engages more with residents via the site and possibly a newsletter. A subgroup to be formed to take this project forward **Action Cllr Taylor and Cllr Loates**

03.19.13. Redbank / The Beeches

Nothing to report apart from a car parked on the corner of Rampton Lane and Town Street making it hard for others to turn at the cross roads. **Action Cllr Wareham to investigate further and put a sign on the windscreen if appropriate**

03.19.14 Village matters to report

03.19.14.1 The Churchyard

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

03.19.14.2 Upcoming events in the village

None to report

03.19.14.3 Notice board for the village

Highways will not allow a notice board, currently on Church Street, to be moved to the suggested location in High Street because it would be too close to an electricity cable. **Action Cllr Loates to obtain a quote for a new, smaller notice board which would be easier to install and supply a photo of a new suggested location for referral to highways.** The need for a new notice board and second post box for example could be part of an engagement initiative with residents i.e. asking for their views

03.19.14.4 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

03.19.14.5 Other matters to report

There are even more caravans installed in the land over the railway crossing from Cottam Road towards Cottam. They have also put a concrete bridge over the dyke. This has been reported to planning and the enforcement officer but due to illness and lack of resources nothing has been done. **Action Clerk to report it again and seek to complain if there is no appropriate action**

03.19.15. Parish Council elections – nomination forms

Nomination forms were distributed to all those who are considering standing for the PC in the upcoming elections. **Action Clerk to send an e-mail with instructions on completing the forms and returning them to her by March 26th to deliver to BDC by hand**

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

Please note that there have been some changes – shown in red

April 4th (Thursday); June 13th (Thursday); July 17th; September 9th (Monday); October 16th; November 13th

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