

South Leverton Parish Council

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**Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 15th October 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Institute**

Present: Cllrs G Wareham – Chair; R Loates; J Cawthorne; G Taylor; G Muir; C Hoyle; C Buckland
Clerk - Sara Stilliard
South Leverton Residents: none
Guests: CCllr Ogle; DCllr Coultate

PUBLIC FORUM – none present

The Chair welcomed the 2 new Parish Councillors to the PC and said he was looking forward to their service and input

PLANNING MEETING

Apologies for Absence – none

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting. - none declared.

New Applications –

Variation of Condition 2 (To Add an Additional Two Pitches) 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: 19/01245/VOC | Received: Tue 24 Sep 2019 | Validated: Fri 27 Sep 2019 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council had no comments to make

Applications awaiting decision –

Variation of Condition 2 and 4 on P/A 17/01239/RSB to Allow Reduced No. in Units from 96 to 90, Replacement of 32 No Caravan Pitches with 32 Pods, Replace 16 Pods with 8 Twin Pods, Revised Unit Type for Approved 2 and 3 Bed Units and Amendments to Reception Block to Exclude Managers Accommodation, Toilet and Shower Block and Replace with Separate Managers Accommodation Land At Elmwood Lodge Sundown Adventureland Rampton Road Treswell Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0ED Ref. No: 19/01014/VOC | Received: Wed 31 Jul 2019 | Validated: Fri 02 Aug 2019 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Decisions –

Erect a 15m High Monopole (Colour Fir Green RAL6009) with 3 Antennas Installed Within Shroud, Two 300mm Dishes to be Mounted at a Centre Height of 11m and GPS Module Mounted to on Top of Shroud. Ground Based Apparatus to Include 1 Power Pillar and 1 Cabinet Both to be Coloured (Fir Green RAL6009). Telecommunications Mast Mill Lane South Leverton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 19/01085/ABT | Received: Fri 16 Aug 2019 | Validated: Wed 21 Aug 2019 | Status: **Withdrawn**

Erection of One Single Storey 3 Bed Dwelling and One Two Storey 3 Bed Dwelling Land At New Farm Stud Retford Road South Leverton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 19/01034/FUL | Received: Tue 30 Jul 2019 | Validated: Fri 02 Aug 2019 | Status: **Granted**

Outline Planning Application with Some Reserved Matters (Approval Sought for Access) for Proposed Three Bedroom House with Attached Garage Land Adj The Forge Orchard Lane South Leverton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 19/01040/OUT | Received: Fri 02 Aug 2019 | Validated: Tue 06 Aug 2019 | Status: **Withdrawn**

Other planning issues

A letter was sent to BDC planning from SL PC (penned by the Chair) asking what guidance the PC should follow when considering their response to planning applications. BDC replied that they have to comply with legislation and that currently they are taking a 'tilted balance' view in favour of granting applications unless there are very good reasons not to. This means that most applications for housing will go through – in the hands of individual planning officers.

However DCllr Naish also had a meeting with the Head of Planning at Bassetlaw, who confirmed that NPs which have been subject to public consultation will carry more weight than this 'tilted balance' approach – even though the plans may not actually be adopted until 2020

South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan

A public meeting will be held in the Village Hall on October 30th between 3 - 4.30 pm and again between 6 - 8.30 pm. All the 29 sites submitted for development will be shown, with the comments made about them by all statutory bodies and AECOM (consultants working with the NP Steering Committee) whose draft report may be available for the meeting. At this stage the consultation addresses housing although there are other aspects of the NP to consider such as employment / open spaces etc. These will be included in the next stage of the plan

A traffic light system will show those sites which are most likely to get a green light for development however this does not stop planning applications being made on less suitable sites and comments made by AECOM are suggestions only and not binding, for example their suggested numbers of houses per site may not be in line with a land owners wishes. Leaflets for all residents are now available for distribution, publicising the Public Consultation meeting.

The Steering Committee intends to employ a consultant to help with the final plan and there is a choice of 2 currently – Helen Metcalf and John Baize.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10.19.01 Apologies for Absence – none

10.19.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - none at this stage

10.19.03. Report from the Chair

The Chair had attended a meeting at Cottam Power Station which will be manned 24 hours per day until Xmas and thereafter fewer hours covered by 35 staff. Only 8 employees have not been found jobs and they have elected to take early retirement. The main concern currently is security and security staff have been employed.

There are no live plans for the site as yet and meetings will continue with the local residents / PCs. The cooling towers will be removed but they may need to be dismantled by hand (rather than dropped via a controlled explosion) as there is a gas pipe under them which has to remain to feed gas to the gas power station on the site.

The railhead will be dismantled but the line will remain since this is owned by Network Rail.

Action Clerk to enquire again about the availability of labour for footpaths and office equipment for the village hall as mentioned at the last meeting

The Chair also attended a seminar given by Western Power about the future demand for electricity such as heat pumps for new homes, linked to the need to replace 40 million gas boilers, and electric cars. In the future there is likely to be 3 phase electric supply to all houses – planned for 2025 – 30.

The Chair has 28 lamp post poppies to put up **Action Cllr Buckland to put some on lamp posts in the village**

10.19.04. District and County Councillor Reports.

DCllr Coultate said that in response to his query about the consultation of a planning application at Whites Farm, BDC had confirmed that they complied with their legal duty to consult, even though it was recognised that the consultation could have been spread wider. He also said that Dr Milne was keen to be involved with the SL NP group and the Chair said she would be welcome to attend all meetings – dates published on the website.

DCllr Coultate said that he had funds to donate and Cllr Cawthorne will apply for £250 for the Senior Xmas lunch **Action DCllr Coultate to deliver the form to Cllr Cawthorne**

DCllr Coultate had attended the Police Forum meeting and reported that on Friday and Saturday nights Bassetlaw police were regularly being pulled to Mansfield to help their force. He is writing to complain about this use of local resources.

BDC has announced a long term Industrial Plan relating to jobs and investment and one strand of this is rural areas and the isolation that small business can suffer from – they have a 10 year plan to try and address this by connecting small business owners.

Cllr Ogle said that he was able to offer funding up to £500 for a worthwhile community project if South Leverton PC had one in mind

Cllr Ogle is working with Highways and utility companies to minimise road closures in the area by encouraging companies to work together to only dig up roads once and via a system of charging utility companies more if they close a road with escalations for each day closed

10.19.05 Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2019

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

10.19.06 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

An introductory letter and some crime stats for the whole of his beat area were provided by the new Beat PC – Nathan Thomas. He was unable to attend this PC meeting but will try to attend the one in November to introduce himself to Councillors. **Action Clerk to add Police Report back on the agenda**

Cllr Taylor asked that the previous minutes be reviewed at each PC meeting to ensure that actions are complete. **Action Clerk to move this whole item up the agenda for future meetings**
Action Clerk to ask for 3 more BDC fact books

10.19.07 The Lengthsman Scheme

Jack has strimmed around the bus stop and tidied footpaths.

P Cawthorne is resigning from litter picking duties from the end of the year. **Action Cllr Taylor to put an advert for a replacement on the Web Site / Facebook page at a rate of £8.50 per hour for 6 hours per month.**

10.19.08. Correspondence

There were 2 items of correspondence:-

A letter about Council tax reductions which will be put on the web site

An e-mail from a resident asking if the old style road sign on Church Road could be refurbished.

Action Clerk to ask Highways if this can be done

10.19.9. Parish Paths/Rights of Way

10.19.9.1. Footpath along the Catchwater Drain

Laura Summers has contacted Network Rail about this matter and is waiting for a meeting with them re safety considerations of working on the rail line so action may be forthcoming in the next months.

10.19.9.2. Old footpaths / footpaths on development sites

Work on the East side of the village is being implemented hopefully by the end of this year – the west side of the village to be done in 2020.

There is one NP development site with a footpath which goes diagonally across it – Laura Summers will need to clarify the situation re whether it can be diverted to allow building or not

Action Cllr Wareham

10.19.9.3. Issues to report

Cllr Loates met with Laura Summers and as a result the green lane gates have been closed early to prevent further damage to these paths. The gated lanes / bridleways in the village used by horse riders are very rutted and need to be filled in and levelled, this includes Millfield Lane which is also very rough underfoot. There may be an opportunity to get some funding for this via the BHS and Green Lane Association. The PC would be happy to work with horse owners to access this and Laura Summers is happy with this in principle. **Action Clerk to liaise with horse owners / The Power Station and Laura Summers**

Cllr Loates / Laura Summers also visited a bridge which needs work and this is on the list for repair

10.19.10. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues

10.19.10.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

Street lights on Station Road which are wobbly and potentially hazardous were reported last month but have not been repaired **Action Clerk to report again**

Cllrs Loates and Taylor have now reviewed the lamp posts which are best suited for an interactive speed sign and these are Number 21 on Church Street and Number 13 on Station Road near Orchard school **Action Clerk to pass these to Jo Horton for assessment of their suitability for this use**

10.19.10.2 Traffic Calming

The changes to speed limits i.e. extending the 30 MPH limit on Cottam Road and Meeting House Lane and extending the 40 MPH limit between North and South Leverton are low priority for Highways but CCllr Ogle could help to fund this – this is now on his list of requests along with the re-siting of the static speed sign on Church Street to a better location

The cross roads sign on Church Street, leading up to High Street, ideally needs to be moved closer to the cross roads. However there is no pavement so this will be hard to achieve. There is a telegraph pole which could host a large convex mirror to help residents to see what is coming up the hill. **Action Clerk to talk to Highways about this option**

10.19.10.3 Issues to report

There is a lamp post on Church Road which could host a Village Hall sign and a Defib sign pointing down Town Street. **Action Cllr Loates to take a photo of the lamp post for the Clerk to forward to Highways to see if this will be allowed – the PC would fund the signposts.**

There is an issue of encroachment of the pavement at the frontage of Diamond House – making it very narrow opposite the Church on what is a busy road. **Action Cllr Muir to talk to the house owners.**

A conifer hedge is encroaching the pavement in Church Street at Mandalay. **Action Clerk to write to the owners to ask them to cut it back**

10.19.11. Finance

Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

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

S Stilliard	Salary & Expenses	318.72
Holmes Groundcare	Grass cut – churchyard Sept	73.00
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Jack Foster	Lengthsman for Sept	112.00
K R Hewitt	Hedge trimming at Cottam Rd	72.00
S Rockcliffe	IT Services July - Sept	75.00
HMRC	Clerks tax July - Sept	118.20
Came & Company	Annual Insurance	347.05

10.19.12. Village Website / Facebook page

Action Cllr Taylor to add photographs of the 2 new councillors to the web site

Cllr Taylor would like to have material to add to a village Facebook page and the website such as upcoming events / the Chair's Power Station meeting etc **Action all Councillors to send any news items**

A meeting with Steve Rockcliffe was suggested to add old village photos and captions **Action Clerk to facilitate this meeting**

10.19.13. Redbank / The Beeches

Nothing to report

Action Cllrs Loates and Muir to arrange a visit and mention the parking on pavements at this visit

10.19.14 Village matters to report

10.19.14.1 The Churchyard

The file of ownership / Deeds have been passed to Mark Cantrill and the PC awaits further action from the Church re the transfer of the piece of land.

The St Luke's window has now being repaired and reinstalled

10.19.14.2 Upcoming events in the village

The Victor and Albert variety event sold 74 tickets and a good night was had.

The Craft Fair will be held on 9th November and the Seniors lunch is scheduled for 14th December

Other events in the village such as those at the pub to be published via the web site **Action Cllr Hoyle to pass details to Cllr Taylor**

10.19.14.3 Village Newsletter

Cllr Hoyle kindly volunteered to produce a South Leverton Newsletter – hopefully before Xmas as the first of a twice yearly newsletter (possibly quarterly) with contributions from both PC / NP and resident sources. The newsletter could be printed for those without e-mail addresses, otherwise it can be e-mailed to residents. **Action Clerk to forward copies of the North Leverton newsletter to Cllr Hoyle for reference and put her in touch with Cllr Sue Ferguson**

10.19.14.4 Defibrillator check

Cllr Buckland kindly offered to take over the checking of the Defibrillator **Action Cllr Wareham to debrief him**

10.19.14.5 Xmas trees for the village

Action Cllr Muir to get 2 quotes for Xmas trees for the village as per last year. One quote already obtained from R&G Garden Centre

Dates of the last 2019 meeting to be held at 7 pm in the Memorial Institute - **November 13th**

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