**LOVERSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

**13 April 2016, WI Hut, Loversall**

**In Attendance:** Councillors: Pat Barbour, Keith Wilson (Chair), Spencer Morris, Nigel Tomlinson

Clerk to the Council: Lindsay Wilson

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Colin Wright
2. **Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda:** No interests were declared by Councillors
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 06.01.16** (previously circulated) were accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed.

**Proposed –** Cllr Tomlinson **Seconded –** Cllr Morris

1. **Matters arising:**
2. **DMBC Local Plan – Nicola Ward from the Planning Dept at DMBC** was in attendance at the meeting to clarify any issues pertaining to the homes and settlements part of the Local Plan. Loversall and Wadworth are considered as ‘defined villages’ and as such only ‘infill housing’ would be acceptable. The majority of the housing development is likely to be within the Doncaster and urban areas where services and facilities are already available.

A survey addressing the needs for the gypsy and traveller communities across Doncaster is currently in progress – she will update Loversall PC on this when information is available.

The employment part of the Local Plan is still in the initial stages prior to the site assessment process, it is likely to be published in late Spring/early Summer and the site selection process in early Autumn.

Councillors enquired about the Broadband policy within DMBC, as Loversall, as a village, has difficulty with poor speeds.

Cllr Barbour expressed disappointment in the health and well-being section of the plan – no mention of cycling or walking provision in the area and no actions to minimise the uptake of smoking, alcohol or drugs.

Cllr Wilson commented that no provision appeared for lifetime homes, standards built in new homes for older people, with age-related mobility and independence issues.

Councillors enquired about the enforcement process where an individual appears to claim ownership of common land, Ms Ward said she would make enquiries.

Ms Ward was thanked for her time and left the meeting.

1. **DEFRA response re: Noise levels from adjacent motorways** – no further information has been received, Cllr Wilson to pursue this further.
2. **Repair of seat adjacent to the Parish notice-board on Bubup Hill** – Unfortunately due to the untimely death of Richard Stanger, a popular and committed resident of Loversall who hitherto had been actively involved in maintenance issues around the village, alternative arrangements have had to be pursued. The Clerk is currently awaiting a quotation for the seat repair from Mr Grocock, a carpenter.
3. **Reduction of Speed Limit through Loversall** – contact was made with DMBC about the procedure for this. The response received from the Senior Engineer for Safer Roads indicated that as there were no schools nearby and there were insufficient road traffic casualties recorded, any speed reduction measures are unlikely to happen. Councillors discussed other road hazards, particularly the practice of parking large vehicles near junctions and speculated whether it was appropriate to contact a Traffic Officer. It was also felt that another letter to the manager of the Loversall nursery would be in order to encourage their clients to drive more slowly and carefully through the village.
4. **Local Precept 2016/2017 –** the proposal submitted to DMBC has been accepted.
5. **Bank Mandate –** Cllr Morris is now the third signatory to the LPC account ( in addition to Cllrs Barbour and Wilson.
6. **Footpath Plan –** following contact with DMBC, the details of local footpaths can be found on the DMBC website www.doncaster.gov.uk/maps/walking-map
7. **Birthday beacons for Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations –** Cllr Morris had considered this in more depth and felt it was not feasible for Loversall
8. **Neighbourhood Plan –** The Clerk had had a conversation with Mrs Stimpson, the Planning Environment Manager for DMBC who reinforced that this would be merely a planning document which is frequently utilised for protection of/ or design issues within an area. The question to be asked is what **extra** would this bring to Loversall? It was suggested that this could be raised again with residents at the Annual Parish Meeting on 25 May 2016
9. **Finance:**
10. **Transparency Fund - A successful** application was made to the national fund from the Parish Council for the purchase of a dedicated laptop and printer for the parish council’s business (rather than the continued use of the Clerk’s personal laptop and printer). The money has been transferred into the LPC Bank Account and the purchase will now be made.
11. **Cheques were signed** – The Clerk’s salary January-March 2016 - £149.99 and annual subscription to Yorkshire Local Councils Association - £45.00
12. **Income and Expenditure –** the previously circulated document was considered and accepted by the Councillors. The Bank statement balance is £1755.25, less the amount of the two uncashed cheques (see above) the balance carried forward to 2016/17 is £1506.76
13. **Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016** – Cllr Wilson showed the proforma and explained the different stages of the process to the councillors.
    * 1. Councillors agreed the points of the annual governance statement had been followed.
      2. Councillors agreed and accepted Section 2 of the document.
      3. Councillors agreed that Cllr Wilson should ask Mr Gornall to perform the internal audit for the year in question.
14. **Uncommitted funds –** Councillors discussed ideas for the use of these funds to benefit Loversall as a whole. It was agreed that ideas should be invited from residents at the annual parish meeting on 25 May 2016
15. **Planning Applications –** None in progress currently

7. **Clerk’s Report -**

1. **Richard Stanger RIP –** The Clerk had attended Richard’s funeral on 18 March on behalf of the LPC. He was an active and committed resident who had always been keen to assist the Parish Council in its upkeep and promotion of Loversall in any way he could. He will be missed and our thoughts are with his family.
2. **Police Media Statement –** Received from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Dr Alan Billings, as his term of office comes to conclusion in May. This was made available for Councillors.
3. **Section 41 Member Briefing from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority –** received from Cllr Pat Haith – this was made available for Councillors’ perusal.
4. **Doncaster Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2021 –** Received and made available for Councillors consideration.
5. **Assisted bin collection –** The Clerk had been involved in helping to resolve issues concerning problems with an assisted bin collection for a resident
6. **Communication -** The Clerk continues to gradually increase the email circulation list to assist in the dissemination of information.

8. **Flood lighting around St Katherine’s Church –** Cllr Tomlinson expressed his concern that the floodlighting around the church no longer seems to be in operation, which could ultimately have security implications. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Vicar on this matter.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 7.30pm, to include the Annual Parish meeting, in the WI Hut.**

The meeting closed at 21.45hrs

Signed: ............................................................... (Chair) Date: ……………………………….