

LANE END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 5th October 2015 at 19.30pm in the Sycamore Room of the Lane End Village Hall

ATTENDANCE: Councillors Detsiny, Coulter, Dunning, Hunt, King, Osborn, Smith, Stewart, Wright.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: None.

CLERK: Hayley Glasgow

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 5

<p>1) Apologies for absence Cllrs Harries & Sarney.</p> <p>2) Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests by Members relating to items on the agenda and to sign the Application for Dispensation under S33 of Localism Act Cllr Detsiny declared an interest in the reports / letters received regarding a Willow tree on Moored Common. Cllr Detsiny declared an interest regarding Pond Cottage. A family member has written to the Council regarding Pond Cottage. Cllr Detsiny declared an interest in the planning application re the County Police House.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councillors agreed and signed the Application for Dispensation under Section 33 of Localism Act 2011.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS MEETING RE-OPEN</p> <p>3) Minutes - Approval of the Full Parish Council Meeting on 7th September 15 Council approved the minutes. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes on 7th September 15 Council approved the minutes.</p> <p>4) Matters Arising Council have still not heard from WDC regarding the car park as to whether we have met their criteria. We will have to revisit that issue when they contact us.</p> <p>5) Finance - i) Approval of payment of Accounts for October 2015 Council approved the accounts.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">ii) Expenditure against Budget Council noted the report.</p> <p>6) Lane End Playing Fields Status and Recommendations Councillor Detsiny reported on the first meeting of a new Core Funding Group established to add impetus to the development of new and improved facilities.</p> <p>Members are Councillors Stewart, Coulter and Detsiny plus LEAG members S. George, M. Lockwood and J. Price.</p> <p>Immediate priority is to obtain competitive quotes for Running Track and MUGA for Council's consideration. Also to decide on short term and longer term improvements to the club house and obtain quotes. It is likely we will want to finance the Running Track construction out of our CIL funds.</p> <p>Council previously approved the advice given by Hedley solicitors as to how best to expedite the LESA/LEAG lease situation. Councillors Detsiny and Coulter have accordingly met with LESA committee members who have indicated they will not oppose this. Accordingly our solicitors have been briefed to issue the relevant notice.</p>	42/15
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LEAG need to become a properly constituted legal entity and have agreed to take the necessary steps to achieve this.

David Lett of New Meaning has offered to forsake his final fee payment of £6K (3 x£2K) so that this can be used pay a "Champion " whose task will be to organise activities on The Playing Fields in order to keep community interest alive. A formal proposal for Council to approve this will be made at a future meeting.

7) Mole & Picket Charity Update

Councillor Detsiny reminded Councillors that Lane End Parish Council's sole responsibility concerning the two charities was to nominate and appoint Trustees. This had been confirmed in writing by The Charity Commission on the 18th May and 6th September 2015.

He told Council that, for whatever reason, they had failed to discharge this responsibility in the nine years he had been on Council and, most probably, longer than that.

He contended that it was extremely difficult to appoint appropriate Trustees if Council was wholly ignorant of the charities assets, balance sheet, P&L and general business strategy. Without such basic information Council could only speculate on the skill set required of Trustees.

He had asked the current Trustees on more than one occasion to provide him with this basic information but they had refused to do so on the grounds Council were seeking to interfere in the running of the charities. (Council are not allowed to "Interfere "but merely nominate and appoint Trustees who then run the charities).

He said he was very puzzled as to how requests for basic information could be deemed interference. Indeed he thought The Trustees should be pleased that the Parish Council showed interest. After all the charities had been founded for the benefit of parishioners by parishioners. Following the resignation as Trustee of The Reverend Robert Jennings. Councillor Detsiny was concerned there were no Trustees with close links to The Church or The Parochial Church Council.

Not only had The Church been responsible for the governance of the charities for huge periods of time but he was informed that it had close knowledge about the poor and needy of The Parish; perhaps more detailed knowledge than any other institution or individual.

He informed Council that he would be presenting an agenda item for the November meeting which would recommend the process whereby we will publicise the vacancy for a new Trustee. He would be recommending we give preference to candidates with either close connections to The Church or good background knowledge of the intended beneficiary group, ideally both. He felt that it was probably important that the successful candidate was financially literate. Council could of course choose to appoint more than one new Trustee if more than one outstanding candidate put their name forward.

The paper would also recommend that Council should review membership of the Trustee Board on an annual basis. In the great majority of instances officers of a charity seek re-election every year and their appointments are ratified by members. The Mole & Picket charities do not have members and so it is Council's responsibility to discharge this annual obligation, as confirmed by The Charity Commission.

8) Allotments

The Allotment working Party, Cllrs Harries and Wright, supported by the Clerk have visited all allotment sites and assessed plots individually. They have flagged a number of priority plots where tenants have fallen short of their obligations as per the Tenancy Agreement.

The Clerk has written to all those tenants where plots were flagged. The Clerk has also issued all of the rents.

The Allotment Working Party will look at allotment plots again in the New Year and reassess all plots. If plots continue to be uncultivated, tenants will be issued with notice.

The working party will bring proposals to Council in the New Year. These will include, defining of plots, computerised mapping systems and on-site plot number signs.

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November Agenda.

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* Cllrs Harries & wright to re-visited allotment plots in the New Year.

* Proposals to be brought back to Council with quotations in the New Year.

<p>9) Devolved Services Update The Clerk and Councillor Detsiny attended a meeting in Aylesbury on 18th September where BCC gave a presentation to Parish Councils on the up to date situation regarding Devolved Services.</p> <p>Present were representatives of Councils who had signed up to the initial stage (Stage 1) and representatives of those yet to decide.</p> <p>Councillors received a copy of BCC's presentation before this meeting so as to give them time to better understand the details.</p> <p>In essence the message was similar to last year but, even starker. BCC would be unable to maintain even a poor level of service in the coming years. They urged Councils to join Stage 2 starting in April 2016.</p> <p>It was conceded that the three year grant they would give local Councils would, in many instances, not be sufficient to cover the costs of employing local companies to do the work. (There is no absolute guarantee there will be any grant after the three year period.)</p> <p>LEPC's grant will be in the order of £3000. Councillor Coulter felt certain our actual costs will be much greater than this. This can only be funded by either increasing the precept, cancelling other activities or taking the money from reserves.</p> <p>Council resolved that there was no option but to accept and sign a contract for an April 2016 start date. There exists a standard contract already used by all currently participating Councils.</p> <p>10) Clerk's report The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been carried out. No issues were raised.</p> <p>The Clerk raised the issue if the Memorial Bench at the Playing Fields. Cllr Stewart and the Clerk would visit the site and agree a position for the bench. LESA would also need to agree this position.</p> <p>Councillors reported that the VAS was still not working correctly. The Clerk will ask BCC to repair.</p> <p>Councillors have asked if the speed tubes can be deferred until May 2016. May is more likely to give Council a better reading of average speed of traffic.</p> <p>There had been a complaint from Parishioners regarding a gentleman walking his dogs on the Playing Fields being quite abusive and refusing to clear up dog waste. These issues have been reported to The Police.</p> <p>Cllrs Coulter, Osborn, Stewart & The Clerk will meet with Shanley Homes regarding the agreed line of the footpath (as per the agreed Easement) and the specific ion for the material to be used.</p> <p>Council had received complaints about the current state of the Churchyard. All complaints have been referred to the Church Warden. The Church is working to resolve the issues.</p> <p>11) Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received Council has received two letters from Parishioners concerned about the speed of traffic on the Marlow Road and Moor Common. Council was sympathetic to all the concerns raised. However BCC implement speed restrictions. There is little the Parish Council can do. Council agreed to order 250 stickers to be placed on wheelie bins of those properties on the main roads in the village. Although the bins are only out once a week, it will remind people of the speed limited and we hope this will have an impact.</p> <p>Council received a letter about a dangerous Willow tree on Moorend Common. Cllrs Osborn and Stewart have looked at the tree onsite and also on the land registry documents and do not believe the tree is on Council land. We have asked the owner of the property to supply his title deeds as he believes otherwise. If Cllrs Stewart, Osborn and the Clerk decide the tree is on Council land after looking at the deeds, Council should remove the tree for safety reasons.</p> <p>A Parishioner has asked if dg waste bins can be put around the Village. The Clerk will write an</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">44/15</p> <p>ACTION * Clerk to confirm to BCC our intention to participate.</p> <p>* Clerk to obtain detailed maps of (supposed) areas of work. BCC are not able to confirm what is actually being cut/trimmed.</p> <p>*Clerk to organise two cost estimates for doing the work. Chosen contractors to be advised by two Councillors of what they believe actually needs cutting and what does not. Also frequency of work (Essential both estimates are based on identical specification).</p> <p>*Council to choose contractor. Depending on amount of work Council might choose to divide work.</p> <p>* Legal formalities and budgeting to be completed asap</p> <p>ACTION Clerk to action points raised from the Clerks Report.</p> <p>ACTION Clerk to action all points raised.</p>
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article for the next edition of Clarion inviting people to suggest locations for the these. Superfast broadband is now available in the village, there is a list of relevant postcodes on the noticeboards.

Council noted that as part of the 'Right to Bid' legislation that Wycombe District Council administers, The Peacock Pub in Bolter End was listed as an 'Asset of Community Value'. The owner has now informed WDC that the premises are up for sale on the open market. Local groups are now able to express an interest in bidding for The Peacock. The Clerk has put letters on the noticeboards and on the website. An article has also appeared in Clarion.

A Parishioner has asked if the Parish Council would purchase an Automated External Defibrillator. Council has asked the Clerk to contact Londis and the Village Hall about whether they would agree to install the units. The Parish Council would pay for the AED units.

12) Matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Coulter reported that Ashill Development are planning to put in a planning application for the rear of the old Elga site for additional housing. Ashill advertised for commercial units but nothing came of this.

Council asked the Clerk to write to Ashill Developments informing them that Council is disappointed with the many issues on footpath 25. Until these can be resolved Council would not want to discuss any further developments with them.

Council asked the Clerk to find out if there are any further updates on Sydney House.

Cllr Dunning reported flytipping as you leave the village on the left hand side towards Sands before you get to the shooting ground. The Clerk will report this.

Cllr Wright raised the issue of the new footpath which was agreed through the old T&L site.

Council understands that the footpath does not have to be completed until the care home has been built.

Cllr Detsiny reported that he and Cllr King attended a meeting about the Doctors Surgery. Katy Dunn will write an article in Clarion about this.

Cllr Detsiny attended the Local Area Forum. The Community Transport Issue was not progressed as LEPC were the only Council who responded. LEYCC put in a bid for a playscheme and were granted the money.

13) Planning: To consider new applications and receive Wycombe District Council Decisions and Appeals

New Applications

15/07363/ADV	24 - 26 The Row Lane End	Display of non-illuminated Advertisements on 5 sections of Hoarding, 1 non-illuminated timber board sign and 2 non-illuminated flag poles signs No objection.
15/07439/FUL	County Police House Marlow Road Lane End	Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of 1 pair of 3 bed semi-detached dwellings with garages and formation of new access No objection.
15/07390/FUL	Cherry Trees Park Lane Lane End	Householder application for construction of two storey side extension No objection.
15/07391/LBC	Cherry Trees Park Lane Lane End	Listed Building application for construction of two storey side extension No objection.

Closed Session: In accordance with LGA 1972, ss 100 and Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

14) The Orchard and Chalky Fields

15) Pond Cottage

NEXT MEETING: To confirm the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 2nd November in the Sycamore Room.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting 21.15.

Signed..... (Chair)

Dated.....

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Clerk to action all points.

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Clerk

