LANE END PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 3rd November 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Sycamore Room of Lane End Village Hall.

ATTENDANCE: Councillors Wright, Achurch, Coulter, Davis, Detsiny, Dunn, Fitzpatrick, Lumbers,

Mansell, Pullen, & Stewart.

CLERK: Mandy Dunning

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mr R Monk and Mrs B Twitchen

1) **Apologies:** To received apologies and to approve reasons for absence No apologies all members present

2) Welcome to new Councillor

Chairman Cllr Wright formally welcomed Cllr Bill Dunn

- 3) Declarations of Interest:
 - a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests
 - b) To declare any Personal Interests in items on the Agenda and their nature none declared
 - c) To declare any Prejudicial Interests in items on the Agenda and their nature none declared
- 4) **Public Questions:** The meeting was adjourned for Public Question time.

 Mr Monk enquired whether Council had considered turning off some of the street lighting to save funds. Mrs Twitchen remarked upon the speed at which the motorists exited from the public car park The Meeting was then reopened
- 5) **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes of 6th, 15th & 20th October 08. Agreed as a true and correct record
- 6) Action point review: from pre reading summary to agree those actions discharged and carried forward. Discharged: H&S Risk Assessment, H&S Training, Bin supplier (All LESA). Cllr Wright confirmed those that were carried forward.
- Finance: Approval of payment of Accounts for November 08.
 Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr Detsiny unanimously agreed.
 - Approval of Expenditure for repairs to gates at LESA: The expenditure of £375.15 + vat was proposed by Cllr Coulter and seconded by Cllr Davis and unanimously agreed.
 - To hear the 09/10 Budget recommendation of £132195.00. Cllr Detsiny provided some back ground details to the budget subheads; he explained the figures included the additional lighting columns, the drainage solution at Cadmore End, new notice board at Cadmore End and the Chains of Office. He advised that these additional items would be prioritized subject to the settlement of Forge Cottage. This was proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr Achurch Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the budget.
 - To agree and set the 09/10 Precept. Cllr Detsiny advised that the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Precept was £100,000.00. The Council was minded in principle to agree to this figure, but resolved it was necessary that the real running costs of the Council were identified before the final decision was made in December.
 - To approve the adoption recommendation of the Financial Regulations based on the NALC model. Council resolved to adopt the document.
- **8)** Outside body representation: To confirm Councillors details and bodies represented. The details were supplied to the Clerk and will be included in the Councillors Directory which would be updated and re-circulated
- **9) Allotment 2008 Status Report:** Supplied as pre-reading for information. All Councillors confirmed they have read the report.
- **10) Review of Standing Orders:** To consider NALC Model Standing Orders (Supplied as prereading without debate) Cllr Wright requested that all Councillors consider the document and any suggested amendments be with the Clerk by 17th November 08.

Note: the meeting was recorded to assist with the capture of the minutes.

Action: Clerk & Finance Chair. Done.

Action: Clerk Done

Action: All Councillors.

- **11) Freedom of Information Act:** Identify working party to consider the completion and adoption process for the new Model Publication scheme. Cllrs Wright, Detsiny and the Clerk will make up this group.
- 12) Clerk's report: including Correspondence and Reports received. Point 6 to Cllrs Coulter, Davis & Dunn. Point 18 The Clerk reported that this situation had progressed somewhat since the circulation of the pre-reading which had resulted in the marking out of the area being undertaken but not to the Heads of Terms plan. Council resolved that via the solicitor a qualified surveyor be commissioned to rectify the situation.

 The Clerk reported that a consultation document on the Code of Conduct had been received, after the pre-reading was circulated which required a response by 24th December. Cllrs Wright, Coulter & Fitzpatrick took copies from the Clerk to feedback their views, which the Clerk would then collate. The Documents received of interest were passed to individual Councillors.
- **13**) **Invitations to Meetings and Events received:** To confirm attendees not yet identified. Cllr Mansell to attend the Annual Forum of the Chilterns Conservation Board. Cllr Wright to attend the 60th BALC AGM. (Cllr Coulter to also check with his diary commitments for this event)

14) Councillors reports and items for future agendas:

Cllr Mansell attended the Rural Forum on 9th October. A written report will be supplied shortly.

Cllr Detsiny reported that all the Y&CC Center leases were ready for signature/ engrossment. Chris Gentry unfortunately had again sent the final document to BCC in case there were any further amendments required. Cllr Detsiny had contacted Mr Gentry and registered his extreme disapproval and disappointment and advised that he refused to deal with the matter further, and this constitutes, in his view, the Center being occupied illegally. No further changes or discussion would be accepted and the leases should be returned to be engrossed forthwith.

Cllr Detsiny reminded Council of their support in August to the withdrawal from the WAP JCC due to the unconstitutional actions and behaviours; a letter was drafted and sent to WDC, CAA and the DoT. A JCC meeting occurred on 16th September, without a Council attendee, but a copy of the Minutes had been rightly forwarded to Cllr Detsiny. During the meeting all allegations previously made had been refuted, and the request that a new and independent Chairman be appointed had been ignored. Cllr McEnnis had seconded the vote of confidence in the Chairman. On this basis Cllr Detsiny has approached Mr Dongray the Monitoring Officer at WDC for advice on the matter.

Cllr Detsiny reported that he had attended the Economic Development session at WDC, which was excellent. A map was provided as to where the major development sites were to be.

Cllr Dunn advised Council of his offer of assistance with any improvements to the Clarion V

Cllr Lumbers advised he had not had a response to date from Andy McVeigh with regard to Oakshaw.

Cllr Pullen advised that the Postmistress had asked him to advise the Council of the Mayoral visit and evening dinner at the Grouse & Ale on Thursday.

Cllr Coulter observed that there may be an opportunity to take over the Lane End Directory and utilise the Councils Website as a point of advertising for local business. Cllr Achurch advised that this had been discussed at the Parish Plan Business group and that the Clerk had advised of the costs involved to do so.

Cllr Wright confirmed her choice of guests from the list supplied for the Christmas dinner as Mr & Mrs Osborn for their contribution to the Parish Plan.

There be	eing no	further	business	the	meeting	closed	at 9.00	pm

Signed	 	 							 	 	
(Chair)											

Action: Clerk Done

Action: Named Councillors & Clerk

Action: Cllr Coulter Done Unable to attend

Action: Clerk to scan/copy to Councillors. Done