LANE END PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.30pm at Lane End Village Hall

ATTENDANCE: Councillors Detsiny - Chairman, Coulter, Hunt, King, Osborn, Sarney, Simmons, Smith, Wright.

CLERK: Hayley Glasgow

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1) Apologies for absence 01/14
Clirs Dunning and Stewart.

2) Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests None.

Sam McKee will update Council on the progress of the American Football Team.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS MEETING RE-OPEN

3) Minutes: i) Approval of the Full Parish Council Meeting on 2nd December 2013 (p/c) Council approved the minutes.

4) Matters Arising (v)

Cllr Stewart said he would draft a temporary lease for LESA. As Councillor Stewart is now away for 3 months the lease will take longer to draft.

5) Finance: i) Approval of payment of Accounts for December 2013 (p) Council approved the accounts.

iv) Expenditure against Budget (p)

Councillor Coulter reported that the budget was on track, Councillors noted the report.

iii) To agree the budget and precept for 2014/15 (p) Council noted that the current Precept and of approximately £96.500 together with the LCTS Grant from WDC of around £11,000 provided a combined income of £107,500. It was also noted that in drafting its provisional Budget for 2014-15, Council had assumed that this level of income would remain unchanged. The Parish Council had however now been informed by WDC that the LCTS Grant support would be reduced by approximately £1,500 in 2014-15. In addition WDC had advised the Council that its Tax Base for 2014-15 had increased by 0.9 %.

Taking these factors into account, and noting that monthly inflation was currently varying between 2.0 % -2.5 %, Council determined that whilst it would not seek to secure an inflation increase it would seek to reclaim the reduction in the LCTS Grant support and increase the level of the Precept to reflect the increase in the Parish's Tax Base. In reaching this decision Council noted that that not only was inflation progressively eroding its existing spending power, but also that it could anticipate additional burdens on its expenditure in 2014-15 with the completion of the ELGA development and also the proposed development at the T&L Site which had now received Planning Approval. It was also likely that further demands on Council expenditure would be incurred in 2015-16 if the proposed development at Culver Graphics proceeds.

On this basis therefore Council determined that it would set a Precept of £99,085.36, which would result in an increase in the Parish's element of Band D Tax from £74.87 to £76.19, which is an increase of 1.76 %. It was also agreed that this would be subject to the final confirmation of LCTS Grant support from WDC and should this change the Precept would be adjusted in accordance with the principle of maintaining the historic level of the LCTS Grant.

Action - Clerk-Send Precept form

6) Open Spaces Group (v)

Cllr Dunning was tasked with looking at Open Spaces and has suggested a permanent Open Spaces Group is formed. Cllr Detsiny received emails from several Councillors who all agreed that Cllr Dunning's paper was very well written but they felt forming ad-hoc groups to assist the Clerk would be better for Council.

Council agreed to form ad-hoc working groups as and when needed and thanked Cllr Dunning for her time in writing the paper.

Action - Cllr Coulter - Feb mtg

7) Ditchfield Common:

i) Deed of Exchange (p)

Councillor Coulter has been unable to prepare a paper re the Deed of Exchange but will endeavor to do so for the February meeting.

ii) Wayleave consent for underground cable at Hideway Cottage (p)

Council approved the wayleave. Clerk and Chairman to sign the papers.

Action - Clerk to write a letter Action - Clerk to contact WDC Action - Clerk -Feb mtg

8) Clerk's report (p)

The Clerk has received a letter from WDC asking their opinion on closing the public facilities in the car park of Lane End. Council would be strongly against closing the facilities, they are well used by Parishioners, visitors, ramblers and Simply Walks. The Clerk will contact WDC.

The Clerk received a letter from WDC asking Council to agree a name for The Old Sun site. Council approved 'Old Sun Close'.

The Clerk advised she has received a number of replies regarding the gate at Sandyfield allotment and would advise at the February meeting.

9) Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received (p) Council noted the report.

Clerk – send thank you letter

10) Matters raised by Councillors (v)

Cllr Smith advised the next Lane End Action Group Meeting is on Wednesday 8th January at 7.45pm at LESA and encouraged other Councillors to attend.

Cllr Coulter advised the Parish Council has received a gift form St Pierre d'Oléron (twin town) after they visited the Christmas in the Village event. Council thanked them for the gift. Cllr Hunt asked whether LEPC could invest in some more Christmas lights or a bigger tree for the village. Cllr Hunt will work with Cllrs Smith and Stewart on the 2015 Christmas in the Village event.

Cllr Simmons advised the hedge which has grown around the street light in Bolter End has still not been cleared. The Clerk advised BCC has contacted her and asked her to take a photo of the street light and send it to them. BCC also advised that they has no finances in the current financial year to carry out this work but it may be something they look at in the next financial year. Council asked the Clerk to enquire how much it would cost to have the light cleared.

The pole which was removed and left in the grass opposite the Peacock is still there. The Clerk will again chase BCC.

Cllr Detsiny advised that Cllr Hunt will join Cllrs Smith and Stewart on the planning group.

11) Planning: To consider new applications and receive Wycombe District Council Decisions and Appeals (v)

New Applications

None

Action - Clerk

Action - Clerk

NEXT MEETING: To confirm the Full Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 3 rd February 2014 in the Sycamore Room of the Lane End Village Hall.									
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.18 pm									
Signed(Chair) Dated									

