

LANE END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.
Held on 19th January 2009 starting at 7:30 pm in the Sycamore Room of
Lane End Village Hall

ATTENDANCE: Planning – Councillors Pullen, Achurch, Coulter, Stewart & Wright.
Open Spaces - Councillors Lumbers, Achurch, Fitzpatrick, Mansell Pullen & Wright
CLERK: Mandy Dunning
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mr R Osborn (Commons Warden)

<p>1) Apologies: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence. No Apologies received all members present.</p> <p>2) Declarations of Interest: a) Register of Interests: Councillors are 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 made. c) To declare any Prejudicial Interests in items on the Agenda and their nature. None made. (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items - Code of Conduct para 12(2) refers)</p> <p>3) Planning: a) New Applications – 2. See attached notes – Lower Court Farm observation made; Dairy Farm; No objection but Bat survey content noted. b) Results - 6. See attached notes c) Enforcements - None</p> <p>4) Open Spaces: To consider and agree the way forward to recruit a replacement Commons Warden. Cllr Lumbers advised that many avenues had been explored already by the current Warden. The advertisements in the Clarion V & Frieth newsletter had only generated one response which the Clerk advised was unlikely to come to fruition. Cllr Lumbers then initiated a brain storming session to attempt to draw out other potential ways of generating interest. The Committee resolved that other Parishes should be contacted to see if a warden share was feasible, and also a number of other options – ie Conservation Groups, WDC Rangers, Environment Centre at the Rye (Holywell Mead), BBOWT, RSPB and the Chiltern Society to see if they could assist. Cllr Lumbers agreed to draft a form of words that could be used by the Clerk. If this was not successful then consideration would be given to placing an advertisement in the Free Press classifieds. Cllr Lumbers adjourned the meeting to allow the Commons Warden to ask if a job specification had been formulated, Cllr Lumbers advised that the form of words that were to be developed would form the basis of this, although he agreed that a proper specification would be needed for the replacement to correctly understand and deliver the role. Cllr Lumbers reopened the meeting. It was agreed by the Committee that it was vital that the standard and status of the Common did not deteriorate.</p> <p>5) Commons Project: To agree to apply for funding from the Chilterns Conservation Board for scrub and under storey clearance in Middle Meadow and to agree the 25% match funding from Councils funds. The work in question is the management of willow and hazel understorey between the overhead power cables and the bank/ditch adjacent to Middle Meadow Edge (scheduled as part of Phase 5) to extend the area of acid grassland and wood pasture. Mature trees to be left, hazel to be coppiced. Material to be chipped and used to improve surface to footpaths. Work to be carried out under the supervision of the commons warden and with the agreement of Natural England. The Clerk advised that Natural England had been contacted and had given consent on this item. The cost to Council equates to £250.00 which was within the Clerks financial remit. Cllr Lumbers adjourned the meeting briefly to allow the Commons Warden to expand on the project details, the meeting was then reopened. Cllr Wright proposed, and the Committee resolved the project unanimously.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:15 Signed..... Date..... (Chair)</p>	<p>Note: The meeting was recorded to assist with the capture of the Minutes</p> <p>Action: Cllr Lumbers. Done</p> <p>Action: Clerk to sign and return the MoU. Done.</p>
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