

LANE END PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM AT LANE END YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Detsiny – Chairman, Cllrs Dunning, Coulter, Graham, Harries, Hunt, Osborn, Stewart, Wright.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR – Cllr Dominic Barnes.

CLERK: Mrs Hayley Glasgow

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 8

1) Report from Hey Broadband and Fibre and Wireless.

Representatives from F&W gave a report on progress and encouraged people to sign up to the voucher scheme. If anyone is not in receipt of their voucher please contact F&W and they will progress this.

2) The Parish Council has invited The Lane End Youth and Community Centre to give a presentation

The Parish Council thanked Katy Donaghue for all her work with the Community Centre. Katy gave a report on LEYCC's achievements and upcoming news. Please see appendix for full report.

3) Public Questions

None.

4) Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Achurch, Coulter, Nicolson.

5) Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests

None.

6) Minutes –

5.1 Approval of the Full Parish Council Meeting on 7th November

Council approved the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5.2 Approval of the Closed Session Parish Council Meeting on 7th November

Council approved the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

7) Wayleave (F&W)

The Parish Council discussed the wayleave from F&W for the erection of three poles on Ditchfield Common to enable broadband to the approximately 30 properties.

Council unanimously granted permission for the erection of three poles on Ditchfield Common.

8) Matters arising from previous meeting

None.

9) Clerk's Report / Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received

The items below summarise the Clerks activities since the last meeting.

1. Responded to the Boundary Commission re the Parish Councils comments regarding the proposed change to the ward boundaries.
2. Contacted the Police regarding an update on the Community Speed Watch Scheme and contacting the people who have volunteered.
3. The Community Speed Watch Coordinator from the Police team will attend the March PC meeting regarding setting up a Community Speed Watch.
4. Contacted TFB regarding a quotation for speed tubes, awaiting response.
5. A small group of six from Lane End Twinning Association will be attending the Christmas Market in St Pierre weekend of 10-12/12/22.
6. The overgrown foliage on the footpath from Lammas Way to Bolter End will be cut back.
7. Contacted TFB regarding a zebra crossing on The Row. It is possible that an application could be submitted via the Community Board. It would need to be proven that a zebra crossing is required and evidence would need to be submitted.
8. Have sent the signed supplementary agreement as agreed to Blaser Mills.
9. Have asked Enerveo to carry out several street lighting repairs.
10. Enerveo continue to change street lamps over to LEDs as they fail.
11. Have submitted the wayleave agreements to F&W to access PC owned land as agreed.

12. Grass cutting tender documents have been updated as discussed at the previous meeting.
13. Contacted several landscaping companies regarding the upcoming grass cutting tender.
14. I have sent the grass cutting tender to 5 contractors. The submission deadline is early January 2023 then this will be discussed at the January meeting.
15. Residents of Simmons Way have complained about issues with parking, referred to Red Kite Housing Association.
16. Lacey's Farm are concerned about the impact on their business with regards to the upcoming roadworks. Referred to Buckinghamshire Council.
17. The valuation report has been forwarded to the insurance company and the insurance premium has been updated in accordance, the insurance terms have not been changed.
18. The foliage around the top pond has been cut back as requested.
19. The 2023 meeting dates have been updated. The meeting in February has been cancelled, there will now be a meeting on Monday 23rd January 2023 in the Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall.
20. There was damaged guttering at Lane End Sports Pavilion, this has been repaired.
21. I have received an email from a resident in Cadmore End re the street lights. I have enquired with Enerveo if shields can be fitted and if the lights can be put on a timer.
22. Sent a letter of condolence re the recent passing of Mr Simmons.
23. Submitted preferred locations for EV charge points to Buckinghamshire Council.
24. Christmas in the Village is on Friday 9th December 2022, doors open at 6pm.
25. Submitted an application to Land Registry for business access. It can take up to 20 working days for access.
26. Lane End Parish Council Working Principles has been added to the website.
27. AED checks completed.

Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received –

1. Updates from Buckinghamshire Council:
 - a. Weekly Road Updates.
 - b. Lessons in safe driving on the timetable for young people in Bucks
 - c. United in support to end violence against women and girls
 - d. #Beconsiderate – motorists encouraged to think about pedestrian safety when parking by schools
 - e. News for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council
 - f. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
 - g. Buckinghamshire Council reacts to Autumn Statement
 - h. Addressing climate crisis continues to top the agenda in Buckinghamshire
 - i. Council calls for action to strengthen primary care services in Buckinghamshire
 - j. Buckinghamshire Council examines concerns about pollution of rare chalk streams
 - k. Planning application seeks to address need for more affordable housing in Bucks
 - l. Buckinghamshire Council trials use of recycled plastic in carriageway resurfacing
 - m. Young people share their experiences to help improve SEND services
 - n. Bank holiday bin collection updates
2. Other correspondence:
 - a. Buckinghamshire Business First - Upcoming events to support and grow your business.
 - b. Community Matters
 - c. Thames Valley communities asked for views on policing and crime
 - d. Campaign to protect Rural England update
 - e. Update from the Chilterns Conservation Board

10) Finance – 10.1 Approval of the account for November 2022

Council approved the expenditure of £16,371.86. Council noted the income was £2,203.00. Council noted the current account closing balance of £180,349.16 as of 24th November 2022.

10.2 Agreement – The Orchard

The Parish Council agreed to hold the rent at £650.00 for this year. The Clerk will send the invoice.

10.3 Agreement – Grouse and Ale

The Parish Council agreed to hold the rent at £500.00 for this year. The Clerk will send the invoice.

10.4 Railings – LESA

Cllr Harries reported that there had recently been an unfortunate accident at the clubhouse. This has made the Committee aware that there is an urgent need to install railings as a safety measure.

E&R Meakes submitted a quotation for the works of £2725.60 plus VAT.

Cllr Dunning raised concerns that the Financial Regulations state that any amount over £2500.00, Council should consider three quotations where possible.

Cllr Harries was concerned that if Council took time to obtain two further quotations and this was discussed at the next PC meeting, this would delay the works and the PC could be found negligible.

It was agreed to proceed with the quotation from E&R Meakes. The Parish Council would pay £2500 and LESA would pay the remaining £275.60.

Cllr Stewart advised that there may be a need to install a temporary wooden rail dependent on time to manufacture and install the railings.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should revisit the financial regulations with a view to increasing the expenditure allowance without the need to obtain several quotations. This would make sense in the present climate as all material and labour costs have increased significantly.

The Clerk will instruct E&R Meakes and look at the Financial Regulations to be discussed at a future meeting.

11) Tree Survey Inspection Report

Council noted the tree survey. This will be sent to the Moorend Common Warden for comment. The Clerk will obtain quotations for the priority works.

12) Matters Raised by Councillors

Cllr Detsiny intends to donate £200 from his Chairmans Allowance towards Community Matters.

Cllr Dunning reported it was sad to hear that the Chequers Public House had closed and there was only now one remaining pub in the Parish.

13) Planning: To consider new planning applications* - See appendix.

*Planning applications may have been updated after the agenda has been issued and therefore won't be listed on the agenda but may still be discussed. Please contact The Clerk for further details.

14) NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd January 2023 in the Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.27.

Signed..... Date.....

Meeting to be closed – *Exclusion of Public and Press, to exclude public and press in accordance with s1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item set out in Agenda item 15, due to the confidential nature of this item.*

It is proposed by the Chairman that the Public and Press be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as matters which will be discussed are considered to be confidential

15) Chalky Field

Appendix – New Planning Applications.

22/08059/TPO

The Beeches Park Lane Lane End

Reduce by 4 metres all round to allow more light x 1 Beech

No objection.

22/07955/CLP

15 Ivy Place Lane End

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed detached outbuilding to use as a game room/gym room/store following demolition of existing outbuilding

No objection.

22/07833/CTREE

17A The Row Lane End

Crown reduction of 5-6m x 1 Ash tree (T1)

No objection.

22/07693/FUL

The Tree Hotel Marlow Road Cadmore End

Erection of two storey side extensions to main building and side and rear extensions to existing residential building in connection with change of use of former Hotel (C1), Restaurant (E(b)) and Drinking Establishment (SuiGeneris) to 6 x 1-bed, 6 x 2-bed and 4 x 3-bed apartments (16 in total) (C3) with associated bin/cycle store and car parking

Objection. Original planning application 21/06651/FUL for 18 units (8x1 bed, 6x2 bed & 4x3 bed) refused. Now 16 units (6x1 bed, 6x2 bed & 4x3 bed) but original reasons for refusal remain.

A planning application has been received for the redevelopment of the former Blue Flag /The Ivy on the B462 Marlow road. the proposal being to redevelop the existing buildings into a residential development consisting of some 18 flats/apartments. The Planning team has considered this application and are acutely aware of the dereliction being experienced at The Peacock pub , but feel we should strongly object to this proposal as it is just not sustainable as a residential development of this size, in this location.

22/07611/FUL

High Barns Marlow Road Cadmore End

Construction of 3 bay tractor and implement shed

No objection.

Appendix - Report on Lane End Youth & Community Centre

Firstly, I would like to thank the Parish Council for giving me the opportunity to speak with you all this evening.

My name is Katy Donaghue and I've been a volunteer here for 16 years, the last 12 of those as Chairman, responsible for the day-to-day running of the Centre and its three part-time members of staff.

The Centre was built in 2004 and our focus has always been to support the local community, with a specific focus on young people. Over the years we've hosted two youth clubs, run and managed independently by a separate Youth Club Committee. Unfortunately, the Senior Youth Club is no longer running, but I believe the Junior Youth Club is due to open again on 11th January, with two new youth leaders, which is great news.

LEYCC is also hired out for many regular classes and groups; from dog training to Zumba, from a big band rehearsal space to self-defence classes, as well as a venue for private parties. All the revenue we generate is ploughed back into providing activities and events to support the local community and in particular, those families struggling financially.

I'd like to talk to you tonight about two success stories, which the LEYCC Committee are especially proud of and also about an exciting new project in the pipeline.....

Firstly.....back in 2009, the LEYCC Committee decided to run a children's playscheme during the school summer holidays. This ran for 5 days and was a huge success, so much so that we were oversubscribed and parents asked when the next one was going to be. However, the cost and time commitment proved too much for our small organisation.

Emma Savory joined as our new Centre Manager in June 2011 and was tasked with developing the idea of Playschemes further, since the Junior Youth Club was closed during the school holidays, so there was an opportunity to engage the youngsters in the village and do something positive for them.

We've now been running successful playschemes, during every school holiday, for 11 years, part-financed by grant applications submitted by Emma. The Playschemes support many children from all backgrounds within the village; including those who are young carers, have special educational needs or behavioural issues, children whose families cannot afford childcare, holidays or days out and working families on low incomes.

We provide a huge range of daily activities from arts and crafts, baking and sports, to external workshops enriching the child's life experiences and improving their social and emotional wellbeing. One example, during our April 2022 playscheme, the children went on a day trip to a local petting zoo. For some of those children, this was the first time in their lives that they had been able to see, touch and interact with farm animals. Families share their experiences positively on social media and tell us how much their children enjoy attending.

We register 30 primary-age children a day and every playscheme is over-subscribed. We currently offer 10 days of playscheme each year, which means that over the last 11 years, we've provided around 2,500 – 3,000 places to educate and entertain local children.

In order to run these playschemes, we have received grants from numerous organisations over the years, but two I would like to specifically mention tonight are:

- 'Community Matters' based at Holy Trinity Church, who currently provide financial support and a food bank to 25 local families. As part of this support, they fully fund 4 places for children from these families, at every Playscheme we run.
- And Buckinghamshire Council, which has recently awarded us a grant of £1,000 through their "Holiday Activities and Food" programme, to run our children's Christmas party on 23rd December. They are funding 20 places for children who receive free school meals, as part of the grant award.

Due to the success of our grant applications so far, we charge a subsidized rate of only £15 per day, per child, with discounts offered for siblings. However, we currently don't have any funding for 2023, although several grant applications are in the pipeline.

To give you an idea of the scale, this year's playschemes have cost £5,300 in total and as I've just mentioned, were funded entirely by grants and a minimal daily fee paid by parents and guardians.

Our second success story is our Thursday drop-in lunch club, regularly attended by around 20 seniors each week. This started as an idea from a committee member many years ago, when she realised that this was another way the Centre could support local residents. We now offer our seniors an opportunity to meet up and socialise every week, with a two-course, freshly cooked hot meal, for only £7.50.

The original idea has also expanded, thanks once again to Emma, as we now host an Easter Feast and annual Christmas lunch too, with entertainment & singing, every year. This year's Seniors' Christmas event is on 22nd December (regrettably now fully booked), where we will be providing a full Christmas dinner for 45 people, here at

LEYCC, including music, games and gifts. This really is the highlight of the year for many who attend, as otherwise December can be a very lonely and isolating time.

The “cost of living crisis” is something that really concerns our committee, not just for LEYCC as a registered charity, but particularly for low-income families and seniors, who have less resources to call on.

So, I’m thrilled to tell you tonight about a brand-new initiative we’re planning to launch in the new year, which we’re calling “The Hub”.

The Hub has been inspired by an annual event, originally spearheaded by Labour MP Jo Cox, who was tragically murdered in June 2016. Whilst in Parliament, one of Jo’s key goals was to tackle the loneliness crisis, so she launched the “Great Winter Get Together” in January every year, to enable people to visit a safe environment, meet new people and feel less isolated.

The LEYCC Management Committee felt this was the ideal time to launch The Hub – a weekly facility, providing a food bank, free second-hand clothes and school-related items.

There will be activities for children to enjoy, including Lego, colouring, Play-Doh and more. We will also offer free hot drinks and an opportunity for residents to meet new people in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

The Hub will be open every Friday, providing a warm, safe place for anyone within the community to visit. This is not just for people on benefits, but any resident that may be struggling.

Our committee is working hard to make this happen as quickly as possible. We have already been in discussion with Community Matters, Red Kite and local businesses. We’ve received lots of positive feedback and practical support, but there is still so much more to do, especially as we currently only have a few volunteer committee members.

If anyone would like to get involved, please have a chat with me after the meeting, I’d love to tell you more.

Thank you for your time.