

LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in The School Room, Church Street, Lopen 23 March 2018, 7 pm

Present : N Jones (Chairman), S Crane, S Frackiewicz, V Canton

In attendance : L Wilson, Parish Clerk; Cllr Adam Dance; Matt Burrow, CDS;
Members of the Public : 5

The meeting commenced at 7.07 pm.

282/18 County Councillor's Report :

- Libraries' consultation extended to 13 June. Cllr Dance is actively seeking alternative premises and ways to facilitate the service in conjunction with other community facilities. The footfall reported is not representative of the true figure as it only relates to books borrowed and not where other services are used. All are encouraged to feed into the consultation.
- Public Car Park next to Co-op in South Petherton: This is a County Council owned car park, but deemed for the Parish to decide on how to monitor use - residents park there where there is so little on-road parking.

283/18 Matt Burrows of Connecting Devon & Somerset reported to the meeting regarding the history of broadband connection in the village. Problems appear to have arisen where there are 2 cabinets and some households not migrated from Cabinet 4 to the new Cabinet 17, but BT records do not identify which properties are aligned to each cabinet and CDS inherited list from BT, so not reliable information. Where BT were responsible for Phase I, they did not bid for Phase II, and Gigaclear won the contract. Gigaclear will aim to make new connections but under no duty to connect whom BT didn't.

8.00 pm Cllr Dance leaves the meeting.

Action: Inform CDS of any households we think should be connected to box 17 and/or have no connection. CDS will consider providing a list of properties they think should be viable for connection (they estimate 72 households).

284/18 Apologies for absence : Cllr Moore

285/18 Declaration of interests : None

286/18 Dispensations : None

287/18 Minutes of the meetings of 22 January and the 16 February were both approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

288/18 SID update : All options were discussed and considered. Voted and resolved to pursue enquiries for purchase of SID with LPC as sole owner.

289/18 Footpath Working Party : Provisional date of the 2 or 3 June.

290/18 Parish Bier : Action - to explore whether items in existing Bier House can be re-arranged/relocated to allow space for it's storage, or any other options.

291/18 Cllr Burrows : Resolved that Cllr Burrows had withdrawn from the Council.

292/18 CPRE: Resolved that membership inappropriate & to no real advantage.

293/18 Annual Parish Meeting : Action - It was resolved that the Council would have a presence earlier in the day at the Plant Fair on the 12 May, and that the formal meeting would take place at 6 pm. Action : Cllr Frackiewicz was to investigate local producers providing a mini food fair. Cllrs Jones and Fraciewicz would compile a questionnaire.

294/18 Annual General Meeting Date resolved as 24 May.

295/18 Finance : Payments were made to the following suppliers/ payees:

Footprintz	Printing	135.00
SSDC	Ranger	301.92
L Wilson	Clerk's wages	555.00
HMRC	PAYE	138.60

The meeting concluded at 9.50 pm

For the purposes of minute taking the meeting was recorded.