

LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in The School Room, Church Street, Lopen 17 December 2018, 7 pm

Present : S Crane (Chairman), N Jones, E Moore, V Canton, J Feeney

In attendance : L Wilson - Parish Clerk, Members of the Public : 5

The meeting commenced at 7.08 pm.

377/18 Apologies for Absence : County & District Councillor Dance and District Councillor Raikes.

Chairman's Report :

- Resignation of Councillor Frackiewicz.
- Gigaclear - trench repairs in Holloway underway due to poor workmanship during the earlier installations.

Councillor Canton arrives 7.15

County Wide Parking Review - notice of future consultation on parking across the county, in a roll out of priorities. The most relevant towns are Crewkerne and Ilminster, but they do not fall into the first tranche.

- A member of the public asked if a letter could be written to the County Council regarding the lack of parking available at Crewkerne Station, which they felt had been impacted by the new housing.
- *Get Set* Consultation - notification of deadline of 31 December 2018. Any Somerset resident can feed into the consultation.
- Waitrose green token collections - currently taking donations for refurbishment of Lopen School Room

Public Forum :

Community Speed Watch : Further to CSW representative's attendance at the Regional Meeting, the implications of GDPR and reduced funding discussed. RG is to meet local supervisor in early January and will feed back findings. Council willing to respond to the system changes; RG to provide details of correspondence to date to inform response.

378/18 Declarations of Interests : None

379/18 Dispensations : None

380/18 Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of 29 October 2018 were agreed as a correct record, and signed accordingly

381/18 Matters arising from minutes :

The Planning Application for The Brambles, Water Street had been subject to an amendment although PC had received no direct notification. Ridge line of extension changed to reduce height of gable. NJ to check if SSDC are expecting a response, but there were no LPC objections to amendment.

Salt Bags : The Clerk had researched prices and SSDC were the most competitive, however they had not responded to requests for the process for purchasing. Sunnyside Farm were willing to store salt there if required. It was confirmed again to those present that salt was being made available by the Parish Council for residents to use as a self-help measure, as per last meeting's discussion. **Action :** Councillor Crane will visit the SSDC Mead Avenue depot to enquire/purchase bags as previously agreed.

382/18 Parish Path Project : Councillor Moore circulated the documents showing how Parish Paths are categorised by the County Council and a response is invited to classify footpaths according to their usage and value. Cllr Moore had referenced the documents against OS maps to identify Lopen's footpaths. **Action :** Cllr Moore to return response by the all Councillor agreement that all paths should be classified as "1", the highest level, and that clearance should be classified as a "2", for two cuts per year (plus self help from village scheme).

383/18 Dog Waste : **Action :** Deferred to New Year. Councillor Feeney now has a named contact at SSDC to consult with.

384/18 Lopen Gateway Stones : **Action :** Council see no reason to object to volunteers repainting stones per se, but it would be for them to ensure own safety and recommendations were made for high-vis jackets, cones and parking a car on the verge.

385/18 Post Box : Councillor Jones updated meeting on communication with Royal Mail and difficulties on obtaining response from Crewkerne Depot, where Royal Mail had indicated a twelve week period was required to confer with Highways. **Action :** NJ to continue to pursue.

386/18 SID Anti-race device: Traffic Technology insist this is an add-on purchase and have provided a quote of £60 + VAT (presented). Councillors had understood this was part of original quote, although it is not in writing in quote obtained via SLOW. **Action:** Councillor Jones undertook to review older email correspondence and contact TT direct to dispute. If this was not successful, then the Council had no alternative but to purchase the application, thereby authorised.

387/18 Planning :

Application Number 18/03773/TCA, Mr Benedict Potts, Applehay House, Frog Street, Lopen, South Petherton, Somerset, TA13 5JR

Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No 10 trees within a Conservation area. **Action:** For Council's Tree Officer to decide. Parish Council had been informed that some of the tree roots are disturbing wall foundations. No action by Parish Council.

388/18 Next Meeting Date : Agreed for Monday 21 January 2019.

389/18 Standing Orders: **Action :** The previously circulated amended and updated standing orders were approved.

390/18 SALC AGM : Action : None of the Councillors or Clerk are able to attend.

391/18 Budget : Provisional budget information was circulated. Councillor Jones advised the meeting that without any costs set aside for running of the SID, a 3% rise would cover the increase of expenditure, where no grant will now be received. Now with SSDC's precept notification, all Councillors to consider information in advance of the January meeting.

392/18 Payments :

10.12.18	M Constable	Strimmer expenses	26.90
17.12.18	Footprintz	Lopen Eye printing (5 months)	225.00

393/18 Any Other Matters : Cllr Canton referred to her enquiries with regard to a shared driving scheme. Action : consideration of item to go into Lopen Eye inviting volunteers for driving residents to necessary appointments such as those to a hospital or GP. It must be noted that LPC are facilitating, not coordinating a scheme at this stage. Invite Village Agent to our next meeting. If she was not free, then to invite one of the Beat Team.

The meeting concluded at 9.20 pm

For the purposes of minute taking the meeting was recorded.