

## LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held in The School Room, Church Street, Lopen 19 July 2018, 7 pm

Present : S Crane (Chairman), S Frackiewicz (Vice Chairman), E Moore, V Canton, J Feeney

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

The meeting commenced at 7.08 pm.

**337/18        Apologies** : Cllr Nick Jones, County Councillor Adam Dance & District Councillor Crispin Raikes

**338/18        Declaration of Interests**; None

**339/18        Grants & Dispensations** : None

**340/18        Village Survey Report** : Cllr Frackiewicz provided a power point presentation on results of the Village Survey. In summary, 42 households out of 126 responded, although not everyone had answered all the questions. The respondent population comprised 1% pre-school age, 18% in full-time education, 42% working age and 40% retired age. 60% + of respondents had lived in the village more than 20 years. Topics included broadband; roads & traffic; planning; local transport; leisure & recreation. 78% of respondents wanted Lopen to own their own SID. 100% referred to the Lopen Eye for local information. **Action** : It was agreed that SF would arrange for the results to be uploaded onto the village website and circulated to District and County Councillors so they are aware of the matters that are important to the village residents. A Community Plan can now be investigated based around the results.

**341/18        Approval of Minutes** : It was resolved that the Minutes of 11 June 2018 be agreed as correct and accordingly signed by the Chairman

**342/18        Matters Arising from the Minutes of 11 June** : None

**343/18        SID** : Roger Gurner advised the Council that £2980 was held by SLOW representatives and further funds were pledged, undertaken to be paid direct to the Parish Council bank account. Councillor Crane confirmed that Highways had approved post locations. Cllr Feeney investigations had established that the Wescotec device might not be advisable due to some issues with the County Council. Further, the Traffic Technology device may be more future proof due to its configuration and additional features. County Rangers are providing installation of devices for other villages. Matter was put back to later in the meeting whilst Roger Gurner obtained the written quotations for the Council to consider. **Action** : Clerk to check if Ranger can undertake the regular relocation of SID for Lopen.

- **344/18        Footpath Days** :
- Cllr Moore confirmed that although no further reports had been received regarding issues with the footpath gate near Manor Farm, he had emailed Les Braunton at

County asking for a spring to be attached to enable the gate to self-close. **Action** : EM would pursue the matter.

- The next Footpath Day would be the 4 August, to coincide with the Church Clearance Day. **Action** : EM to propose dates for September via email and when agreed, to publicise date in Lopen Eye.
- Adopt a Footpath : Advantages and ways forward were discussed. **Action** : JF to enlarge a copy of the Village Map which can be displayed at Care for the Village Day on the 4 August. Key paths to be ID'd and an article inserted in Lopen Eye listing those available for "adoption".

**345/18 SID** continued : With sight of the written quotations, the Council voted unanimously to proceed with purchase of the Traffic Technology SID, subject to any hidden costs or conditions. **Action** : 1. Clerk to provide Parish Council's bank details to Roger Gurner to enable funds held by SLOW to be transferred . 2. Clerk to raise final queries with Traffic Technology, and with satisfactory responses to place the order.

**346/18 Loop in the Community** : Subsidised Scheme for table-tennis table for community use raised at a cost of £200 for folding table, nets, bats and all equipment. Storage and potential use in School Room discussed, including accessibility for residents' use. **Action** : SC to raise matter in first instance with Parochial Parish Council, as owners of the space, at their meeting on Monday. Clerk to establish dimensions of table in its folded state ref storage practicalities.

**347/18 Bonfires** : Issue raised by resident correspondence, which had been previously circulated, followed by research into Government and County Council policy and guidance, including Environmental Health criteria. Parish Councils have no power in such matters; there is recourse only for affected individuals to pursue via the County Council where it is a "frequent" occurrence, with a potential abatement notice. Feasibility of an annual communal bonfire discussed, using a central disposal point for garden waste material; challenges include no community land available and whether the persons who burn refuse in their own gardens would use it. Articles in the Lopen Eye had been posted a number of occasions in the past with appeals to residents to be considerate of their neighbours. Circular letter to all residents was discussed. **Action** : Another request to residents to be put into Lopen Eye.

**348/18 Items 11 & 12** on Agenda deferred to a subsequent meeting.

**349/18 Next Meeting Date** : Resolved for Tuesday 18 September.

**350/18 Payment of invoices** :

020718	SALC	Planning Training (attended by JF) :	30.00
290618	Footprintz	Printing (Lopen Eye) - May	45.00
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**351/18 Any other matters to note** :

- Councillor Canton raised an issue on behalf of a resident who was bothered by lack of light at their property; informed the resident should speak direct to their neighbour or to the Planning Department.

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- Dog waste : A resident raised the issue of increased dog poo appearing in the village. It was thought it seemed to increase during holiday periods so may well be the result of visitor's dogs rather than local's dogs. Reference could be made in the Lopen Eye.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm.

For the purposes of minute taking the meeting was recorded.