

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at The Orchard Centre

MINUTES

Present **Councillors** – Hemsworth (Chairman), Briant-Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Clinch, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Doe, Cllr Graham, Cllr Phillips Cllr Clinch, Cllr MacLellan Cllr Wensley, Cllr Margaret Squires (County), Cllr Eginton (Ward) + Clerk.

5 MOP

Apologies Cllr Heal

01/07/17 **Minutes of the last meeting Ref 06/17 for signing** – These were signed after being agreed by all present.

Proposed – Cllr Graham

Seconded – Cllr Burrows

02/07/17 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Briant-Evans, Personal , HOLD + YC

Cllr Hemsworth- Personal, HOLD +YC

03/07/17 **Open Forum**

MOP – There has been a power cut within village in recent weeks. Trees overgrowing cables and ivy on the poles are thought to be the cause. Cllr Graham would provide details of specific areas of concern to the clerk who would then inform Western Power.

MOP – Heater in the Orchard Centre Archive cupboard, can this be fixed? Cllr Heal offered to fix this but has not, therefore Cllr Hemsworth and Graham would progress this themselves.

MOP – Chairman of Lapford Allotments attended to thank the Parish Council for paying the legal fees incurred in the purchase of the allotments.

MOP – Contractors were marking out the roads within the Parish. Is the badly scarred road surface in Orchard Way going to be dealt with? This is unknown. Cllr Squires will discuss this when she next meets with Highways.

MOP – Notice boards to be purchased by Lapford Project 2000 for the Orchard Centre. The Parish Council have agreed to recover the VAT as the purchase is for Council Property.

04/07/17 **Matters Arising**

- a. **Church Clock.** Options for repairing the Clock are still being considered. Graphic and Cumbria Clocks are being consulted.
- b. **Seat at Eastington.** The matter will be chased up by Cllr Hemsworth
- c. **Road Signage.** This is awaited but delivery is expected within the next few days.
- d. **Victory Hall. S.106 money.** The Clerk reported issues with this funding and would need to speak with Cllr Eginton on the matter. MDCC do not class the Victory Hall as an Open Space.
- e. **Defibrillator.** Cllr Hemsworth has investigated funding and costs which are likely to be approximately £600. The Clerk and Chairman will discuss options re funding this before the September meeting for further reporting.

Signed

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05/07/17 Youth Club Committee Update

Marketing and Sale of Land report.

Retrospective approval of s.106 with MDDC is required following the discussions with MDDC and YC. The Clerk had signed the agreement with MDDC which split the s.106 payments required for both sites rather than one payment. The purchaser of either site will pay 50% of the 106 monies that have been paid by the architect.

Retrospective approval for the Parish Council to enter into the s.106 agreement was agreed by all present.

Proposed – Cllr Graham

Seconded Cllr Burrows

The Clerk also provided details to all members regarding the contract for sale provided by the YC solicitor. Approval for the clerk to sign the contract for sale of plot 2 was agreed by all present.

Proposed – Cllr Graham

Seconded – Cllr Burrows

06/07/17 Village Website

It was felt that as the Parish Council do not know what levels of contribution might be received from other village organisations to the new site, the discussion should be left to the Regeneration Committee. In principal, the Parish Council will provide financial assistance but the figure is unknown at present.

07/07/17 Calor Community Fund application

a. Agreement to receive monies from fund.

Cllr Graham outlined the position. The Parish Council had been shortlisted as a finalist to receive £2500 and monies were required from the Funding received. The Parish Council agreed to hold funds received from Calor. This was agreed by all present.

Proposed- Cllr Hemsworth

Seconded- Cllr Burrows

b. Agreement to pay BT monies from funding received for installation of improved Broadband. The fund received would then have to be passed to BT. This payment was to be agreed by all present.

Proposed – Cllr Briant-Evans

Seconded – Cllr MacLellan

08/07/17 Highways

Chapter 8 Training – This took place on the 28/29th June. Cllr Graham, Ray Metcalfe and Ian Wilkie undertook this training. They can now supervise certain Highways Work within the Parish.

Skanscia appears to have taken over 60/70% of SWH duties. The remainder are to be subcontracted out. Certain traffic signs such as 'Stop / Go' signs maybe available to borrow from DCC. Maybe some of this could be utilised locally. Cllr Squires will investigate.)

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Conditions of Roads within Lapford

Cllr Squires has arranged a meeting with Steve Tucker to discuss road signage within the Parish. DCC are considering micro-asphalting the road through the village. The marking out on the road maybe something to do with this. It is also possible to utilize community pay back for village improvement jobs. The Clerk will investigate this with Highways.

09/07/17 Emergency Plan Committee

No meeting has taken place. Cllr Briant-Evans reported on the last Creedy LAG meeting. Drug gangs from elsewhere in the country are targeting vulnerable people in Devon. This issue is taking up a great deal of Police time. A further summary of the Devon Community Resilience Event was presented. The Emergency Plan Committee has further work to do.

Cllr Squires was asked what funds she has at her disposal to help with the purchase of emergency equipment for the village. She will investigate & clarify this in due course.

The sand bin at the bottom of the village has undergone a temporary repair. Funding is needed for a more robust container capable of holding a ton of sand.

10/07/17 Regeneration Committee restart.

It was felt that there are topics that relate to village infrastructure and improvement which could be considered further by a reconvened Regeneration Committee which has been dormant for a while. It was agreed to start this again. Cllrs Wensley, MacLellan, Graham and Hemsworth agreed to sit on this committee. A meeting date will be arranged separately.

11/07/17 Agreement to replace time lock at Orchard Centre toilets.

Cllr Hemsworth had reported security issues concerning the public toilets at the Orchard Centre. Theft of toilet paper had also taken place. The time lock needed to be reinstated. Cllrs Hemsworth and Graham agreed to investigate the state of the lock and potentially replace the mechanism.

12/07/17 Lapford Post Office Disruption.

There had been instances of IT hardware failing at the outreach post office in the Orchard Centre. These issues resulted in disruption / no service being provided. Cllr Hemsworth would write to Andrew Bailey from the Post Office seeking a resolution to the matter.

13/07/17 1. Finance

Payments In - £7000, anonymous donation for Devon AA Night Landing.

Account Balances

- a. Current account - £16,609.77
- b. Savings account - £4,915.71
- c. Loan stock - £983.98

Payments to be agreed

- a. Clerk – 31hrs @ £9.64 £298.84
Working from home allowance (4.33 x 4) – £17.32
Postage £2.08
- b. Log On garden Services - £20.00
- c. DPA Registration - £35
- d. Cumbria Clock Company - £168.00

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The above payments were agreed by all present.

Proposed – Cllr Burrows

Seconded – Cllr Graham

14/07/17 Planning

Ref: 17/00965/HOUSE Householder Application, registered 15/06/2017

Address: 3 Higher Town Court Rensley Lane Lapford Crediton Devon EX17 6FD

Description: Erection of a garden workshop and storage building

Parish: Lapford 33

Web link <http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=ORHFJGKS05K00>

No objections were raised on the application.

Ref: 17/00986/FULL Full planning application, registered 14/06/2017

Address: Lapford Lodge Boarding Kennels Lapford Lodge Lapford Crediton Devon EX17 6QU

Description: Variation of condition (3) of planning permission 01/02179/FULL to increase number of dogs to 30

Parish: Lapford 33

Web link <http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=ORKZBIKS02T00>

It was decided to make no comment on the application

Ref: 17/00793/FULL

Address: Lower Nymet Farm

Description: Retention of a slurry pit

Parish: Lapford 33

Web link: <https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OQ35JYKS02T00>

Concerns about the construction and water runoff into the local stream. Comments will be passed to MDDC.

15/07/17 District and County Councillor's report

Cllr Eginton (Ward) - The Local plan is to be partly examined at the start of September 2017. This will consider j.27/28 M5

Electric Car Charging points are going to be installed in some MDDC car parks.

Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. A review of this was provided to members. DCC are considering employment land / development land to cover the next 23 yrs. Land with good access to Exeter is sought. There is nothing foreseen in Lapford Parish.

Cllr Squires (District) HATOC meetings have taken place considering Highways and future traffic orders within the county. It is noted that the traffic speed limit at the top of the village requires relocating. Cllr Squires is in contact with Richard Chesterton on this matter.

16/07/17 Correspondence

- a. Cllr Graham, email 13/06/17 – Church Clock
- b. Jeanne Whittaker, email 16/06/17 – Post Office
- c. Youth Club Committee / Tozers Solicitors – Various

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17/07/17 **Member Statements**

Clr MacLellan - Email from the MOP regarding a bonfire on Barris Path.

The pavement at Mill Hill being partly blocked by trees causing an obstruction.

Dead end sign at Popes Lane needs clearing, a MOP has offered to undertake this work.

LYPFT – Can the Parish Council cover the cost of Insurance for the Playing field? The clerk seeks an invoice for payment in September.

Clr Graham –The sockets used by the Post Office in the Orchard Centre are loose. He will investigate repairing/tightening up their attachment to the wall.

Patient Participation Group. Wallingbrook Health currently have a disproportionate number of missed appointments with over 112 DNAs in June for both GPs and clinicians. After proper warnings and due checking for unknown issues, any repeat non-attendeers will now be at risk of being removed from the practice list, as they are denying these appointments to other patients Car Parking machines in Crediton. A fee is added if a debit card is used.

Clr Burrows – A MOP's daughter fell off her bike outside the school. JB to add an article in the LL regarding bikes for August.

Hedge at the bottom of the village may need to be cut again.

Clr Wensley – **A brief police report on crime statistics within the Village was presented to all members,**

There were no further topics for discussion and the meeting concluded at 21:45pm

Next Meeting – 6th September 2017

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