

**MINUTES OF LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2012  
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE, LAPFORD  
REFERENCE 10/12**

**Present:** Cllr Briant-Evans (took the chair), Cllr Burrows, Cllr P Heal, Cllr Wensley, Cllr C Heal (née Janes), Cllr Overend, Cllr Lee (County Cllr), Laura Mackie (Clerk), 3 MoP's

**Apologies:** Cllr Lacey, Cllr Doe, Cllr Eginton (District Cllr)

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

10/12/01 Minutes from the September 2012 meeting were read, amended, agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Burrows, seconded by Cllr Overend and agreed by all.

**OPEN FORUM**

10/12/02 A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had heard about the site meeting that took place recently at Lower Town Place to discuss a new proposed development. Cllr Briant-Evans advised that we had been given some plans by the architect, the week before this meeting but had heard nothing before of any planning application or a site meeting. The resident was concerned about the lack of communication from the applicant and how the site meeting was not advertised. Cllr Briant-Evans asked if Cllr Lacey could arrange a site visit as soon as possible.

10/12/03 A member of the public came to the meeting to thank the Parish Council for their support with the issue of Bengal Cats. Julia Ryder has helped significantly to push this forward but the issue has now been resolved by the owners moving away.

**MATTERS ARISING**

12/11/02 Cllr Lacey hasn't received the written quote from Mike Leach for the handrail along the Moorland View pathway. The clerk is to chase this with Mike. **Action: Clerk**

07/11/31 Cllr Wensley has been in touch with the solar lighting company but they now only sell retail and can not do a site visit. Cllr Heal offered to speak to a contact at Kier (At the Ashlands Development) to see if they have any advice or recommendations. **Action: Cllr Heal**

09/12/04 The glass in the bus shelter was discussed, and Cllr Heal presented a quote from MCA windows in Crediton for the replacement of the glass. MCA have quoted £168 for 10mm thick Tuff glass, or £220 for 6mm thick Armourclad glass which would be much stronger. The clerk is to speak to our insurers about the more expensive version and make a claim. **Action: Clerk**

09/12/24 The meeting with South Western Housing Society was discussed and the clerk is to place a notice in the Crediton Courier and Lapford Lookout and produce a few posters for the Post Office, Orchard Centre, notice board and Petrol Station. **Action: Clerk**

09/11/17 Some councillors handed in their job descriptions. The clerk is to put these together and type up. **Action: Clerk**

09/12/23 PCSO Dave Waring has responded to our letter and advised that he will try and attend our December meeting.

10/12/04 BT have advised that they do not plan to remove the phone box at Lapford Cross, however they have noted the bad state it is in and will be sending out an engineer.

**FINANCE**

10/12/05 A VAT repayment of £296.85 has been received

10/12/06 **Account Balances**

Current Account	£3395.95
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	Savings Account	£8405.68
	Loan Stock	£283.98
10/12/07	<b>Invoices</b>	
	Julie Down – Plants for flower box -	£50.96
	Country Matters – Clearance of paths -	£672.00
	Mrs Dudderidge – Electricity Supply -	£65.00
	Clerk -	£141.96

### **PLANNING**

10/12/04 REF 12/01097/FULL – The application for the construction of a dormer window at Argosy, Lapford has been approved.

10/12/05 REF 12/01297/FULL – Information on a new application for the retention of an extension at Lapford MOT and Service Station has been received. Cllr Heal advised that this application was to clarify the layout of the car parking area as the Planning Committee have put enforcement action on the garage regarding this area. Cllr Overend proposed we recommend approval of the application. This was seconded by Cllr Wensley and agreed by all. Clerk to advise planning officer.

10/12/06 REF 12/01306/MFUL – Information on a new application has been received for the installation of a solar farm at Ellicombe Farm, Morchard Road. There were no objections to this application as it would not affect Lapford residents. Clerk to pass on to planning officer.

10/12/07 REF 12/01266/FULL – Information on a new application has been received for the erection of an extension at Prospect Cottage, Lapford. Cllr Burrows proposed that we recommend approval of the application. This was seconded by Cllr Wensley and agreed by all. Clerk to advise planning officer.

10/12/08 REF 12/00901/FULL – The application for the erection of a wind turbine at Rolstone Barton, Morchard Bishop, has been withdrawn.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

10/12/09 MDDC have written to advise that due to continued budget cuts, they have decided to stop cemetery maintenance payments from 2013. We will need to bear this in mind for the Precept budget at our December meeting.

10/12/10 MDDC have sent their draft Mid Devon Local Plan. Councillors looked at the Lapford section of this plan. There were no concerns other than clarifying that the Playing Field will remain as an important recreational site. Clerk to respond. **Action: Clerk**

10/12/11 Devon Community Recycling Newsletter ‘Junk Mail’ has been received.

10/12/12 Information from DCC has been received regarding changes to Devon Heritage Services and the way that documents are kept and made available. A copy of this information was passed over to the Archive Committee member present.

10/12/13 An invitation has been received for Lapford Pre-School’s Fun Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Cllrs noted this date.

10/12/14 A thank you letter has been received from Rowan Peto for her sundial gift.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

10/12/15 Cllr Briant-Evans advised that Chulmleigh Community College’s new build has started. 14 New classrooms will be built at a cost of £1.8m. The build should be finished by March.

10/12/16 Government are changing the way it finances education therefore Cllr Briant-Evans thought that we should carefully monitor this situation.

10/12/17 Cllr Briant-Evans has distributed minutes from the Creedy Local Action Group.

10/12/18 The Next Steps committee meeting is being held tomorrow at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre.

10/12/19 Cllr Briant-Evans advised of the recent Big Breakfast held to help fund the Jubilee Celebrations. £62.49 has been given to the clerk to bank. Unfortunately the printing of the calendar following the photographic competition will no longer be going ahead. An update on the Jubilee Committee account was distributed and although we are not quite at a break-even, it was agreed that the committee have done extremely well to get to this position with the amount of events and activities arranged. The Jubilee Celebrations as a whole have been a huge success.

10/12/20 Cllr C Heal asked if an advertisement will be placed in the Lapford Lookout for the Councillor positions. It was agreed that a notice and councillor job description should be placed in the magazine. **Action: Clerk**

10/12/21 Cllr C Heal advised that the Youth Forum and Playing Field Trust decided at the recent Playing Field Trust AGM to merge as one group. Cllr C Heal and Cllr Overend are the joint chairpersons with Jo Cann as vice-chair. Laura Mackie is to act as the secretary. The overall cost of the developments is estimated to be around £50,000 however it is hoped that Lottery and Sports England funding may be sought for this. It was thought that we would need to look at the Land Registry and possibly gaining Charity Status. It was thought that Parish Councillors would now need dispensation to discuss this at our meetings. Clerk to arrange and update. **Action: Clerk**

10/12/22 Network Rail will be replacing a stretch of railway line including that through Lapford. Eggesford level crossing will be closed for one night at the beginning of January. This has been passed on to the Lapford Lookout for inclusion in the magazine in December/January.

10/12/23 There have been rumours that Turners Tours are closing down. The clerk is to write to them to seek further information. **Action: Clerk**

10/12/24 Cllr Wensley raised concerns about the overgrown hedges along the A377 by Popes Wood. After discussion it was agreed the clerk would contact Caroline Noon to get advice on who owns this land. **Action: Clerk**

***There were no other items to discuss therefore the meeting was closed. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 7.30pm in the Congregational Church Hall, Lapford.***