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| **LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  **Monday 19thJune 2023 at 7pm**  **Committee Room, Lambley Village Hall** |

**Present: Parish Council Members**: Cllrs. D Edwards, L Milbourn, J Loftus, S Harraway,

K Stevenson, R Vincent, A Musson, H Greensmith, B Elliott

Parish Clerk: Ewa Strumnik – minute taker

**In attendance**: Philip Cox, Church Warden, Holy Trinity Church, Karen Hayter (Acting Chair, Reed Pond),

Members of the Public: Ian Kassell, Clare Devine, Judith Clough**,** (Lowdham Nature)

**23.39 Apologies**

Julie Gregory

**23.40 Declaration of Interest**

Chair – planning re: Barn Farm.

**23.41 Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome to Ian Kassell, Clare Devine, Judith Clough**,** Karen Hayter

Ian introduced a new group, ‘Lambley Nature’ to the meeting. An information sheet was distributed outlining the aims. They would like the assistance of the Parish Council and the County Council. He asked for clarification of who cuts the verges – the Chair outlined the various areas and who is responsible. The group is concerned about all the verges where there are cowslips and daisies as these are an important environment for insects and a food source for birds, asking if they could be cut later. The Chair explained that areas would need to be selective due to health and safety factors, i.e. residents pulling out of drives and people walking on roads as verges are overgrown. The Chair suggested a walk around the village to consider various areas which may or may not be suitable. Ian has approached several local garden centres about providing free planters for the village; again these would need to be placed in agreed areas. Cllr. Elliott offered to accompany the walk round as the County Council has a stake in this due to highways issues and previous experiences of similar schemes. Lambley Nature would like Lambley to be the Greenest Village in Nottingham. There is to be a nature slot in the Magazine. Chair & Cllr. Elliott to contact IK to arrange a suitable time for walk around the village.

**23.42 Minutes of the Meeting held on15th May 2023 & Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2023 were approved subject to the following amendments:

**Page2:** Cllr Starr has been liaising with the School and the contractors who installed the metering for the gas at the school. Despite best efforts, utility readings for gas are still not available. The Chair made the comment that it now may be time to try to establish a fair weighted average. Chair asked for the Parish Councillors to indicate if they agreed it was now time to try to move this forward in terms of a weighted average and all agreed. Chair to contact Village Hall Committee to see whether there has been any communication and to try to move this forward with the School.

**Page 3:** Cllr. Elliott reported no change to the bus services.

**Page 4:** Cllr. Stevenson reported that the fallen tree in the Dumbles is still there. Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Musson offered to remove this. Cllr Stevenson / Cllr Musson to arrange to do this.

Acceptance of the minutes were proposed by Dawn Edwards and Lawrence Milbourn.

**Matters Arising:**

No matters arising which are not covered on the agenda.**23.43 Reed Pond – Update**

Karen Hayter reported that 2 new benches have been erected and seed beds are still marked out – the poles will stay until summer. There is an ash tree on the boundary which may become unsafe – this will be monitored. They have £1200 and no outstanding outgoings. Since the Fundraising meeting, a Garage Sale has been organised – this needs to be advertised more. There was talk of someone donating some money to the reed Pond Group and Karen has thought of various options together with costings. It was suggested that ‘Go Fund Me’ was a good way to raise money for projects.

**23.44 Cllr B Elliott & Cllr H Greensmith updates.**

**Councillor B Elliott**

Cllr. Elliott expressed his apologies for not attending the meeting in May.

**Overhanging trees on Steeles way**

There is some question re: who planted the trees and whose responsibility they are. It is not thought that they belong to the Parish Council. Cllr. Greensmith to approach GBC to ask again if they will inspect and cut back the trees as necessary.

**Gulley cleansing**: Gulley cleansing is done cyclically. When workers came to carry out the work, cars were parked on the gullies and they were unable to proceed. Cllr. Elliott to give dates of cleansing and these will go in the Parish Magazine - people will be asked not to park on the gullies.

**Bollards and railings on Park Lane to be repaired:** Cllr. Elliott confirmed that these will be repaired. Inspectors have been to see the bollards but the outcome is not yet known.

**Catfoot Lane interactive speed sign**: The CC have declined funding. Cllr. Elliott will continue to lobby the council.

The interactive speed sign on Spring Lane doesn’t appear to be working – Cllr. Elliott will raise this issue.

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**Potholes in the village/infill of the Gypsy Bank/parking issues**: The council are looking at possible changes to the bank.

Cllr. Elliott will look into the large tree stump on Lowdham Lane.

**Councillor Greensmith**

Cllr. Greensmith gave her apologies for not attending the meeting in May. She reported that she would be sitting on the Audit Committee as well as the Planning Committee at GBC going forward. She said that she would be making a declaration of interest to the committee.

She has been approached by several residents re: Neighbourhood Watch. Ian Kassell is happy to coordinate this and he and Cllr. Greensmith will get together to discuss details.

Cllr. Loftus let Cllr. Greensmith know that a lady has been intermittently living in her car on Catfoot Lane. Cllr. Loftus to attempt to give the lady Cllr. Greensmith’s mobile number re: the Homeless Service.

**23.45 Village Maintenance**

Cllr. Musson reported that the baby swing was unsafe and needs to be replaced, Cllr. Loftus to have a look at quotes for a suitable replacement.

Mr Cox reported that the damaged lamp post outside the church gate had still not been removed. Chair to report to GBC.

**23.46 Parish Plan Update**

Cllr. Milbourn reported that only 2 responses have been received re: traffic and speeding. It was agreed that another reminder to residents to register for responses to go in the Magazine.

Following a suggestion that a QR code would make it easier for some people to respond,

Cllr. Milbourn to create a QR code on the website and magazine.

**23.47 Annual Internal Audit Report (attached)**

Unanimously approved.

**23.48 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23**

1. **To consider assertions in the AGAR statement (page 4)**

Unanimously approved.

1. **2022/23 Year End Accounts – Signing of AGAR**

Signed by Chair and Clerk

**23.49 Finance**

**Expenditure/Income/Budget**

The clerk will present the financial statement for June and July at the next meeting.

Clerk to update the signatories on the bank account and remove Catriona Saxton

**Payments for authorisation**

13 payments totalling £2,199.52, were approved for payments and signed.

**23.50 Update Financial Regulations & Standing Orders**

Both were reviewed and will be updated.

**23.51 Planning Applications**

No new applications. Cllrs. were asked to sign to indicate they had seen published plans.

**23.52 Magazine Update**

Nothing to report

**23.53 Correspondence**

No correspondence received, only updates from the CC.

**23.54 Any Other Business**

Cllr. Harraway gave an update on the trees in the cemetery. She met with Monty Hough, the GBC Tree Officer on 23 May. Many of the boundary trees are becoming overgrown and it may be advisable to start looking at ways to maintain this boundary.

This matter to be discussed fully at the next meeting. Parish Clerk

Cllr. Loftus suggested the purchase of a debit card reader for village events. To be discussed at the next meeting. Parish Clerk

Mr Cox voiced concerns over the state of the path from Steeles Way to the church yard. Cllr. Edwards to report this again.

A vote was held regarding gaining legal advice on an outstanding dispute in the cemetery. Chair to contact GBC Solicitors for costs

**23.55 Date of Next meeting:**

Monday 17th July 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.16pm