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| **LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  **Monday 17thJuly 2023 at 7pm**  **Committee Room, Lambley Village Hall** |

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

K Stevenson, R Vincent, A Musson, H Greensmith, C Starr

Parish Clerk: Ewa Strumnik – minute taker

**In attendance**: Philip Cox, Church Warden, Holy Trinity Church

Tim Tritton, Maintenance

Ann Gee, Village Hall Representative

**23.56 Apologies**

Cllr Loftus, Cllr. B Elliott

**23.57 Declaration of Interest**

None

**23.58 Welcome and Introductions**

Introduction to Tim Tritton

**23.59 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th June 2023 & Matters Arising**

**Pg. 2** Cllrs Musson and Stevenson have removed the fallen tree.

The gullies were reported but have not been cleaned, chamber has been emptied but water is not running off.

**Pg. 3** Three more responses have been received re: Parish Plan with concerns about traffic, speed of traffic and parking.

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

**Matters Arising:**

No matters arising which are not covered on the agenda.

**23.60 Cllr H Greensmith updates.**

**Councillor Greensmith**

Cllr. Greensmith has been asked to convene a public meeting with the PSCO following a number of burglaries/ attempted burglaries to put residents’ minds at rest and to give advice on safety and security. The village needs some police presence. She is looking into Neighbourhood Watch signage and will refund the Parish from her budget if the signs are purchased. She will liaise with Chair re: public meeting. Cllr. Greensmith has received emails re: youngsters on bikes and scooters. She has emailed GBC re: the trees on Steeles Way, they will respond in due course. She reported that GBC no longer provide dog bins, just multiwaste bins. She advised that any dog dirt on roads etc. should be reported. 2 multiwaste bins have been delivered to the park, one will be moved to Mill Lane (GBC would need to be informed re: rubbish collection).

Chair to forward an email received from Katie Oakley re: Christmas lights connection to Cllr. Greensmith to investigate.

23.61 Flooding – update

Cllr**.** Milbournreported there were a few problems with blocked gullies and water on roads, he has reported this to Highways again who repeat that they will email updates.Tim advised that he’s not able to clear the dyke due to its design. It would be very helpful if there was an anchor point to fit a harness at the back. Severn Trent are not responding to reports of overflowing sewers. Cllr. Milbourn reported that all the drains were squirting sewerage down Main Street during the heavy

downpours. This will be reported to GBC by Cllr. Greensmith and Chair**.** The pump on Spring Lane was fixed after making a loud noise, so the problem should not reoccur. The council has been advised that the pump will get a permanent housing (a date when this will be done is needed).

**23.62 Village Maintenance**

**Tim gave an update**

The gas strut on the MUGA gate needs to be replaced. Tim has provided a quote of £195.00 to supply and fit a new one. The quote and the work to be carried out were approved by the committee.

A complaint has been received from a resident about ivy growing onto her garage roof and a Hornbeam tree dropping leaves onto her property. Unfortunately the tree is on the boundary and not the responsibility of the Parish. Tim’s contact details to be given to the resident to have the work carried out privately.

Some residents may be advised that their shrubs and trees may need to be cut back to allow people to walk on pavements (Church Street / Cockerbeck) – Cllr. Gregory to talk to several homeowners.

The bench at the Reed Pond has been moved again. Cllr. Gregory to ask the Woodland Trust if they are moving it.

Laurels are encroaching on graves and will need to be cut back together with the holly.

Monty Hough from GBC advised Cllr. Harraway that the ash trees, which form part of the cemetery boundary, have ash die-back and will need attention. This may need to be budgeted for – Cllrs. Harraway and Musson and Tim to meet with Monty and plan the way forward.

There is spoil in the boundary shrubs which needs to be removed.

The old wooden planters will need to be replaced due to decay. Ian Kassell advised at the last meeting that some local garden centres have offered new ones free of charge. The council would be happy as long as their signage is not loo large (4” x 2” ideally).

The school car park is being resurfaced between 26 July – 5 September. The MUGA will be closed for the duration and there will be no vehicular access – Cllr. Gregory to put a notice in the Parish magazine.

Tim provided quotes at the April Council meeting to update the play park by replacing the rotten posts and painting - £1,435. The other quote was to paint the railings around the village which was £1,500. The Parish Council have approved the quote and are happy for Tim to proceed with the work.

The corner of Main Street and Orchard Rise looks lovely in Spring but is very messy for the last three months of the year. The Reed Pond Committee are keen to protect wild flowers however it is a difficult balance with the village looking messy and receiving complaints from residents especially with No Mow May. Cllr. Boyd and Chair to suggest smaller ‘wilding’ areas which are clearly signposted.

The area at the bottom of Catfoot Lane outside the Lambley Pub needs to be cut back.

The plants in the playground border need to be tidied and will be filled with winter plants / shrubs.

**23.63 Finance**

**Expenditure/Income/Budget**

£2,200 is earmarked for Bonfire Night – a notice to go in the village magazine asking if anyone is interested in being part of a sub-committee. Cllr. Gregory to ask around if anyone is available to organise the fireworks.

**Payments for authorisation**

4 invoices to pay totalling £2,199.52, were approved for payment and signed.

**23.64 Planning Applications**

Clerk to send out to all Councillors and Cllr Milbourn to continue putting on dropbox.

**23.65 Road Safety – update**

Cllr. Gregory has emailed Trevor Parkinson, the PCSO regarding issues. A resident was recently walking past an overgrown garden with her child in a buggy and had her elbow hit by a passing car - this has really shaken her. Chair advised the homeowner what had happened and the hedge has now been cut back. If residents have been advised that they need to cut back bushes/shrubs due to safety of pedestrians and this is not done within a certain period of time, Highways will cut them back and they will be charged.

Some of the roads in the village are very narrow but there has been a lot of inconsiderate and illegal parking. This has been a regular complaint re: the Parish Plan and a police presence would help.

Cllr. Harraway will contact several people and see if they would volunteer to stand with a speed gun (Cllr. Gregory has it).

**23.66 Magazine Update**

Cllr. Gregory has successfully found lots of advertisers and has added another 4 pages this month.

The magazine is making a profit after printing costs, with £70 received in donations. Cllr. Gregory runs the magazine herself but needs some help.

**23.67 Correspondence**

The Clerk has received several emails, three regarding overgrown shrubs/bushes and one regarding the scattering of ashes in the cemetery. All queries have been responded to.

**23.68 Any Other Business**

Several drains are blocked. Cllr. Gregory reported that the bottom of the Bridle Path is in a terrible state and the path to the Reed Pond is very overgrown so much so that it’s virtually impossible to cross the road. The shrubs need taking right back to the grid. Cllr. Musson has offered to cut this back as a matter of urgency.

Glynys Parr would like to pay £500.00 for a bench in memory of her daughter.

Cllr. Gregory has offered her field for car parking for the village show if it is dry.

Ann Gee has offered to paint the railings at the end of Church Street; the council will reimburse her for the paint. She will let Tim know when this will be done and he will cut back the shrubs beforehand.

The Village Hall is quite busy and has several bookings.

Cllr. Starr commented that there is still no cover on the detector at the ARC. The O & M manual has been reviewed and Cllr. Starr will check it before it goes out.

The council will wait for a 6 month run before agreeing to a joint user agreement. Water and gas are both in credit.

Helen Spencer from GBC has advised that there is no budget to repair the footpath from the church to Orchard Rise – Cllr. Elliott to be contacted.

The Parish Council container in the car park will need to be moved back to the current place once the resurfacing has been done as it requires hard standing.

Cllr. Starr voiced concerns regarding security at the playground. He put forward two options regarding CCTV. There was a discussion around the costs, whether the school would contribute half of cost or whether we could apply for a grant to include the playground refurbishment. Cllr. Starr is happy to get further quotes from local businesses.

Cllr. Loftus has forwarded a quote of £125 for a new swing seat.

Chair reported that she had spoken to a Nottingham College, Construction representative who explained that they were interested in finding community projects to work on under supervision. They would be interested in any sort of construction project as work experience for their students. The project manager would come and assess the project to check if suitable. Chair commented that the toilets at the school need updating and Cllr. Harraway said she would be happy to supply the finishers. Decorating in the village hall and new decking / viewing platform at the Reed Pond could also be possibilities. Ann Gee suggested that a new front door/entrance to the school could be considered too. Mick Conroy to be asked what needs to be done in school.

**23.69 Date of Next meeting:** 17 September 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.20pm