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| LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  Monday 16 December 2024 at 6.30pm  Committee Room, Lambley Village Hall  DRAFT |

ACTIONS

Present: Parish Council Members: Cllrs. D Edwards, L Milbourn, K Stevenson,

C Starr, J Loftus, J Gregory

Parish Clerk:EwaStrumnik – minute taker

In attendance: Philip Cox, Church Warden - Holy Trinity Church, S Bird – Reed

Pond Committee Chair, Jane Proctor, Rose Melvin

25.90 Apologies

Cllrs H Greensmith, B Elliott, S Harraway, R Vincent, A Musson, A Gee

25.91 Declaration of Interest

None

25.92 Welcome and Introductions

None

25.93 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November 2024 & Matters Arising

The gravel has been cleared from the bottom of the drive on Church Street

25.94 Cllr B Elliott & Cllr H Greensmith updates

Apologies

25.95 Village Maintenance

Cllr Starr reported that the defibrillator has been checked and the Village Hall lights

have been repaired. The solar lights in the car park have been cleaned, now we

need to wait to see if they work or whether new batteries are required. The tap in

the cemetery needs to be rectified – the tap was facing in the wrong direction. The

Chair will take a look and will ask Cllr Musson if it has not already been done.

The painting of the playground fencing has not been started yet due to the weather.

Cllr Milbourn attended the Gedling Conference where he asked about the clearing of

gullies. The gullies were marked there and then and a report was sent. Within 2

days an inspection was made and work has now been scheduled.

Cllr Starr has asked Cllr Elliott re: lighting columns, he said he would chase and

report back to Cllr Elliott. The light is not working at the bottom of the school drive –

the supply authorities need to come and check.

Gedling BC has recommended that Parish Councils need to increase their precepts

by 10% to cover for increases. Lambley PC made an increase of 4.98% last year.

The government is proposing to restructure councils.

CHAIR

The PC budget is line with expectations. Bonfire Night made a profit this year.

Organisers would like to spend some of the money on the cemetery and the

green space. The PC is not for profit and where we can we will contribute towards community engagement once priority areas around the village are catered for. Cllr Gregory suggested giving £127.50 from the money raised from the Laughing Lambley meal to the Reed Pond. More thought will be

given to grant funding and updating the playground. Cllr Gregory has received a

quote for the removal of the fallen laurel at the cemetery. 2 more days have been planned for the cutting back of shrubbery from the cemetery boundaries.

25.96 Finance

Clerk presented 11 invoices for payment totalling £4341.80.

25.97 Planning Applications

An application to crown several trees at the Reed Pond has been submitted.

The Planning Officer at GBC is going to produce a report showing what can be taken

into consideration and what can’t.

25.98 Shared Used Agreement

Chair has not heard anything. People have been upset about the situation and the feeling is that perhaps we should draw a line under recent events and start again.

Chair will contact the School Head. The school is not sharing the costs of upkeep of

the Village Hall – it was suggested that the PC may need to now consult with the

County Council and speak to Cllr Elliott. Cllr Milbourn will attend the next Village Hall

Committee meeting on 22 January.

25.98 Reed Pond

The laying of the western hedge in the Midland style has been completed. It will encourage rejuvenation, and in time should flourish and produce berries and colour.

Cllr Musson has cut back brambles, exposing 2 farm-size gates. A metal gate is on

the Reed Pond House side and the field gate is on the Reed Pond side. The ditch

has been cleared and is draining into the Cocker Beck. Volunteers have helped to

clear out a lot of reeds to open out the western and southern aspects and live

minnows have been found. More work will need to be done on the east side. An application has been submitted for crown lifting. S Bird has had a meeting and correspondence with the GBC Ecology Manager re: what they can offer to the Reed

Pond.

The meadow will require more frequent mowing. The north meadow is being looked

at as a community orchard with a mix of fruit trees. Ian Kassell is very enthusiastic,

he has the fruit trees, the orchard just needs mapping out. The nettles there are a problem and they need to be mowed regularly to get rid of them. Blackthorn also has to to be dealt with and this is very intensive work. Sadly there are not enough volunteers.

The reeds need to be pulled out by the roots and this may need to be done

mechanically. Ian Hemming from the Trent Rivers Trust has helped with the reeds.

Frank Knowles had advised that the reeds will take over if they are not controlled.

The Reed Pond have a contact in Daybrook re: signage and they will get the signs

priced up with favourable terms. Some of the signage in the village needs to be

replaced due to rotting posts – composite / metal posts will need to be looked at.

Cllr Stevenson will organise the signs and frames and will liaise with S Bird. Jackson Timber give a 25 year guarantee.

CHAIR

The school has been in contact re: the planting of cowslip and fritillary seeds and has asked if more benches could be installed (for 30 children). The school will be asked

for a contribution towards the cost.

The questionnaire was put online. 30 responses have been received and 20 paper responses. The results will be available shortly.

S Bird has had a conversation with Jacksons in Lowdham re: free drone surveys to

plot the boundaries. It is easier to see the boundaries now that the shrubbery has

been cut back.

It was decided that any sort of storage at the Reed pond was not a good idea due to security.

25.99 Church Maintenance

The garden has been tidied and moss has been cleared from the path. No trees

were blown down during the recent storms. Good reports have been received about

the garden.

There was a note of thanks for the £160.00 donation received from the Laughing Lambley lunch. £327.00 was raised and 28 people attended.

26.00 Correspondence

Thanks to Cllr Stevenson for his work in the cemetery following the email received

from the Hines family. All is now resolved. Wild hawthorn has been cut back and headstones have been uncovered. Clerk to ensure that the grave row and number

are on the back of new headstones as per the cemetery regulations (4.1.18).

**26.01 Any Other Business**

Cllr Gregory has resolved the issue with the speed gun charger which was not

charging as it should, after sending it off for checking, a replacement is to be

returned free of charge.

More sponsors are needed for the magazine. The printing costs have gone up and

Cllr Gregory has sourced a cheaper printer in Hucknall. A discussion took place as

to whether any extra costs of the printing should come out of the precept

The Opera Dudes are returning on 22 March to Laughing Lambley and the Land Lubbers will let them know if they would like to do a supporting act.

Complementary remarks have been received regarding the Christmas tree.

Nothing has been heard from Highways re: Bonfire Night.

There has been no update re: the school boiler house.

The asset list is on dropbox and has been emailed to everyone. Cllr Starr has added nominal values. The issue of whether there are insurance implications will be

discussed at the January meeting.

At the Parish Conference attended by Cllr Milbourn, it was pointed out that we

should have formal sub-committees for finance and HR. The clerk, Cllrs Vincent and

Gregory are the Finance sub-committee. The Chair and Vice Chair plus another councillor for the HR sub-committee. Cllr Milbourn will add these to the website.

Helen Spencer to be sent an email re: large puddle which is not draining opposite the old school room as the pavement has sunk.

Clerk

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Cllr Milbourn

Chair expressed her thanks to everyone on the committee. She thanked everyone

for their hard work, everyone does a lot for the village and much goes unseen or recognised.

The Christmas lights switch on was a success. The date of the village lights switch

on is always 1 December. Perhaps we could have a joint switch on with The Lambley

pub.

**Date of next meeting: 20 January 2025, 6.30pm**

**Meeting closed at 7.55pm**