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| LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCILMinutes of the Parish Council Meeting held onMonday 16th September 2024 at 6.30pmCommittee Room, Lambley Village Hall |

ACTIONS

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

C Starr, A Musson, R Vincent, J Loftus.

Parish Clerk: Ewa Strumnik – minute taker

In attendance: Philip Cox, Church Warden - Holy Trinity Church. , Rose Melvin and Annette Gunn

25.42 Apologies

Cllrs S Harraway, B Elliott, H Greensmith

25.43 Declaration of Interest

None

25.44 Welcome and Introductions

Stephen Bird, Chair of the Reed Pond Committee

25.45 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 July 2024 & Matters Arising

**Pg.3** The flooding grant has been received from GBC. Chair fed back following a meeting with Josh. He is waiting for a quote from the Trent Rivers Trust (TRT) to identify where natural barriers may be feasible. Discussion took place regarding flooding signage. The barriers are 1.5m long and will not fit into the storage boxes. Cllr Gregory suggested that they could possibly be stored in the vicarage yard.

Thanks to the Chair for the Village Show.

Cllr. Starr advised that generators used for Bonfire Night will need to be tested and certified. Vendors have been asked to supply their own generators.

Last year’s Christmas lights have not been removed by the contractor and several are now hanging down. GBC are going to use the same contractor this year and it was suggested that they are contacted and asked for a lower quote this year as the contract stated that lights would be removed. Chair to contact them.

Cllr. Elliott to be asked to look into the progress re: damaged grates.

Western Power to be asked if they will cut back the roadside Reed Pond

House hedge

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The road markings opposite 44 Main Street are faded and will need to be re-

painted.

25.46 Cllr H Greensmith

Apologies.

25.47 Cllr B Elliott

Apologies

25.48 Village Maintenance

Tim to be asked to attend the next PC meeting. We need to check that Tim isn’t carrying out work which is the schools responsibility.

ACTION: Mick Conroy, Tim, Cllrs Starr and Vincent to check Tim’s responsibilities.

The resident at 27 Orchard Rise, who requested the trimming of two trees, has

been informed that the budget is limited this year and so will be considered for next year.

The playground flooring is shrinking and damaged and there is possible splinter danger on some of the playground equipment. This will need to be looked at. It was suggested to use bark. A playground inspection will be carried out shortly.

25.49 Finance

Clerk reported that the AGAR had been submitted successfully and there are no actions required. The public notification to go on the website. Clerk presented the invoices for payment totalling £2186.94.

Cllr Vincent has updated the budget.

The 2nd payment to VB to be paid before the end of December.

Cllr Star raised concerns regarding the security of BACS payments. Currently the Clerk pays the invoices and it is suggested that payment is made by 2 people to prevent fraud. Clerk to look into this and report back.

25.50 Planning Applications

The 63 Green Lane application has been passed. Councillors are asked to make

their comments on the form on dropbox.

The battery storage application on Spring Lane is going to planning at the end of

this month - there have been a lot of objections.

25.51 Shared Use Agreement

The school have hired another after-school care provider and they are using

facilities at the village hall which have not been agreed and are not being paid for,

such as the kitchen and storage area. It has been decided to lock the kitchen door. There needs to be a formal lease. JPAC are still providing an after school service. The Parish Council are still paying 24% of the utilities and the school is claiming

that the budget prevents them from paying more. A more realistic percentage is

14%. Mick Cooper has written a draft letter to the head teacher. Ann Gee reported that the committee has been approached by a company wishing to set up a toddler group.

25.52 Reed Pond

Stephen Bird provided an update. The Reed Pond committee held a meeting last week and are holding their AGM on 26 September. Bonnie has been elected

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Cllrs Starr

& Vincent

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vice-chair. The meadow grazing sheep have now gone. The fences around the brambles have been taken down.

The NCCstrategyis lowland fen and there may be funding for bio-diversity. This proposal needs to be investigated for more fund raising within the group. A topographical survey is to be carried out to deal with flooding issues.

It was questioned whether there is a conflict of interest regarding Bonnie and for example the Reed Pond boundary and the owner of Red Pond House. Bonnie may need to step out of meetings if there is a conflict.

The boundary needs to be sorted out.

Disappointingly only 36 responses have been received to the questionnaire. Community support needs to be demonstrated. It was suggested that something to go in the village magazine, i.e. a tear out form and have collection points around the village. Also it was suggested that a form go in the bus shelter and library.

The proposed new co-opted members asked if they would like to be a member of the Reed Pond committee.

Thanks to Stephen for his update.

**25.53 Church Maintenance**

Nothing to report. No one turned up in August to tidy up due to the rain. The Grade 1 listed church tower is currently being re-pointed. Residents would like the church to be lit year round, not just at Christmas. An anonymous donor has requested 2 cuts of the grass in the churchyard. Tim is behind with grass cutting due to the weather. **ACTION** - Agenda item for next month.

25.54 Cemetery

Matt Hearn will be cutting back trees and foliage at the cemetery Tuesday and Wednesday this week, starting with the top end on the left-hand side.

The Cemetery Rules and Regulations have been updated and have been ratified at this meeting. Lambley Parish Council are now in line with neighbouring councils regarding costs and regulations. The increase in fees will go towards maintaining

the cemetery. No kerb stones are now allowed. Vice Chair to put the new

regulations and costs on the website.

Suggested that plaques be allowed at the Reed Pond.

25.55 Correspondence

An enquiry has been received regarding the use of an area for dog walking. Cllr Gregory to respond that there is nothing suitable.

25.56 Any Other Business

Cllr Starr gave the Vice Chair a further list of Parish assets.

Notification has been received from GBC re: Christmas lighting. The contractor should have removed the lights after Christmas but has not. It was suggested that we take £500 off the bill until the lights are removed this year. Chair to contact the contractor and ask them to have another look at the quote.

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The loft hatch in the hall needs to be secured.

A resident reported a lot of mud on Green Lane caused by a farm vehicle. Cllr

Gregory to contact the farmer. Cllr Starr would like a letter to be sent if this

occurs again.

Cllr Musson reported a large build up of wood on the bonfire site. He will burn this and spread the ash along the top hedge. He will tidy up the area before building

the bonfire this year.

Philip announced that there will be an extraordinary public meeting at the church to air any issues.

It is proposed that the Reed Pond arrange for the meadow to be cut 3 times a year, so that it is a tidy and useable space for people. Unfortunately the benches could not be used this year as the grass has been so high.

Discuss storage at the Reed Pond at next meeting – ACTION.

NCC have painted the railings on the pavement outside Cllr Milbourn’s house and on Park Lane. Clerk to send an email of thanks to the council and enquire if they are planning to paint the remaining railings in the village.

**25.57 Consideration of Interest Group Members**

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the 3 new parishioners joining the special interest group with immediate effect for an initial period of 6 months. Following this period a discussion will take place with a view to potentially making this permanent for the remainder of the election cycle.

**Date of next meeting: 21 October 2024, 6.30pm**

**Meeting closed at 8.48pm**

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