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| LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  Monday 21st October2024 at 6.30pm  Committee Room, Lambley Village Hall  DRAFT |

ACTIONS

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

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

Parish Clerk: Ewa Strumnik – minute taker

In attendance: Philip Cox, Church Warden - Holy Trinity Church, A Gee – Village

Hall, Rose Melvin, Jane Proctor

25.58 Apologies

None

25.59 Declaration of Interest

None

25.60 Welcome and Introductions

None

25.61 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2024 & Matters Arising

None

25.62 Councillor H Greensmith

Cllr Greensmith informed the meeting that a senior officer had committed a major,

£1 million fraud at GBC. The officer has been prosecuted and to date, £330.000 has been recovered and actions to recover more are being pursued.

A former councillor at GBC has been prosecuted and imprisoned for paedophilia.

The deputy leader of GBC, Michael Payne has stood down from this role now that he is is an MP.

Cllr Greensmith has some money in her councillors ’pot’ for the parish and will send

the forms for completion to the clerk.

Ian Kassell is querying the money for the Neighbourhood Watch items. Clerk to

check if these monies are still with the Parish Council.

25.63 Councillor B Elliott

Cllr Elliott reported that I Kassell has requested a crossing due to speeding and has also approached his local MP.

All the faulty lighting columns have been reported and should be completed within

10 days. Cllr Starr informed Cllr Elliott that a total of 11lighting columns were out and 6

are still to be replaced. He also reported that there is a new catenary, although this loosely fitted to prevent strain on the new lighting column on Church Street and the column is at an angle and is not straight.

Cllr Elliott will look into the painting of the railings on Main Street. Some have been done by NCC in other parts of the village and but the ones on Main Street have been missed out and have not been done for about 2 years – they were last done by NCC, they have not been painted by the council in the last 2 years as he had thought.

**Cllr**

**Greensmith**

**CLERK**

**Cllr Elliott**

There has been a lot of discussion at NCC and GBC about identifying and helping vulnerable elderly people in the parish – funding is available. Cllr Gregory informed

the meeting that she is organising a free, 3-course meal for elderly single people on

15 December – this will be advertised in the village magazine. It was suggested that the parish could resurrect ‘Lambley Volunteers’ as during COVID. A message will be put on WhatsApp to see if people are willing to help.

Cllr Elliott reported that the National Planning Policy Forum are looking to address

shortfalls in housing and this will go to consultation on 2 November. There is a 700 page document and the green belt is being looked at - there are changes to what is being referred to as ‘green belt’. Roads where the speed limit is 40mph cannot be considered for housing whereas roads with 30mph limits open up the green belt to development.

Cllr Elliott & Cllr Greensmith will explore CIL payments for Lambley as none have

been received despite several developments in the village. Clerk to email list of developments to Cllr Greensmith.

Cllr Gregory informed Cllr Elliott that Trevor Parkinson has organised a Speed

Meeting on Wednesday 13 November, 2 – 3pm about speeding and parking. It

has been suggested that the speed limit on Catfoot Lane be reduced to 40mph as

it is the national limit currently.

25.64 Village Maintenance

RAC Electrical have sent an email regarding the Christmas lights stating that there

are insufficient white strings for our tress available and it was agreed that the

that the shortfall could be made up of green pea lights as RAC suggested.

Chair has informed the resident on Orchard Rise that the trees would be discussed

next year as there are no funds currently available. It is thought that 2 trees need pruning and the Rowan tree is not dead as the resident thought. Cllr Starr queried

the status of the land as it has a lighting column which would make it adopted. However, GBC have confirmed that it is unregistered land.

Cllr Starr reported that Tim is behind with a lot of tasks, he will be asked to attend

the next meeting.

The solar light in the car park is not working. Cllr Starr to ask Infuse to come back

and get it working.

Cllr Loftus has noticed that the Spring Lane road sign has disappeared. Cllr Elliott to

be informed.

25.65 Finance

The budget will be reviewed fully at the next meeting. Letters to be sent out to local businesses asking for sponsorship of the Christmas lights – to be discussed at next

meeting.

Clerk presented 10 invoices for payment totalling £3815.41.

Clerk enquired whether Natwest have a 2-person security system when paying invoices. They advised that they do not have this. The parish council can either change banks to one which has this or as suggested, Cllr Milbourn and Cllr Gregory

to check bank payments online. Cllrs voted in favour of this.

Cllr Starr will enquire at Lloyds Bank.

Standing orders to be updated.

The Chair asked that all parish councillors take a look through the up to date budget sheet ahead of the next meeting as the main agenda item is the half yearly budget review.

**CLERK**

**Cllrs**

**Greensmith**

**&**

**Elliott**

Cllr Starr

25.66 Planning Applications

There are no new applications other an agricultural application. Councillors are

asked to make their comments on dropbox or email the Clerk and she will forward

the consensus to GBC.

25.67 Shared Use Agreement

It was decided that the Village Hall Committee will tell the school that 14% will be

paid rather than negotiate this.

Diane Proudfoot from JPAC has applied for a grant wraparound funding.

John Garton has provided a floor plan of the village hall. It appears that TB Sports

are using Village Hall facilities and leaving a mess which is causing issues for other tenants. The WI have reported it to H & S and have given it a deep clean.

School staffs also appear to be using the kitchen. A letter has been sent to the Head Teacher. It is thought that the Head didn’t realise that the kitchen did not belong to

the school. John Garton is going to change keys and put combination locks on all

the village hall doors. A meeting has been requested with the Head on 18 November before the Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meeting will therefore start

at 7.00pm.

25.68 Reed Pond Storage

Clerk to email Stephen Bird to confirm what needs to be stored.

25.69 Church Grass Cutting

2 additional grass cuts have been agreed. Cllr Gregory to arrange.

25.70 Flooding

There have been lots of flood warnings but no flooding in the village. The ditch

which was dug behind Church Street is working well. Thanks to Mr Proctor who has been keeping the grates clear on Dam Yard and Park Lane. Cllr Milbourn to order

the temporary portable flooding signs. Signs to go at the top of all entry points into Lambley, including Lambley Lane, Park Lane, Catfoot Lane, Spring Lane and Green Lane/Lingwood Lane to stop cars coming

into the village It was agreed to ask willing helpers to put signs out when necessary. Cllr Musson will put signs out on Park Lane.

25.71 Road Safety

There is a Road Safety meeting on 13 November as discussed. The speed gun has

not been working and Cllr Gregory has sent off the charger to be checked. The cost

of a new gun is £65 if required.

25.72 Magazine

The magazine is going well. Chair will put in a piece about sponsoring poppies.

25.73 Village Show Proceeds

£4488 has been received assuming the match funding from Barclays which is yet to

be received.

25.74 Cemetery

Our solicitor has received a letter from the complainant’s solicitor saying that the

plot and boundaries have not been maintained, however the PC have paid for work

to be done in that part of the cemetery. There is a holly tree approximately a metre

away from the plot. The removal of the tree was not part of the order. It was

Cllr Milbourn

CHAIR

agreed to ask the PC solicitor to respond on behalf of the PC, that the plot has been maintained and the tree is not on the plot. The PC has a report from Monty Haw

this confirms that the tree is not causing any issues and that GBC would be

reluctant to allow it to be removed or risked in any way as it is a mature holly.

One of the new grave plots has sunk substantially and Cllr Stevenson will ask the

grave digger to top it up.

Cllr Stevenson gave an update on the cemetery plots and recommended some

actions. It was agreed that no Row A plots to be sold as they are next to the boundary. The plots on Row B, designated for children will be moved to the top of

the cemetery on the right hand side – Row W and this will be reserved for children’s graves. 50-60 plots are available in the cemetery.

The PC received the very sad news regarding the death of Annette Gunn.

25.75 Correspondence

Chair has received an email from Jean Pardoe re: the Kings Award for Enterprise to nominate the Reed Pond Group.

25.76 Any Other Business

The Christmas Tree and Lights switch on is on Sunday 1 December at 6.00pm. WI to be informed. Francis to be contacted to see if she’d like to arrange a carol service at the church following the switch on.

£590 has been received in Christmas lights sponsorship – Please can you check this – not aware we’ve received any sponsorship. Clerk to send out letters to local business asking for sponsorship, list of businesses to be discussed at next meeting.

Cllr Harraway gave an update re: Bonfire Night. The event is being advertised on Facebook. A local residential children’s home would like to bring a group of children

as a silent fireworks display would be ideal for them. A group booking was

suggested with carers coming in free. Also a charity, Meow and Forever would like a stall and to have a tombola. 3 food stalls have been booked. Power supply was discussed. Andy Stanley is providing a generator for Dynamite Fireworks. It was suggested that extraexternal power points be put in but there would be difficulties due to shared use. Cllr Starr reminded the council that foodcertification is required. Cllr Musson will make the bonfire. It was suggested and agreed that 2 new payment machines be purchased for this and future events. Cllr Harraway to order them.

Cllr Harraway has looked into online ticketing for charities. Ticket Tailor charges 59p per transaction which is halved for charities and also offers Gift Aid.

The Reed Pond is not registered as a charity, Reed Pond Committee to discuss as this could be advantageous in terms of grants etc. Clerk to ask if this has been recently discussed when asking about the storage.

Cllr Milbourn will update the Asset List and requested that all councillors look through to see if they can put values on any of them.

**Date of next meeting: 18 November 2024, 7.00pm**

**Meeting closed at 8.40pm**

**Cllr**

**Harraway**

**Cllr Milbourn**