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| **LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  **Monday 16 October 2023 at 7pm**  **Committee Room, Lambley Village Hall** |

**Present: Parish Council Members**: Cllrs. L Milbourn, K Stevenson, R Vincent, J Gregory

A Musson, J Loftus, C Starr, S Harraway, B Elliott, H Greensmith

Parish Clerk: Ewa Strumnik – minute taker

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

**23.84 Apologies**

Cllr. D Edwards

**23.85 Declaration of Interest**

None

**23.86 Welcome and Introductions**

None

**23.87 Minutes of the Meeting held on18September 2023& Matters Arising**

**Pg. 2** Cable ‘duct’ has been installed

**Matters Arising:**

None

**23.88Councillor Elliott**

Cllr Elliott will be meeting with Cllr Starr re: missing electricity connection removed by NCC. Boyd has spoken to both Gedling and City Council in an effort to get this resolved and the situation is ongoing. Cllr Stevenson reported that the grates have still not been cleaned out. Cllr Elliott has given Cllr Starr the Calverton Parish Clerk’s telephone number re: discussing their CCTV. Double yellow lines are suggested re: the parking issue at the bottom of Orchard Rise. Cllr Elliott explained that to get this done is a lengthy process.

**Councillor Greensmith**

Cllr Greensmith is still chasing the police re: community meeting. The PC need to complete the necessary paperwork to receive the £400 from Helen’s community grant pot. The requested bin has been delivered. Ian Kassell needs to let Helen know the number of Neighbourhood Watch stickers required together with the costings (to go on bins and lamp posts). Someone has given Helen’s number as the village hall booking number. Mellish Rugby Club and Nottingham City Council are not holding Bonfire events this year which may mean that our event will be very busy. Parking could be an issue and it was decided to put cones down one side of the road. Street name signs go through Gedling BC.

The Council were made aware that Helen’s husband is very ill and Helen may not be as contactable as usual.

**23.89 Reed Pond**

Chair went to the AGM of the Reed Pond Committee. Karen Hayter is now officially the Chair and said she is happy to come to a future PC meeting. Chair voiced concerns that there looked to be a departure from Frank Knowles’s management plan which the Council wanted to be implemented as this seemed to be a sensible approach. It was reported that there is some pushback on this as several members of the Reed Pond committee are questioning Frank Knowles’s credentials. They don’t like the zoning aspects of the plan which the Council were very keen on to make it friendly for people as well as for wildlife. Chair also stated that there should be the ability to walk all around the pond. The committee are looking at Grant Funding and the Chair said that the PC would be happy to support any bids. The Chair asked if anyone was interested in attending the Reed Pond meetings. Cllr Musson volunteered to go as the committee regularly ask for his help. Cllr Loftus has also offered to attend.

**23.90 Flooding**

Chair has not had a response from Severn Trent so will chase. So far there have been no major problems despite some sharp showers. Some gulleys are not coping as they are full. Cllr Gregory to report again.

**23.91 Road Safety**

Clare Devine and 2 friends would like to carry out the traffic survey, Cllr Gregory has the camera. Someone trained will need to be with them. Traffic cables have been fitted on two roads in the village – Main Street and Spring Lane.

**23.92 Village Maintenance**

The playground is to be inspected on 17 October. Tim has replaced some loose planks on one piece of equipment. New posts are to be fitted next month. Cllr Musson to put the ‘tardis’ back.

Dangerous fly tipping on Catfoot Lane was reported today. The Chair has asked Tim to hold off on painting the railings until spring and the council can look at the budget. Chair has been told that the land between Mill Lane and Woodlark Bridge was gifted to the Parish Council, so it is responsible for the pollarding of the trees. Several homeowners have complained about the trees. Planning permission will not be required as it is not a conservation area. Cllr Musson asked to take a look at the trees (approx. 7 trees) and will obtain quotes.

A quote has been received re: the tree at the entrance to the cemetery, to make a way through and then plans can be made to clear some of the edges.

Several planters around the village need to be replaced. Cllr Gregory to ask Ian Kassell if he can still obtain new planters from local garden centres. Agreed that £30 should be the maximum spent on the flowers for each planter.

**23.94 Finance**

**Expenditure/Income/Budget**

Cllrs looked over the budget and bank balances**.**

**Payments for authorisation**

7 invoices to pay totalling £3,173.10 were approved for payment and signed.

**23.95 Planning Applications**

Starting from this month Gedling BC has stated that all comments will go on the website for the public to view.

There has been a change to the conditions re: the plans for 5 bungalows – a garage has been added to each bungalow which makes the footprint slightly bigger. Parish Council members are asked to respond to Ewa on dropbox.

**23.96 Bonfire Night**

It will start at 5.00pm. The licence has been obtained. Estimated numbers are 1000- it might be prudent to advertise that numbers are limited and cash is required for entry. Children under 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult. The working party are happy with the measures in place. Fencing is required around the alcohol sales area. It has been difficult to get first aiders. St John Ambulance can be at the event. They need to carry out an assessment first. They charge per person per hour and the cost will be approx. £211- this was agreed. Various food stalls have been booked and the agreement is that they give 10% of their sales to the Parish Council. The working party had requested a police presence but this appeared to be an issue as our local team will be on rest days. Cllr Musson will be making the bonfire early so that is in full bonfire mode sooner rather than later when everyone is leaving.

**23.97 Magazine Update**

Two donations of £50 each have been received. The magazine is making money and is being received very positively, residents are very complimentary.

**23.98 Correspondence**

An enquiry has been received regarding erecting a headstone for a relative in the cemetery. We will need a signed letter confirming that she is the closest living relative left.

**23.99 Any Other Business**

Vice Chair read out Chairs notes.

* A visitor was due to attend the meeting to talk about a potential sensory classroom at the school. Mick Conroy mentioned that the person wants to apply for a grant but needs proof of parish council/community support for it. There is a possibility that the garage could be removed and sensory classroom built there. Cllr Harraway is happy to meet with the Head Teacher.
* It was agreed at the last meeting that a cloud-based system would be used for the CCTV as a cheaper option. Mick Conroy was to speak to the school and governors about whether the school would be prepared to view the CCTV in the case of any incidents (as a safeguarding precaution). He was also going to ask about the use of electricity from the school and potentially the WIFI – the Chair has not yet had a response.
* Nothing has been heard about the shared use agreement since the last meeting.
* £4,478 was made at the village show. It was agreed that £1K would be donated to the Reed Pond once it is known what it will be used for.
* There is no update re: VB, we are waiting for the judge’s decision.
* Agreed that the Christmas tree lights switch on will be on 1 December at 6.00pm. Need to confirm that Boyd to open as usual. Ewa to confirm lighting arrangements with Gedling BC and whether some lights be put around the bus shelter. Cllr Gregory to contact the WI whether they will be making mince pies as usual. Christmas carols will be discussed at the next meeting.
* Letters for financial support will need to be sent out asap.
* Remembrance Day poppies on lamp posts are £10 per poppy.
* Cllr Gregory requested that the footpath up from the green space be widened as it’s too narrow.
* Clare Devine would like to organise a walk around the village re: re-wilding. Cllr Harraway to report back as this is ongoing.
* Cllr Starr has approached 4 contractors with detailed requirements re: CCTV for the car park, MUGA and playground and has obtained quotes. The general feeling is that we need something Cloud based that would involve the school - talks are needed with them. If they are not prepared to contribute perhaps we could still use their WIFI/internet. The ducting is under the car park, it will just need excavating at both ends. Cllr Starr also reported that we are no further on with the joint user agreement. The gas shut-off strut will be fitted by Tim. The heating system manuals are done but need to be checked.
* Cllr Gregory would like to change the colour of the railings – to be discussed at the next meeting.

**24.00 Date of Next Meeting: 20 November 2023**

**Meeting Closed:** 9.04pm