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| LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  Monday 17 February 2025at6.30pm  Committee Room, Lambley Village Hall |

ACTIONS

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

C Starr, J Loftus, R Vincent, A Musson, J Gregory, B Elliott, H Greensmith

Parish Clerk: Ewa Strumnik – minute taker

In attendance: Philip Cox, Church Warden - Holy Trinity Church, J Proctor, A Gee – Village Hall Committee, Michael Payne MP, Kyle Robinson-Payne, GBC Councillor

27.07 Apologies

Cllr Harraway, R Melvin

27.08 Declaration of Interest

None

27.09 Welcome and Introductions

Introduction to Michael Payne MP and Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne.

MP thanked the council for inviting him to the BESS public meeting.

He is aware of the concerns regarding the car parking charges at Gedling Country Park and speeding through the village. He thanked the PC for all that has been done re: Reed Pond.

Flooding is a massive concern and he has had a meeting with the Environment Agency. The government are providing funding nationally and he would like to gain a fair share of this for the local parishes affected. He has been in correspondence with Severn Trent.

Regarding the car park charges being introduced at Gedling Country Park, he strongly believes in a healthy society and thinks this should be free and a facility for all to use. He has made representations to the Council re: the potential impact on Spring Lane as parking will become a real cause for concern. The PC has not received official notification of the charge of £2 per session and a charge of £200 pa as an alternative. The Chair will make representations to GBC.

Mr Payne is interested to hear about the footpaths and pavements. The government and County Council need to work together. There has been uplift in funding re: state of roads however there is no quick fix. Spot repairs are a waste of taxpayers’ money and more needs to be done. He praised the councillors for their work and supports their excellent work. He will be returning on 28 March for a walk around the village.

Chair asked for his support for a specific issue which Cllr Elliott is aware of. The Council agreed to replace 2 grates however once one had been replaced they said that they could not fund the other as it was more expensive than they thought. These grates are vital for the prevention of flood water in the village. The PC has been advised that the creation of 10 leaky dams would alleviate the problems experienced, the cost being approximately £5000. The water comes down the Dumbles too fast, blocking the grates and flooding the village. The grills then need to be cleared

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of debris. The cost of the clear up following a flooding incident is high with road sweepers, road repairs etc. Surely prevention is a better alternative. £5000 is not a lot to ask for. However the PC are told that Lambley is not a priority. The PC have been told that the East Midlands do not get a fair share of funding from the Government. Mr Payne assured the PC that he will pick this up with Cllr Elliott.

The village has parking issues, especially at the school where parents park dangerously and illegally. The problem has been addressed regularly and the school has sent out notices and newsletters. Parents need to accept personal responsibility. The County Council need to work together with the Police. The finish time is staggered to try to alleviate the problem. A refuge area was suggested some time ago however the road is not wide enough for larger farm vehicles. Cllrs Greensmith and Elliott asked to write a joint letter, saying that the matter has been raised with Mr Payne.

The Reed Pond is on a 4 acre plot with one entrance from Church Street and one from Park Lane. The PC bought it from the Nottingham Wildlife Trust. There is a covenant stating no concrete is allowed on the ground and it cannot be built on. There are lots of opportunities to use this resource with the school and nursery.

Residents are using the road due to the camber on the pavements being on such a slant. This is obviously dangerous, especially with the street lighting not being bright. This is a real problem with the aging population of the village. Mr Payne suggested it is the responsibility of NCC and this should be raised with Cllr Elliott.

Cllr Starr raised the issue of speeding through the village. Mr Payne reported that the Government has introduced new legislation for County Councils, giving CC’s powers to reduce speed to 20mph in enforceable zones.

Cllr Stevenson raised the issue of the outdated pumping station. Mr Payne said that this has been raised by the Chair and he has written to Severn Trent.

Cllr Milbourn asked Mr Payne about the Government policy to relax building planning applications. There are potentially 600 housing sites which could be deliverable in the village which is short of infrastructure – no shop etc. Mr Payne said that he should be contacted when there are strong representations with a push for the need for infrastructure.

The PC did not receive any CIL money for the Davidson development opposite Catfoot Lane, despite land being used to enable the development and the disruption to residents. Mr Payne to look into this.

The PC are looking to improve the play park. Mr Payne suggested that the parish could apply to NCC who have an environment improvement fund. Also apply to Severn Trent for funding.

Mr Payne is happy to support the parish council. His constituency office is open 9-5 daily and he has a voicemail.

28.00 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2025 & Matters Arising

Cllr Stevenson has spoken to Lee Scudder regarding the signpost artwork. Lee has looked through the archive. There used to be a sign at the start of the play park which has disappeared. Composite signboards are thought to be better than metal.

28.01 Cllr B Elliott & Cllr H Greensmith updates

Cllr Greensmith

Re: BESS - Clare Turton, the Principal Officer is pushing for a meeting on 26 March. The views of residents need to be known and residents need to attend the meeting. Residents can speak for 3 minutes and the applicant can speak for the same amount of time. Ian will be the main spokesperson. A full council meeting is taking place in the next few weeks re: Council Tax.

Cllr Elliott

The Greater Nottingham Strategy Plan is working on the JU agreement.

LED lights are not suitable in the village although may be necessary for the lighting column at the bottom of the school drive. Western Power has the order and are being chased for the work to be done.

Capital funding is being sought for Lambley, this may come from the Trent Rivers Trust.

Funding is being sought for a minibus for the elderly. They can be picked up and taken to a memory cafe etc.

A roadshow is taking place at Floralands in April where there will be stands offering various types of help to the elderly.

28.02 Village Maintenance

Cllr Starr reported that the brickwork on the bridge at the corner of Church Street and

Main Street is in a very poor state and the top coping stones look ready to fall down –repairs are required urgently. Ivy has been growing through the brickwork.

The light outside the Village Hall is not working. Infuse Electrical have inspected it and it looks as though the cable was cut when ivy was removed from the light.

The solar light at the cemetery is beyond repair and Infuse have quoted £650 to replace it (with a 10 year lifespan). The cost of installation is approx. £800.00. The light has been taken down but the column has been left. 3 quotes will be sought.

Clerk to chase VIA re: broken style.

Tim’s work schedule to be revisited – should he be leaf blowing on the car park or is this a job for Mick? Mick is due to retire shortly. The support posts on the play park and railing have still not been painted. Invite Tim to the next meeting.

Katya is getting a group together to take back the verges.

28.03 Finance

Clerk presented 11 invoices for payment totalling £4020.73.

Finance is on track.

A lengthy discussion took place re: Precept options. Chair prepared a table showing total expenditure and income and the 5%, 7.50% and 10% increases were explored.

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A vote was taken with regard to an uplift of 7.5% and 10%. The majority of the vote was for 7.5%.

28.04 Planning Applications

Applications for the crowning / cutting of trees have been received.Discussion took place regarding a map of possible developments in the village.

28.05 Shared Used Agreement

Mr Marriott has asked Cllr Elliott to facilitate. Progress is being made with the school and 19% has been agreed instead of 24% re: utility bills split. The school has agreed to pay for the use of the committee room from April 2025.

28.06 Cemetery

Mr Eaton’s grave has been topped up. 2 consecutive days in April have been booked for tree cutting. Cllr Gregory to check if Matt can fit the job in earlier.

28.07 Magazine

Cllr Gregory has secured new advertisers.

28.08 Correspondence

None

**28.09 Any Other Business**

A couple of cars are regularly driving through the village and back firing.

Dan Brannan has quoted £920 for the cutting back of trees on the open space – half the price of another quote received. The Rowan tree needs to be taken down as it has fungus. £2,000 has been allocated for tree work, not including the cemetery. Cllr Gregory to ask Dan to do the work.

Cllr Loftus informed the meeting of the fundraising for a composite bench in memory of Annette Gunn. Kingdom has offered to lay the concrete slab. The bench will go at top of the green space, pointing down the hill. There is going to be an Easter Egg raffle on April 6th at Floralands in aid of funds.

A wooden step has rotted and collapsed on the wooden bridge on footpath no.23.

4 notice boards will need to be replaced. The one at the bottom of the Dumbles is okay. The cost per signpost is approx. £880.00. The Tardis to be checked in case the missing signposts are there. Cllr Loftus will approach Dan Lord re: artwork. Cllr Stevenson to source further quotes. It was agreed that 3 new sign boards will be sourced and that we could use them to advertise those who helped with the artwork. It was suggested that a piece go in the magazine re: the artwork. Photos to be sent to Cllrs for any changes. Reed Pond to be included as it is part of the walk around Lambley. A QR code could also be included for walks around the village, i.e. Steve Pembleton and the historical society. Links to be passed to Cllr Stevenson.

Cllr Musson has cut down the tree.

Clerk to chase Matt Hearn’s insurance.

**CLLR GREGORY**

**CLERK**

Wickstead inspected the play park on 12 February, they are due to send the report shortly.

The council need to look into the new GDPR rules on CCTV.

Chair let the council know that Rose Melvin is organising a working group to update the play park, including the nursery, the school PTA and local residents. A leaflet will be designed re: replacing and improving the play park. Workshops are going to be organised be organised with children to see what they would like. A useful contact will be Rushcliffe Borough Council who have recently redesigned their play park.

Chair has spoken to Mick Conroy re: heating controls in the boiler house. He will be asked to contact Cllrs Milbourn and Starr to meet and show them.

Chair announced that she is resigning her position as Chair and parish councillor at the end of the term. She has been offered an exciting work opportunity which she cannot turn down. She will still be around and will support the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Date of next meeting: 17 March 2025, 6.30pm**