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|  LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCILMinutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held onMonday 19 May 2025 at 6.30pmCommittee Room, Lambley Village Hall |

ACTIONS

Present: Parish Council Members: Cllrs. L Milbourn, K Stevenson, C Starr,

R Vincent, A Musson, J Gregory, J Loftus, J Proctor

Parish Clerk: Ewa Strumnik – minute taker

In attendance: Philip Cox, Church Warden - Holy Trinity Church, Cllr Stoll

31.09 Apologies

Cllrs. H Greensmith, S Harraway, R Melvin

32.00 Declaration of Interest

None.

32.01 Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Jody Stoll, newly elected County Councillor, elected on 1 May 2025.

Chair gave a rundown of the issues being faced currently,

* Roads. Cllr Stoll has written to Paul Johnson at VIA for a report.
* Flooding
* The light outside the school entrance needs a new lantern top. Cllr Starr to email Cllr Stoll.
* The railings opposite the cemetery are damaged and require painting (owned by the County Council).

**32.02 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2025 & Matters Arising**

Cllr Proctor gave an update on behalf of Rose Melvin re: play park. Following a post on Facebook regarding fundraising to update the play park, 4 people attended a meeting held on 15 May. Terms of reference have been drafted. Rose has done a lot of ground work and has looked into match funding. As the Parish Council do not own the land, questions asked whether the play park stay in the same footprint. The files containing information on the last play park update are in the village hall store cupboard. Some of the fundraising came from a village show. Several years ago Margaret Meadows was fundraising for a skate park.

**32.03 Cllr H Greensmith updates**

Apologies received.

32.04 Village Maintenance

Cllr Stevenson has been to see and measure the Plumb grave. The measurements are within the regulation guidelines. There are flower pots at the sides and in front of the headstone. Each plot is allocated 1.5m x 2.1m. Although the pots do not encroach on neighbouring graves, they are against the Cemetery Regulations and need to be removed.

The stile has been delivered to the bottom of the school gates. Cllr Musson offered to put this up.

**Cllr Starr**

Flood warden training has been scheduled for a morning in June.

The defibrillator has been checked and signed off.

The Clerk has reported all the previously discussed issues to VIA.

Cllr Starr to give the play park report to Cllr Proctor for R Melvin as it provides some

good pointers. There are no emergency actions although the flooring is in a very

bad state. Types of surfaces are dependent on fall height. The surface has previously been patched up but the edges are beginning to curl. Types of surface were

discussed. GBC does not maintain the park although it owns the land. The play park equipment is owned by the Parish Council.

A Gee reported that the drain, up from the bottom of the school drive is cracked – Cllrs

Starr and Vincent to take a look and report to VIA.

32.05 Finance

The clerk presented 9 invoices for payment totalling £2534.80. Cllr Vincent to update

the current budget and send to the Clerk. The clerk has updated the payments and

expenses so far this current year, councillors asked to peruse this at their leisure.

32.06 Planning Applications

No current planning applications.

32.07 Shared Used Agreement

A meeting had been planned with the Head, Mick Cooper and Simon Hempsall.

however the County Council have let all their external contractors go. Chair to update

Cllr Stoll re: SUA – the hall is a shared use facility between the School and the Parish. The original agreement was that the PC paid 24% of the utility bills. Over the years there

have been changes to costs and the amount of use and 12/14% would be a more

realistic percentage. When the heating system was installed, the PC was assured that we accurate meter readings would be provided however this has never worked and

following a fire last year, a new system was been installed. This keeps showing errors. The Head is due to be shown how to take readings this week. The school use the committee room during the day but do not pay any gas or electricity. The Village Hall

Committee is moving towards getting an agreement although negotiations have been ongoing for 10 years. The PC would be extremely grateful if Cllr Stoll could help.

It was agreed to instruct the Village Hall Committee to only pay 15% - Chair to write to

Mick Conroy.

32.08 Village Hall Management Committee

A meter is being installed in the small kitchen and quotes have been sought for LED lighting in the hall. Any maintenance in the hall is always paid by the PC, i.e. 2 lots of

new curtains, new floor covering and a cleaner for the hall. The tables and chairs

belong to the Village Hall.

32.09 Cemetery

Confidential update at the end of the meeting.

**33.00 Magazine Update**

The magazine is going well and pays for itself. Cllr Gregory has secured new advertisers. Every parishioner gets a free copy.

33.01 Correspondence

None received.

**Cllr Starr**

**Cllrs Starr & Vincent**

**Cllr Vincent**

**CHAIR**

**33.02 Any Other Business**

Bonnie has mentioned that the fence needs to be put back up. The stockman’s fence should measure approx. 60-70 feet, approx. £300. The deeds state that a lockable

gate is required.

The Reed Pond have money in their account to pay for this. Cllr Gregory to inform

Bonnie.

Chair explained how the PC came to own the Reed Pond.

Cllr Gregory has a meeting on Wednesday regarding the Memory Tree, she will speak

to the PC before anything is finalised.

Ann Gee reported that a Village Show meeting is being held tomorrow evening. She

asked if there were any objections to repairs to the rotting bus shelter roof and fence.

Also the posts and railings which run through the village. This was agreed and the

colour green decided upon for the railings and cream posts.

Clerk to transfer £500 from the Village Show Fund to the Village Hall Committee for the new village hall doors.

Cllr Loftus reported that the wooden bridge at the Dumbles is very dangerous, it is

missing steps and a plank where water has been washed down, only brick is left. This

has been recently reported but there has been no action. Cllr Gregory to chase this

up.

Cllr Stevenson suggested that another person should share the cemetery records. He

has spoken to Ka~~th~~y Winfield and she has agreed. Chair is also interested in seeing

the records. Chair suggested that another person should also be able to update the

parish website as he is the sole administrator.

Cllr Stevenson has spoken with Bonnie regarding the signage. She is dealing with

‘MBB Recycled Furniture’. The cost for 7 signs is £4000 – 4 for the village and 3 for

the Reed Pond. Agreed to leave the contents of the notice boards as they are. Cllr

Loftus reported that Dan has drawn pictures of the church; she will liaise with Cllr Stevenson.

The Reed Pond Update will go to the top of the agenda at the next meeting.

Philip Cox reported that the new Rector will start on 10 July. He suggested that it

would be good for someone from the PC to attend the meet and greet. The new rector is keen to be part of the community.

It was agreed to retract the quote which Tim provided to replace the perimeter posts

at the play park. Clerk to inform Tim.

Ann to ask Mick Conroy about the Village Hall gate plaque.

Cllr Starr reported that residents on Green Lane have complained about speeding cars

on Green Lane. Cllr Gregory does not have a team of people, but she will try to

arrange a date to go out with the speed gun. Cllr Stoll offered to come out for an hour.

The PCSO has been looking at the parking outside the school.

Cllr Starr also reported that gravel is being washed down from John Hardy’s bridle path.

It is thought that the gravel is actually from the French drain – this needs to be reported to VIA.

The Asset Survey needs to be picked up, Councillors asked to look at this on dropbox.

This is a legal requirement and needs to be on the parish website. Clerk to put on next

agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Date of next meeting: Monday 16 June 2025, 6.30pm**

**CLERK**

**Cllr Gregory**

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