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| **LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  **Monday 20th November 2023 at 7pm**  **Committee Room, Lambley Village Hall** |

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

A Musson, C Starr, S Harraway, H Greensmith

Parish Clerk: Ewa Strumnik – minute taker

**In attendance**: Philip Cox, Church Warden - Holy Trinity Church, Ann Gee - Village Hall Representative, Robert Martin - Lambley Parish resident

**24.01 Apologies**

Cllrs. D Edwards, J Loftus, B Elliott

**24.02 Declaration of Interest**

None

**24.03 Welcome and Introductions**

Mr Martin lives on Catfoot Lane and he attended the meeting to make a complaint regarding Bonfire Night. The fireworks were aimed to explode over Catfoot Lane which distressed his animals. Mr Martin spoke to the men who were organising the fireworks and they were unhelpful when he complained about the noise and angle of the fireworks. The Parish Council apologised for his and his animals’ distress. The Council are now aware of this issue and will look to purchase quiet fireworks for future events. Unfortunately the fireworks were not set up with residents in mind as they had in the past, the Council will ensure that this does not happen again.

**24.04 Minutes of the Meeting held on16 October 2023& Matters Arising**

**Pg. 1** The electrical connection which was removed has not been replaced and there will not be any Christmas lights there – this may be offset with the lights on the bus shelter.

**Pg. 2** The Reed Pond minutes will be on the website tomorrow

**Pg. 3** Another Whatsapp group to be set up re: Road Safety, there are several parents who are interested. The Christmas Lights switch on is now 5.30pm for 6.00pm.

A meeting needs to be arranged with the school and governors to discuss the CCTV.

**Matters Arising:**

None

**24.05 Councillor Elliott**

Cllr. Elliott sent apologies.

**Councillor Greensmith**

Cllr Greensmith discussed the recent flooding. She is trying to get multi-agency funding for flood mitigation in Woodborough and Lambley. A lot of residents in Woodborough had internal flooding. Cllrs. Harraway and Gregory attended a flood meeting there. Gedling BC Corporate Directors attended a meeting to listen to residents and what can be done better, they are pushing the agencies for a follow up meeting in the New Year. Cllr Edwards has put a case forward for shared farm land where run-off is generated. There is a WhatsApp flooding group for local villages. Permanent signage was discussed to stop traffic coming through Woodborough / Lambley to mitigate flooding. Bunds have been used to stop water running down the fields. Discussion took place with regard to the sewers and the amount of rubbish coming down from the Dumbles – landowners are responsible for keeping the water flow clear.

There was a communication problem at Gedling BC when the flooding was reported – Cllr Greensmith is putting in a new chain of communication to ensure this does not happen again. There were grave concerns that the whole of the Trent Valley was going to flood. Lambley has gained 5 new flood wardens. It was suggested that Lambley should host a meeting for villagers to discuss their experiences with flooding. Clerk to complete paperwork re: Cllr. Greensmith fund.

**24.06 Reed Pond**

Nothing to report.

**24.07 Flooding**

As discussed under Cllr. Greensmith.

**24.08 Road Safety**

Cllr. Gregory suggested that the speed camera be used in the New Year, once training has been undertaken.

**24.09 Village Maintenance**

Cllr. Vincent had nothing to report.

Discussion regarding Tim being Lambley Lengthsman. Funding would be received from Nottinghamshire County Council which would go towards Tim’s wages. Tim to be asked if he is interested. He is going to be Woodborough’s Lengthsman. He would be paid the minimum wage. The scheme looks beneficial to the Parish Council and gives Tim a formal route to Gedling Borough Council if he can’t do a particular job.

Cllr. Starr reported a broken bollard near the school, he has requested a quote.

The external lights at the school are on at odd times, these should be automatic. The front door lighting is not working which is a health and safety issue. Both these things need to be looked at.

The lighting in the car park and MUGA is paid by the Parish Council.

John has asked if the hall lighting could be converted to LED. Agreed that this would have to be a joint venture. Could Chair speak to Glen.

Tim to be asked to tidy up the grass area at the side of the Lambley pub.

**24.10 FinanceExpenditure /Income/Budget**

Cllrs looked over the budget and bank balances.

The half yearly budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Payments for authorisation**

9 invoices to pay totalling £2,331.34 were approved for payment and signed.

The Clerk distributed letters re: donations towards the Christmas lights. It is disappointing that the Spring Lane farm shop have decided to hold a Christmas fare on the same date as the Lambley Village Christmas lights switch on.

**24.11 Planning Applications**

The plans for 164 Spring Lane have been revised, Cllrs. to submit their observations on dropbox.

**24.12 Bonfire Night**

The event made a loss of £1,000.00. Cllr. Harraway provided a review of the event. It is not the hoped for outcome but the Parish Council is happy for the working party to forge ahead with plans for next year. Thanks go to everyone who helped to organise it.

A provisional booking for next year has not been possible as the date is already booked.

The cost for Bonfire Night next year has doubled to £5,000.00 for the weekend of 5 November. A decision needs to be made whether to hold Bonfire Night on the right night of the week. A more competitive rate will be sought. The working party will be meeting in December. Greater use of social media might mean a higher uptake. It was suggested that the entry charge should be £5 instead of £6. The car park would be a great place for vendors.

**24.13 Magazine Update**

The magazine is going well although Cllr. Gregory needs more help.

The quiz which was organised in aid of the Air Ambulance raised over £2000. The event was very well attended and teams had to be turned away. Pukka Pies donated all the pies.

**24.14 Correspondence**

The draft plan from D & M Stone Mason for a stone plaque for Cllr. Gregory’s parents was approved.

**24.15 Any Other Business**

* Cllr. Starr provided a summary of the play park report from Wicksteed. Several pieces of equipment are either low or very low risk. Some of the equipment is missing and there is moss and algae on the surfaces. Mick Conroy should be carrying out a daily inspection. The block pavers around some of the equipment are a potential hazard. The equipment is old and will need a lot of money spending on it. Tim will be replacing the wooden posts around the play park as they are rotten at the bottom and some of the spare soft pore will be needed to repair areas. There is a trip hazard between the soft pore and the pavers. A quote to review the play park is required; Cllrs. discussed the possibility of sponsorship to repair/replace the play park. The Parish Council cannot afford to do anything until the CCTV is installed. In the meantime, more tubes of soft pore will need to be purchased for the repairs and Tim could jet wash the moss and algae once Jeyes fluid / boiling water has been used. The village needs to be aware that the play park could be lost if it is not updated. A play park campaign could be included in the January edition of the magazine.
* The Christmas tree will be put up on Sunday 26 November.
* Ann reported that the village hall had a lot of bookings as well as regular bookings. The village hall committee are looking to purchase a new fridge for the small kitchen and would like to get the oven professionally cleaned. Quotes are to be obtained for a commercial cleaner to clean the committee room, the foyer and to have the windows cleaned regularly. Tim is going to paint the white steps and railings. They are looking for funding for a new front door and a new Village Hall sign.
* Cllr. Musson will put the ‘Tardis’ back on the car park – it contains sandbags and other items which the Council need.
* Cllr. Gregory will try to organise for the road sweeper to come round.
* The broken pipe near the dyke which was marked for attention has still not been repaired.
* The Spring Lane fixed speed monitor is not working – Clerk to report to GBC.
* Cllr. Starr updated the meeting regarding the joint use agreement. The agreement goes back 6.5 years and Cllr. Starr read out the letter received by Mark Spencer from Nottinghamshire County Council at that time outlining the agreement. He estimates that the Village Hall should be paying 15% towards the bills not the 24% which is currently being paid. Cllr. Starr provided a review of the bills. The system has never worked correctly and no one can read the data. There were incorrect labels on the equipment when the system was installed. He proposes that the Parish Council puts together a formal letter of complaint to Nottinghamshire County Council – the Chief of Services needs to sort the system out. John Garton has carried out a similar exercise and believes that the Village Hall should only pay 10% of the bills. Cllrs. agreed to send a letter of complaint.
* Quote received from Matt re: pollarding on the green space. Further quotes to be obtained.

**Date of Next Meeting: 18th December 2023**

**Meeting Closed:** 9.09pm