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| **LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL****Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on** **Monday 21st February 2022 at 6.30pm****Committee Room, Lambley Village Hall** |

**Present** **Parish Council Members:**Cllrs; D Edwards (Chair), L Milbourn (Vice Chair),

J Gregory, C Starr

**Co-opted Members:** K Stevenson

**Gedling Borough Council:** Cllr H Greensmith

**In attendance:**K Watmore, Parish Clerk

**Apologies**

Apologies had been received and accepted from:Cllrs. J Loftus, A Musson, R Vincent as well as Anne Gee and Cllr B Elliott Nottinghamshire County Council.

Cllr Edwards welcomed everyone to the meeting which started at 6.30pm, but due to the lack of a quorum, a general update discussion took place instead and notes taken as below.

Cllr Edwards presented K Watmore with flowers to thank her for all her hard work on the Parish Council. K Watmore confirmed to the Cllrs that she had been touch with Gedling Borough Council and they had agreed to cut the church yard grass 6 times a year but that she felt it would be beneficial for Ulyetts to maintain the area in between. This will be discussed at the next Parish meeting in March.

**Reed Pond- update**

Although Peter Muir (Chair of Lambley Reed Pond Group) had been invited to the meeting to give an update to the Parish Council he unfortunately was unable to attend. It was agreed that Cllr Edwards would contact him before the meeting of the Reed Pond Committee on the 22nd February to re-iterate that the Parish Council should be consulted on any major works to be undertaken on Reed Pond in advance and, given the differing views on what work needs to be done,to reference the Order of Works which had been agreed at a previous meeting.– Cllr Edwards.*Dawn has now spoken to Peter who was due to have a meeting and assures her all is in hand. They are considering putting in place a Code of conduct for the Reed Pond Committee and should have the constitution for LPC to review shortly.*

Cllr Edwards reported that she had visited since the volunteers had undertaken the recent work and reported what an excellent job had been done in clearing Reed Pond.

**Cllr B Elliott & Cllr H Greensmith updates**

Cllr B Elliott was not at the meeting but Cllr Starr again queried progress on the outstanding issues.

Cllr Edwards had spoken with Cllr Elliott and it was agreed that he would update the Chair on progress made on the issues below as soon as possible after the meeting.

* Top of Green Lane, potholes, infill of the gypsy bank/parking issues Cllr B Elliott
* Speeding issues around the village- Cllr D Edwards has liaised with Cllr B Elliott and a survey is underway to look at speeds around the village and consideration of an interactive speed sign on Catfoot Lane. An email has also been sent regarding a sign on Spring Lane to warn about the bend and the school (20), Cllr Edwards to raise with Cllr B Elliott
* Cllr B Elliott would make enquiries regarding monitoring the weight of vehicles
* White and Yellow re-paint around the village and particularly near the bus stop is untidy and needs to be re-done. Cllr B Elliott
* There are bend signs on Green Lane & Catfoot lane are in need of repair/replacement – NCC Highways- The Clerk (these have now been done and the foliage cut away)
* Chevrons on Park Lane & Dark Hole need maintenance Cllr B Elliott
* Railings around the village- Park Lane/Main Street Cllr B Elliott
* Strimming around the playground/fieldCllr B Elliott NCC

**Cllr Helen Greensmith**

Cllr Greensmith updated the Council on outstanding issues.

No progress had been made unfortunately in securing the litter bin at the far end of the play park as the current bin supplied by Gedling Borough Council was not fit for purpose so this will be chased up.

Severn Trent had still not responded regarding the formal complaint in relation to sewage issues .Cllr Greensmith confirmed she will contact Mark Spencer MP to get his involvement in trying to resolve this issue as soon as possible.– Cllr Greensmith

**Flooding Update**

Cllr Milbourn reported that Gedling Borough Council had sent two representatives to Lambley on Sunday 20th February to check on flooding levels in the village and John Hutton had cleared the grates in the stream to prevent blockage. Even though there had been an excessive amount of rain, no flooding had occurred.

Nothing further had been forthcoming from Callum Smith at Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the trash screens since confirmation had been made that the one on Park Lane would be installed straight away with the screen on Main Street being installed in the next financial year. This would be chased up – Cllr Edwards. Callum Smith has now been in touch and says he is just waiting now for an install date for the Park Lane one which also involves traffic management coming back to him. He will update us as soon as he has a date.

**Village Maintenance**

One of the millennium benches had now been refurbished by Cllr Starr and was now back in situ in the Millennium Garden near to the cemetery on Park Lane;the other bench will be finished in March. Positive feedback had been received.

**Barrier and Post**: The Barrier is now with Nottingham Powder Coatings and should be installed by the end of the month.

It was reported that the Lambley sign on Spring Lane had been dented. As this is the responsibility of the Parish Council, repairs would be undertaken as soon as possible.**- Agreed**

It was reported that the village is looking really smart and the telephone box has been re-painted. A letter of thanks would be sent to Simon Beardall on behalf of the Parish Council –Agreed - the Clerk.

Andy Stanley had made a start on taking out the sleepers in the play park and repairing the boundary although this has not been completed as he is awaiting more gravel boards, but this should be done within the week. The main fence supports were found to be rotten. Cllr Starr suggested that steel be put in to be screwed to the post – **Agreed.** The paint colour for the play park would be agreed at the next meeting

Cllr Star reported that the tent had now been removed from Bonny Doyles by the Woodland Trust who had cleared the area.

A tree root is pushing up from the footpath at the top of Mill Lane down to the Woodlark Inn. This is to be discussed at the next meeting plus the possibility of installing a solar light**. Agreed Agenda for March - Lighting on the green space near Steeles Way.**

**Church Maintenance**

On the 5th Februaryvolunteers undertook maintenance in the Churchyard and thanks to their hard work this was now looking so much tidier.

**Cemetery**

A draft outline of rules and regulations for the cemetery had been circulated alongwith a comparison of fees. This would be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

**Finance**

**Precept 2022/23**: As the provisional Precept amount had been agreed prior to the meeting and there was no change to the figure, Form C was signed at the meeting and would be sent to Gedling Borough Council in order to meet the deadline of 1st March 2022.

A finance report had been circulated prior to the meeting detailing a list of invoices to be paid and an updated income and expenditure statement.

**Natwest:**The change of signatories was still ongoing. Once the mandate had been updated to reflect updated signatories, an application for online banking would be made.

**Planning Applications**

Planning applications had been circulated to Councillors during the month and observations received via Drop Box.The Clerk had emailed GBC within the time frame given with the overall observations.

**Road Safety**

Cllr Edwards had expressed concerns about the increased traffic due to Catfoot Lane being shut and that residents on Grange Close are finding it increasingly difficult to pull out onto Main Street. Paula North has not yet undertaken the traffic survey on Catfoot Lane so it was suggestedthat the Councilask if she could also survey the junction on Grange Road as part of this, once the Gedling bypass road is fully open as people have been used to using the village as a cut through. **Agreed**

Cllr Greensmith suggested that the community policeset up radar, Cllr Gregory agreed to contact Trevor again – Cllr Gregory.

**Newsletter Update**

Cllr Loftus has now received costings for printing of the Parish Newsletter. Cllr Greensmith offered to write articles to be included; other content would be discussed as the next meeting.

**Date of April Meeting**

As the April meeting fell on a Bank Holiday it was agreed to re-schedule this to the 25th April. Opinions were also sought via Whatsappas to whether a later start time of 7pm would be more convenient going forward.7pm start time has been agreed on 25th April.

**Meeting Closed:**8.30pm

**Date of Next meeting**: Monday 21st March 2022 in the Committee Room at Lambley Village Hall at 7pm.