

LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Monday 13th November 2023 at 7:00 in the Parish Room

MINUTES

Present: Jane Waller (JW), Chair; Peter Funnell (PF), Vice Chair; Tim Coomer (TC), Councillor, Len Arthur (LA), Councillor, Alison Johnston (AJ) from TVBC, Nick Adams-King (NAK) from HCC and Alex Walker (Clerk for the evening) and 8 members of the public

Welcome: JW welcomed councillors and thanked everyone for coming

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest relating to agenda items only: None

To Approve Minutes from the Meeting on 18th September 2023: 2 amendments were added by hand by the Clerk. The minutes were signed and dated by JW as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes. None

Open Forum

1.

Report from Test Valley Borough Councillor

- AJ checked that all councillors had received Mid Test Matters - which they had.
- There will be a meeting with parish councils and officers from TVBC community team in Kings Somborne on 23.11.23. LA offered to attend the meeting and feedback to the council at the next meeting in January.
- There is a new network for information sharing among local village shops.
- There may be some funding for village halls and parish rooms but PF informed the meeting that renovations to the Parish Room were well under way using existing funds.
- AJ asked councillors if she could offer any support for spending 106 money. LA queried how much was available to spend on the spreadsheet which had been circulated by TVBC. LA to liaise with AJ to clarify the amount of 106 money available.

Report from Hampshire County Councillor

- With reference to School Traffic Calming, NAK has asked the HCC school travel team to get in touch with Lockerley Primary School. NAK to chase.
- Southern Water have closed Dunbridge Lane due a water leak. There are ongoing water management issues and groundwater is having to be pumped out of the system. HCC intends to get Southern Water officials in so that HCC better understands the need for doing this.

- Mobile phone mast - PF updated NAK and the meeting. Sue Doane (independent telecommunications expert) had an update from the Cornerstone representative who has spoken to Vodafone and VMO2 and the signal should be boosted from the existing site on Ashmore Lane by the end of 2023 which should improve coverage in East Dean. A meeting will be arranged in the next few weeks with Cornerstone and representatives from LPC and East Dean Parish Council to discuss the options to improve voice communications and provide higher data quality in Lockerley.
- Letters to landowners have been sent to parish council clerks. If parish councils decide to send letters to landowners to get them to complete necessary works on their land, NAK would like the details reported on the HCC website so 28 days notice can be given and if NAK has the report number, he can then chase the case himself.
- Aster has sent bills for outstanding sewerage charges to customers. Bills have not been capped at £3,000. NAK is working with lawyers from the BBC. Rip Off Britain has been filming and the article will air in January 2024. Using the 5 private houses on East Dean Road in Lockerley as an example - it has cost Aster £200,000 tankering away waste over the last year. The numbers don't seem to add up. Are Aster being overcharged for waste removal? A public meeting was held in Awbridge recently to give residents a chance to air their concerns and ask questions. NAK stated that Aster has a duty of care to maintain the plants. Local rivers are being monitored for pollution and sewage levels.
- NAK to find out why the East Tytherley Road will be closed 1 day next week.

2. Comments/questions for agenda items from members of public present: None

Finance: TC informed the meeting

1. Bank Account Balances
Account Balances

Current Account £30,705.96

Deposit Account £15,116.73

Deposit Account (Green Preservation Reserve) £11,953.00

Playground Account £11,952.52

Monies in

TVBC – Precept 2 nd Installment £11,328.00

HMRC – VAT Refund (1/4/2021 to 31/3/2023) £1,185.91

Cheques

12/11/2023 Winchester DBF – Glebe Field Rental 001328 £180

12/11/2023 Lockerley Memorial Hall – Replace Chq 001329 £32

13/11/2023 Andrew Somerton – Roof Repairs 001330 £208

13/11/2023 RBL – Poppy Appeal 001331 £25

13/11/2023 Alex Walker 001332 £90

13/11/2023 Kimcell – Website 001333 £360

2. Payment of £25 to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Wreath) - approved

Co-option of, up to, 3 councillors:

JW informed the meeting that Caroline Loverage had unfortunately been forced to resign due to a house move. There remains a vacancy for a Clerk.

PF continued that a Casual Vacancy had been advertised and 1 local resident had expressed an interest but as they were not at this meeting it could be assumed that they were no longer interested.

Lockerley Parish Website:

PF shared details of website costs and services provided by e-mango. Whiteparish and Chandlers Ford parish councils have websites provided by e-mango and Whiteparish are happy with the service.

It would be £ 300 setup then £ 480 ongoing annually

Councillors would be trained at the company offices and it would be a 3 year minimum contract.

Councillors voted to proceed with this option and PF to action.

Highways:

Speed checking - to discuss at a future meeting

20 and 30mph limits; Speed indicators - nothing to report

Piped culverts beneath roads: There has been recent flooding underneath footpaths

Footpaths

Lengthsman:

Our lengthsman, Shane has completed all the outstanding tasks that have been scheduled over the summer period.

The Parish Room hedge was cut and the patio area cleared.

Butts Green ditch was completely cleared from the piped culvert at Dunbridge Road to the Clem's Way access. This has facilitated the heavy rainwater to flow into the Dun.

Problems still exist from the culverts under Dunbridge Road frequently becoming blocked. (See mail from Philip Ayles.)

Butts Green ditch 2:

Shane has quoted £560 to clear the west side of the ditch from Clem's Way to The Street.

Memorial Hall: The hedge was cut and leaves cleared prior to the Memorial Service on 12 th November.

Shackell's Lane: The narrow, top section of the path cleared and the hedge cut.

Footpath 25: Proposed official adoption of the present permitted path.

Stiles: We have received several complaints about broken and dangerous stiles. (see emails)

Land owners to be approached to discuss options to repair, replace or remove.

Community Engagement Ranger: Corinne Davis-Cooke. Invitation to attend to be sent in Spring 2024.

Greens and Open Spaces:

Butts Green - 1 of the dragon's teeth had fallen over and this has now been straightened
Lockerley Green: Unadopted Road - PF reported that a contractor has been found and the site visit made. He needs a period of settled weather to do the work. It will cost £20 per tonne and the job will be 20 tonnes of tarmac.

There was a brief discussion about the flooding on Butts Green but this will be discussed at a future meeting.

Tote Hill Common: Tree survey - an oak tree needs attention and another tree recently fell across power lines. The meeting agreed that JW should get quotes from a tree surgeon to complete work to make the trees safe.

Playground:

Regular inspection: Caroline Loverage used to do the inspection but as she is no longer a councillor this position is vacant. LA volunteered to complete the regular inspection and other councillors agreed.

Other outstanding issues:

Mast: East Dean former marshalling yard see above under report from Hampshire County Councillor

Parish Room improvements, roof repairs and decorating. The outside has been painted and roof repairs completed (see Finance above). The inside will be painted early in the new year.

PC Representative on Memorial Hall committee: There are no representatives from LPC attending the Village Hall committee meetings at the moment. LA volunteered to attend moving forwards and the meeting agreed.

Thriving Communities Workshops: JW to continue to attend these.

Planning:

Footpath25. Proposed official changes - discussed

23/02802/CLES: Certificate of Lawful Existing use. Poult rearing barns - Mt. Lane. Discussed. LPC cannot object as the work comes under permitted development.

Correspondence:

Philip Ayles: Butts Green ditch

Peter Debbage: Dangerous stile and unofficial fencing. Fp5.

Alison Guy: Broken Tree in Tote Hill Wood

Allan Kirk: Railway bridge. Blocked drain cleared. LPC to write and thank him for doing this.

Parishioners' questions: On agenda items discussed - none

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 8th January 2024 in LOCKERLEY and EAST DEAN MEMORIAL HALL at 7:00 pm
as the Parish Room is due to be painted during this week.

Meeting closed: 8:40 pm