

Lockerley Parish Council Minutes

13th March 2023

Lockerley Village Hall

@ 7PM

1. Present

Councillors: Jane Waller (JW), Tim Coomer (TC), Peter Furnell (PF), Alex Walker (minute taker)

Nick Adams-King (NAK) - HCC, Alison Johnson (AJ) - TVBC and 43 member of the public

2. Apologies: None received

3. Welcome: Jane Waller welcomed Nick Adams-King, Alison Johnson, councillors and all the members of the public. Minute taker for the meeting - Alex Walker was introduced and her remuneration for the evening and typing the minutes explained to the public

4. Election of Chair for the meeting: Jane Waller was proposed, seconded and elected as Chair for the meeting

5. Resignations: Tim Coomer resigned as Vice Chair on 12.2.23. He read his resignation letter to the meeting. Resignation letters had been received and accepted from Sue Kent (former Chair), Helen Woodfield, Peter Ashby and Nathasha Beatty

6. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda Items: None

7. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting on 16th January 2023: The minutes of the meeting were approved, signed and dated by JW as Chair

8. Open Forum: There is currently no Clerk to LPC as the former Clerk resigned on 1.10.22. The remaining councillors are not in possession of the LPC laptop, cheque books, bank account balances, minutes folder, website access details and other parish council property as these are currently held by the former Chair, Sue Kent. E emails from TVBC, HCC, HALC etc are not being forwarded to the councillors. Therefore it is a priority that the property of the council and the records needed by the current council are returned as soon as possible. There is a plan in place for this.

9. Borough Councillor's Report - Alison Johnson

AJ asked if Cllrs had seen a copy of Mid Test Matters which was sent by email. Cllrs had not received this. AJ said TVBC had money available for events to mark the Coronation of King Charles II in May. She encouraged LPC to apply for this money. Alex Walker agreed to apply for the grant for LPC.

10. Country Councillor's Report - Nick Adams-King

- NAK explained that potholes were receiving temporary fixes to make the roads safe. He encouraged parishioners to report potholes on the HCC website
- HCC is currently looking at 20mph zones. Communities can apply in the summer or early Autumn. The government suggests changing all 30mph zones to 20mph but this has thrown up problems. The community needs to identify where 20mph zones should be.
- HCC plan to roll out speed indicator devices and parish councils can apply for these
- Aster Sewerage - NAK is in discussions with Aster about lack of maintenance, not meeting environmental standards and high charges to customers. These are ongoing
- East Tytherley PC has applied for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. HCC has been reorganised making it more cohesive and the working of Neighbourhood Development Plans more effective
- Council Tax charges have increased. HCC by 5% and TVBC by 3%

Questions to NAK

1. What can be done about lorries and the low bridge in Lockerley?

NAK will talk to the road safety team to see what can be done in terms of signage to prevent lorries reaching Lockerley.

2. Do parishioners have to keep reporting potholes?

If a temporary pothole fix breaks down then this needs to be reported to HCC but reporting a pothole lots of times doesn't increase the priority of fixing a pothole. Parishioners can email NAK the reference number for the pothole so that it can be chased.

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3. How do parishioners apply to become a parish councillor?

Need 2 people to nominate someone. A person can live in or within 3 miles of the parish, or work or hold land in the parish. The nomination form needs to be signed by 2 residents of the parish. Nomination forms can be printed from the Electoral Commission for England website, completed then hand delivered to TVBC in Andover by 4.4.23 (latest).

Voters must now take photo ID to vote (not needed for a postal vote).

4. What can be done about dangerous stiles?

Stiles are either the responsibility of the landowner or HCC. Dangerous stiles should be reported on the HCC website. Once ownership has been established then if the landowner refuses to fix stiles on their land, HCC will make the repairs and charge the landowner.

NAK encouraged worried parishioners to email him the reference number when the stile has been reported so that he can chase/check progress.

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11. Open Forum:

Questions around - when will the LPC property be returned to councillors and has a letter requesting the property been sent? What is happening with changing banks and bank signatories? Why aren't councillor details available on TVBC website (when in public office councillors should be contactable)? When will there be a new Clerk?

The Chair answered all these questions and encouraged parishioners to stand for election in the May elections so that an election is triggered. Then the new council can resolve all issues. Councillors agreed that the Clerk position should be advertised with a closing date in early May so the Clerk is ready to start with the new council.

There was an impromptu round of applause for councillors and the work they are doing.

12. Finance:

Invoices from:

Alex Walker - for taking, typing up and circulating minutes of this meeting - £75

Lockerley and East Dean Village Hall - for 2 parish council meetings - £32

Awbridge Arborists - for tree works by Lockerley Green bridge - £924 and £678

Quotes for future work:

Repair of Top Green bench - 3 quotes received by councillors. Agreed to accept quote from Rowan Haywood.

Michael Eastwood will charge an extra £5 to cut the grass outside the parish rooms. Councillors all agreed to accept this quote.

13. Highways:

JW informed the meeting that she has sent HCC the postcodes, photos and details of the piped culverts which need clearing in the summer. The broken sandbag wall on The Street has also been reported.

14. Footpaths:

A survey of all greens in Lockerley has been completed (see separate sheet)

The Greens and Open Spaces document has been published and the meeting agreed to pass this matter to the next parish council to adopt.

Butts Green Golpla matting. JW informed the meeting that 3 new quotes had been received for the work required on Butts Green:

Vitaplay - £43,680 RD Pybus £32,090.51 Andrew Clerk £27,000 (VAT ?)

TC informed the meeting that loans are available from the Debt Management Office. TC will investigate further.

The meeting agreed that other options for surfacing are available and need looking at. This is for the next committee to investigate and proceed with.

15. Neighbourhood Plan

JW explained that in her opinion this is needed to maintain facilities and provide a forum for planning. It can make the parish vulnerable if there is no Neighbourhood Plan.

16. Planning

None

17. Correspondence

Lockerley Green - 1 letter has been received from a parishioner about a vehicle repeatedly driving across the middle of Lockerley Green. Part of the number plate has been taken. The meeting agreed that once the full number plate has been taken then the vehicle owner needs to be informed that vehicles should not be driven on The Green.

Lockerley Green - 1 letter has been received from a parishioner complaining about vehicles parking on the top section of The Green (nearest the railway line) including overnight. This is eroding the edges of the grass. The meeting agreed that this should be monitored.

Crime Initiative Group - JW has received correspondence to say that there is no point of contact in Lockerley. Agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

18. Coronation of King Charles II

There is a grant available from TVBC. Alex Walker agreed to help the council apply for this grant. Natasha Beatty is keen to do something/help. There was a discussion about gazebos (which might be at Lisa Shaw's) and whether to have a bar or picnic.

19. Questions

There were a number of questions around the increase in the precept by 22%, proposed sale of The Parish Rooms (and use of Parish Rooms); where the pictures, maps and plaques which were in The Memorial Hall had gone; signage on the unadopted road around Lockerley Green and who to contact about issues on Top Green (Jeff Hatcher).

The meeting agreed to put some of these queries on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:56

There was a round of applause

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until the councillors can access the LPC website