

LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 26th June 2023 at 7:00

1. Present: Jane Waller, Peter Funnell, Tim Coomer, Caroline Loveridge, Len Arthur
Alison Johnston - TVBC and 13 member of the public
Also present was minute taker Alex Walker.

2. Welcome:

3. Apologies: Nick Adams-King

4. Declarations of Interest relating to agenda items only: None

5. To Approve Minutes from AGM on 15th May 2023

Approved and Signed

6. Open Forum

1. Report from Alison Johnston

- The Lockerley village fete was very successful and well supported. Well done to the committee that organised it
- Grants are available for a village design statement
- TVBC can support parish councillors to fund speed limiting equipment
- The Crime Initiative Group is a group to share information in Test Valley
- Alison asked if councillors were receiving Test Matters. Some were and some weren't. Jane to forward to councillors.

2. Comments/questions from members of public present

Discussion around the water running down Romsey Road and along Dunbridge Road. Peter to contact HCC about this.

Discussion around overgrown footpaths and broken stiles. A parishioner has put questions to HCC about a number of footpaths but no response has been received. Jane and Alison said that HCC footpaths department were understaffed and behind. LPC has a list of overgrown footpaths to give to the lengthsman.

Action: Jane to write to HCC about the broken stiles on some footpaths.

There was a discussion about No Mow May. What is LPC's opinion on this? The council agreed to leave the length of the grass on Butts Green and Lockerley Green, and when to cut it, to the contractor and let him use his common sense. Top Green and Critchell's Green will be cut soon for hay.

7. Finance:

1. Certificate of Exemption - signed and dated
2. Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23 - signed and dated
3. Annual Governance Statement. 2022/23 - signed and dated
4. Accounting Statements 2022/23 - had already been circulated to councillors for their approval

5. Notice of Public Rights - will go on the noticeboard on 27.6.23

6. Cheques issued

15.5.23	Alex Walker	001310	£165.00
21.5.23	Lockerley United Benefice	001312	£70.00
22.5.23	Jane Waller - King's Coronation	001313	£825.45 (£500 grant to net off)
20.6.23	TVBC - Election Fee	001314	£24.00
20.6.23	Gallagher Insurance	001315	£1,773.39
20.6.23	TVBC Dog bins (2 years)	001316	£1,504.98
20.6.23	P Reynolds - Fair Account	001317	£200.00

7. Bank Account Balances

Current Account: £25,681.47

Deposit Account: £25,591.11 (£11,953 ring fenced for the Greens)

Peter to enquire about purchasing Charles Arnold Baker, 13th edition - from HALC and elsewhere. Amazon have copies for £145.36

8. Appointment of Clerk:

Councillors agreed that LPC does need a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Whilst the process of finding a Clerk goes on Peter was appointed as temporary Clerk (unpaid) until the end of September. This was proposed by Len and seconded by Caroline.

Caroline has been investigating secure (.gov) emails for councillors. LPC could subscribe to Microsoft 365 and use OneDrive and secure emails for £4.90 per month or an annual deal. The meeting agreed to purchase the secure system annually and Caroline will organise this.

9. Highways:

20mph limits and Speed indicators to be discussed at the next meeting.

A parishioner had reported a problem with the culvert opposite his house to LPC. Jane has sent photographs of the blocked culverts to HCC highways.

10. Footpaths

Lengthsman: A list of footpaths to be cleared has been sent to the Lengthsman

Benches should have been washed and oiled in May, but appear not to have been done.

Jane has emailed the lengthsman

Work for June: Cutting fp33 Shackles Lane and Tote Hill glade

Proposed work: Clearing Butts Green Dunbridge Road ditch? Footpath 30 & 25 Mt Lane - approved

11. Greens and Open Spaces:

Village Green grass cutting policy: The meeting had already discussed and agreed to let the contractor use his common sense

Butts Green saplings: Being watered during this dry spell by parishioners

Golpa matting: Discuss at a future meeting

4 damaged dragon's teeth: Jeff Hatcher to get a quote to fix the most badly damaged dragon's tooth

Parking issues: These are ongoing but are not a matter for LPC but rather a Hampshire Highways issue. The parking on the corner of Butts Green does seem to have improved a little

Lockerley Green: Unadopted Road - potholes need fixing. Jeff Hatcher and a parishioner who lives on Lockerley Green will get quotes to fill the potholes. The meeting agreed that there needs to be a maintenance programme for ongoing works.

Community Engagement Ranger: Corinne Davis-Cooke. Jane has been in contact. The meeting agreed to invite her to come to a meeting of LPC to talk about countryside issues and also to meet councillors.

12. Playground:

Annual inspection - will be completed in the next 8 weeks and cost £250 plus VAT

Regular inspection: Completed by Peter

13. Other outstanding issues:

Lockerley Parish Website - Len reported that 2 companies have been approached about providing a website. Caroline to approach a member of her family who creates websites. The old Lockerley Parish Facebook page has been deactivated and the new Parish Council page will go live on FB in the next couple of weeks via Spotted in Lockerley page.

Mast: Jeff Hatcher has spoken to James Parry from Dean Park about discussing a potential site for a mobile phone mast if and when any telecommunications companies come forward.

Parish Room improvements: Len has approached Colin (no charge) to put the missing tiles back up. 2 Quotes need to be obtained for refurbishing the Parish Rooms and a spec needs to be written for the required work.

Village Hall improvement grants: Peter to contact Alison Johnston about a possible grant for improvements to the Parish Rooms and it is essentially a village hall.

Pre-School difficulties: Sadly numbers have dwindled and Acorn Pre school will close in July

PC Representative on Memorial Hall committee: Caroline agreed to attend these meetings

Councillor Training: Peter to contact HALC to investigate training opportunities

Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Is this something villagers need to action? LPC will have a limited role.

Writing a NP could cost thousands of pounds. The meeting agreed not to put NP on the agenda for the next meeting

14. Planning: None

15. Correspondence:

Lockerley Green: Parking

Butts Green : Parking

Crime Initiative Group: Contact from organiser Dennis Stephens. Jane to invite Mr Stephens to the next meeting.

Jane is liaising with Marie Stubbington about any activities and events we have in the village.

16. Parishioners' questions:

Peter has investigated electricity pricing for the parish rooms and received over £1000 back from the electricity company.

Jeff Hatcher to talk to EDPG about possible contribution to refurbishment of the parish rooms.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 11th September 2023

Meeting closed at 9:05