

MINUTES OF LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Monday 20th July 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. Len Arthur, Sue Kent, Maurice Hillier, Helen Woodfield and David Jackson. Also, in attendance was clerk to the council, Sue Holder.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Waller and Coomer.

20/019 OPEN FORUM: None

20/020 FINANCE

a) Payments authorised:

Mrs Black	Internal Audit	£50.00	#1205®
HALC	Subscription	£334.03	#1206®
Somerton	Repairs to footpath 6	£110.00	#1207®
AS	Final playground expenses	£497.67	#22®

b) Receipts:

Support Grant Fund (COVID-19)	£10,000
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20/021 PLANNING

α) No new planning applications for discussion.

β) Decisions received from TVBC:

20/00849/VAS	Butlers Barn	Permission
20/01095/FULLS	Millennium Cottage	Permission

20/022 VILLAGE GREENS

a) Butts Green

As reported under minute 20/016 Cllr Woodfield obtained quotes for the dragon's teeth and matting on Butts Green from Blackledge Engineering, CJ Tait and Mackoy Engineering.

Cllr Kent reported that the quotes sent to the parish council in advance of the meeting, were too expensive and proposed that the parish council refrain from making a decision at this time and ask the parishioners to decide instead. This proposal was not seconded.

There followed some debate on appropriate uses of the Support Grant Fund and the future financial implications of the work to Butts Green, to no conclusion.

Cllr Arthur proposed that the parish council accept a quote from Mackoy Engineering for £26818.00 which secures the Green and provides a hard standing area for cars using £10,000 funds set aside already for the purpose of Village Greens, the £10,000 Support Grant Fund and the balance from the precept. Cllr Woodfield seconded this proposal. The parish council then voted for the proposal – three members were in favour, one was against and one abstained. The parish council therefore resolved to accept the quote from Mackoy Engineering.

b) Top Green

A report of an unauthorised encampment on Top Green had been received over the previous weekend. It is understood that the camp has now gone, however the residents were deeply concerned at the time. The Police and the Hampshire County Council Gypsy and Liaison Officer had been made aware of the situation. To note that the land here is common land under private ownership and therefore outside of the parish council's remit to enforce the removal of an unauthorised encampment.

c) Tim Illes Playground

It was reported that the playground has now been opened to the parish with advice published to follow the current Government guidance surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The area has been popular and following a report that a piece of equipment was loose, the chairman will carry out an inspection. There was also a report that a car leaving the playground was involved in an accident. No details of either incident have come directly to the parish council however the clerk will request that the grass verge is cut by HCC to improve visibility. (21508017)

d) Others

Nothing to report.

20/023 LENGTHSMAN REPORT

Work Completed

Stile on footpath 21 reported broken and dangerous. Owner contacted and stile removed to open up the path completely.

Boardwalk on footpath 6 reported broken along most of the length, has now been repaired.

April/May:

Lengthsman cleared and re-dug gullies/grips on Carter's Clay Road at Newtown end. To redirect rainwater into the ditches and prevent future flooding.

June:

Lengthsman mowed and strimmed the grass in the new playground prior to initial opening.

Michael Eastwood contacted. He is happy to take on the regular mowing of the playground along with his other responsibilities.

July:

To clean and teak oil the public benches: 3 on Lockerley Green near the shop; 1 on the green by the bus stop; 1 on Top Green; 2 outside the Vicarage.

Hedge to be cut along the cut from Oval Road to Butler's Close.

Grass to be cut and ditch repaired at the junction of Mount Lane and Romsey Road.

Damage was reported to HCC. They responded to say it was the responsibility of the landowner.

August:

Proposed work for August is to clear the large nettle patch and other undergrowth on Tote Hill Common.

Other Items:

The two remaining **broken stiles** on Footpath 17 adjacent to Critchell's Green have still not be repaired. The owners to be contacted once more by letter or in person.

Footpath way markers still not received for repaired stiles on Footpaths 25 and 26 at Pains Hill Farm. Helen Barber to be reminded.

Lengthsman's budget stands at £635. This does not include the work to be completed this month.

21/024 CORRESPONDENCE:

- MN – grass cutting on Lockerley Green to protect the wildflowers. The parish council agreed that within the village we have designated areas to support the wildflower population and areas more suited to being cut regularly.
- Various regarding Top Green incursion – noted.

21/025 ITEMS OF NOTE:

- An increase in dog poo bags was reported around the village, often hanging in the hedges. A note will be put in the newsletter and on social media asking walkers to dispose of the bags.
- Noted the proposed development sites in the village detailed in the latest SHELAA review.

20/026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st September 2020

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.