

MINUTES OF LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Monday 1st June 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom

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

APOLOGIES: Accepted from Cllr Woodfield

20/001 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (agenda items only): Cllr Hillier declared an interest in the planning application for Butlers Barn.

20/002 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JANUARY 2020 were unanimously agreed by the council to be a true and accurate record of that meeting and will be signed by the chairman of the meeting.

20/003 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES: None

20/004 OPEN FORUM

- α) **To receive comments/questions from members of the public present:** None
- β) **To receive a report from HCC –** Weekly briefings from HCC, noted.
- χ) **To receive a report from TVBC: -** Mid Test Matters 11, noted.

20/005 FINANCE

- a) **Internal Audit:** Reported that the year end accounts were now with the internal auditor.
- b) **Payments:** The following payments were approved by the council.

Clive Jones – hedge cutting	£228.00®	#1191
Clerk salary for Feb, Mar	£945.49®	#1192
Enpress – printer newsletters	£33.00®	#1193
LVHMC GRANT 19/20	£1750.00 ®	#1194
Genesis – Butts Green planning	£3506.00®	#1195
Playdale – play equipment	£2465.34®	#1197
Wicksteed (VAT) – play equipment	£9100.00®	#1198
Clerk salary for April, May 2020	£873.00	#1204
Clerk salary for June 2020	£848.00	#1200
Clerk working from home allowance	£25.00	#1200
Website costs	£81.00	#1199
Diocese (Glebe field)	£180.00	#1201
Insurance	£924.75	#1202
Wicksteed – play equipment	£5501.18	#21
Safety inspection at the playground	£354.00	#1203

20/006 FOOTPATHS / LENGTHSMAN: Cllr Waller provided the following report:
May 2020

Newtown: Carter's Clay Road

The grips/gullies were cleared in several places and new gullies created, to avoid future flooding when the rains return.

June 2020 planned

To strim the grass in the new Tim Illes playground. Weed killer to be avoided except along the perimeter fence line. Oil the picnic bench on Tote Hill.

Work for **July 2020** is likely to include clearing footpaths which become overgrown at this time of the year and to oil the other benches in the village.

20/007 GREENS AND OPEN SPACES

- α)* **Butts Green:** It was reported that Cllr Woodfield was obtaining quotes for the planned work at Butts Green.
- β)* **Trees and Benches on Butts Green:** Noted that a request to sponsor a bench and tree have been received for the green.
- χ)* **Tim Illes Playground:** It was reported that Wicksteed have completed the installation of the equipment at the new playground and a health and safety inspection had been conducted by Nick Adams. The results of the inspection were noted by the parish council at this meeting and the items will be reviewed again in six months. Areas highlighted by the inspection were as follows:

Signage: a) for intended age groups on all equipment b) Ownership and to report faults c) Dog control d) No kite flying (due to overhead power line)	Agreed to allow common sense to prevail regarding the age of children using the equipment. The sign does include ownership and contact for faults, dog control and kites.
Access: a) Alternative safer route	Few rural playgrounds benefit from footpaths
Fencing: a) Open fencing in car park infilled with mesh to deter access by animals and escaping children! b) Projecting screws c) Locks when playground not in use d) Tighten gate catch e) Remove raised timber board within the pedestrian gate to eliminate trip hazard	The parish council agree that responsibility for younger children especially needs to be with the responsible adults present, but will consider this point should it be raised in the future by users of the playground The contractor will resolve Hard to 'police' but also agreed easy access is more important in case of an accident. The contractor will resolve.

General surfaces: a) Thistles and nettles b) Bare soil c) Exposed safety matting	These issues will improve with time.
Equipment: a) Uneven grass mats to all Other a) Limited casual supervision potential from properties and road	Rural site. Will review this item if it becomes an issue.

20/008 RESILIENCE PLANNING – agreed to update the draft plan to include flooding and pandemics.

20/009 PLANNING

20/00781/FULLS Curlews – PC No Objection (pending)

20/00849/VAS Butlers Barn – PC No Objection (pending)

20/01095/FULLS Millennium Cottage – PC No Objection (pending)

20/00888/FULLS Tyndale – PC No Objection (pending)

To Note: Horseshoe Cottage, Top Green – possible breach in planning regulations, now with Planning Enforcement.

20/010 CORRESPONDANCE

- Parking Butlers Close: A new resident to Butlers Close has written with concerns for the inconsiderate parking in Butlers Close and sited two potential accidents where residents have been forced to walk in the road. The parish council agreed that often in residential areas parking is insufficient for households with more than one vehicle compounded by inadequate public transport in the rural areas. It was also reported that Aster do check that the cars are all taxed and have MOTs, so the parish council feel there is little they can do to enforce the matter.
- Stiles / footpath 17: A letter had been received concerning poor access to footpath 17, however it was reported at this meeting that one of the land owners responsible is making some progress to improve the stiles and details of the other land owner will be sent to the Footpaths Officer.
- Trees at The Elms and cutting of village green. A letter of response was agreed at this meeting.

20/011 ITEMS OF NOTE:

- It was reported that the village hall committee will not be giving the school permission for the staff to use the car parking facilities at the hall, whilst the school were utilising their own car park as an 'isolation bubble' for school children during the Coronavirus pandemic. This may put additional pressure on car parking on Butts Green.
- Two cases of fly tipping were reported in the village.

20/012 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 29th June 2020

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.