

MINUTES OF LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Monday 23rd November 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom

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

APOLOGIES: None

20/038 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO THE AGENDA ITEMS: None

20/039 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST SEPTEMBER: The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September had been sent previously to all Councillors and were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

20/040 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES: None

20/041 OPEN FORUM:

i) Test Valley Borough Council Report, Cllr A Johnston

- Cllr Johnston reported that the Erlcombe planning application decision was expected by the end of December.
- Grant funding for community groups needing financial support during the pandemic was reported to be available.
- Test Valley Borough Council will be conducting a climate change survey.

ii) Comments from members of the public

- Cllr Johnston will confirm if grant funding to compensate for loss of revenue at the village hall and for the scout group was available.
- JH confirmed that a cycle rack was available for the playground.
- JH reported that the hedge needs cutting at the playground.

20/042 FINANCE

a) Current financial position:

Treasurers account (as at 10.11.20)	£28,993.82
Premier Interest Account	£21,632.08

Total Funds	£50,625.90

b) Payments for Approval: ® = retrospective

Clerks Expenses June – Sept ®	2243.67	1210 ✓
Bin and contract for playground®	569.59	1211 ✓
Cancelled cheques		1212/13 ✓
Plaques for playground®	76.47	1214 ✓
ICO	40.00	1215 ✓
RBL (poppy wreath)	16.00	1216 ✓
PKF Littlejohn – external audit	240.00	1217 ✓
Benches for Butts Green (part funded)	2000.93	1218 ✓
SE – parish room	110.72	DD

c) Receipts: £9343.50, being second half of precept and £2779.03 CIL.

d) Other requests for funding to be considered at the January budget meeting: VHMC and 1st responders' contribution towards second defibrillator.

e) External Audit: The clerk reported that the external audit had now been completed satisfactorily, and on the basis of the review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to the attention of the auditors giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

20/043 PLANNING

a) New applications (since last meeting): To note only an amendment to the Erlcombe application which the parish council felt made no difference to their original comments.

b) Decisions received from TVBC

20/02214/FULLS The Old Vicarage – Rear extensions – permission

20/02009/FULLS Tyndale, increase footprint to create annexe - permission

20/01723/FULLS – Erlcombe Two detached dwellings – still pending

20/01270/FULLS The Granary for 3 bed dwelling – still pending.

20/044 VILLAGE GREENS

a) **Butts Green**

The installation of dragon's teeth and a parking area on Butts Green has now been completed. The golpa matting and a bund behind the parking spaces to protect the dragon's teeth will be completed in the summer. Some advisory signs regarding the parking restrictions were agreed at this meeting and advice will be obtained from Hampshire County Council on the correct placement of these signs. Four recycled plastic benches are being purchased, and some cherry trees are also planned for the green. These items will be part funded by parishioners.

It was reported that during the pandemic the school staff will be permitted to park up to 5 cars on the green if necessary.

A request for parking permits to allow households living around Butts Green to park freely on the green, was rejected by the council.

The parish council wish to extend thanks to Mackoy Ltd for completing the work so well.

b) **Tim Illes Playground**

Cllr Arthur reported that the weekly safety inspections had all been completed satisfactorily. A quote will be obtained to have the hedge cut here.

c) **Other Greens and Open Spaces**

The parish council will consider dragon's teeth on Lockerley Green at a future meeting.

20/045 HIGHWAYS

It was agreed that Mount Lane to Tote Hill needs sweeping following the recent hedge cutting here. Cllr Johnston will progress with Test Valley Borough Council. It was reported that sand and building materials from a new build property in Tote Hill are of particular concern and causing a nuisance to neighbouring properties. Cllr Johnston felt that a planning condition may not have been upheld associated with the new build property and keeping the lane clear.

20/046 LENGTHSMAN REPORT, provided by Cllr Waller

Work Completed in October

The hedge at the Memorial Hall was cut and the adjacent ditch cleared.

The ditch in Mount Lane opposite "Anna's" was also partially cleared. This was sufficient to allow rainwater to run off the road into the ditch. Unfortunately, at this meeting it was reported that due to the recent rain the ditch will require clearing again.

Michael Eastwood has completed the final cut of the year on Tote Hill Common.

No further work has been scheduled. We have about £100 left in the kitty to last until April.

This will give us about 5 hours work for any emergencies.

Other Items

A book of walks around Lockerley was published about 24 years ago. This has recently been reviewed and updated by a team of walkers prior to being republished this Christmas or in the New Year.

This review has flagged up changes to the walks including improvements, such as many kissing gates now replacing old stiles. It has also thrown up problems with broken or badly constructed stiles. The Lockerley Walking Group are helping to coordinate this review and I am now receiving emails and photographs from them of problems that need to be addressed.

The imminent publication of this book gives us an ideal opportunity to approach the relevant landowners. Many of them may not be walkers and may be unaware of the damage. Some landowners were unaware that the stiles on their land were their responsibility. The HCC access team have replaced the bottom steps of stiles for us in the past but this service is no longer available and land owners might need to have this pointed out to them.

21/047 CORRESPONDENCE:

- Test Valley School – sponsorship request, confirmed.
- PFK External Audit Report – conclusion of audit, noted.
- Village Hall Committee – grant funding request, for January meeting.
- Mrs W – reports of break down vehicle and van parking for long periods on Butts Green, noted.
- School – to request parking of 5 cars during pandemic (phone call), confirmed.
- Mr J – thank you for ditch clearance by Lengths man, noted.
- Leckford Waitrose token scheme - £550 towards playground, noted.

20/048 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18th January 2021.

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