

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2024 AT THE PARISH ROOM, LOCKERLEY, HAMPSHIRE

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Len Arthur, Cllr. Tim Coomer, Cllr. Peter Funnell, Cllr. Jane Waller (Chair), Cllr. Joanne Young

In attendance:

County Cllr. Nick Adams-King – Hampshire County Council
Borough Cllr. Alison Johnston – Test Valley Borough Council
Members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

None recorded.

At this point in the meeting, the Chair elected to take the following agenda item.

2. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

County Cllr. Nick Adams-King provided the latest from Hampshire County Council. He stated that he has recently been chasing substantial resurfacing to be carried out on West Dean Road for some time. He was able to advise that this is taking place from 13 March 2024 onwards for up to 12 days. It is not a complete resurfacing but substantial patching of the surface of the road. Letters have been sent to local residents and businesses to advise them accordingly.

He reminded all that the public have until 31st March 2024 to respond to the Hampshire County Council SP25 Budget Consultation. He encouraged all individuals and organisations to reply and particularly in respect of the proposals for the HWRC closures which, of course, potentially include Bunny Lane.

County Cllr. Nick Adams-King advised that Aster are creating an Action Plan for each sewerage treatment plant. This will go into detail about the management and maintenance carried out over the last 15 years and will set the actual maintenance against any reports on condition and recommended works that were carried out in condition surveys, including the Ridge Reports from 2015. Aster will prepare and present plans for the ongoing management of each STP. This will be costed and will also provide detail of the proposed timescale, how they will ensure the repairs are resilient and will present a proposal for how residents can be involved in the ongoing management of each plant.

He discussed potholes and urged all to report potholes to Hampshire County Council at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

He stated that the proposed new recycling system has been temporarily held up due to a Government change in policy, which is currently being evaluated

Borough Cllr. Alison Johnston provided an update on the latest developments at Test Valley Borough Council. She advised attendees to look and comment on the Draft Local Plan 2040 and advised that it meets the housing needs of Lockerley Parish and that no significant development has been highlighted for the parish. She highlighted the introduction of community led planning schemes. Borough Cllr. Alison Johnston explained the details of the Draft Local Plan 2040 to members and advised that the local gaps have been retained and protected. The consultation is open until 2 April 2024. In response to

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some public concern regarding mobile phone masts, Borough Cllr. Alison Johnston advised that this is not referred to in the consultation document and that Test Valley Borough Council is reluctant to consent to building of further masts. That being said, the mast at Dean Hill must be upgraded.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Cllr. Tim Coomer Declared a Pecuniary Interest (DPI) on Agenda Item 13 Planning Applications in relation to planning application 24/00310/FULLS.

Cllr. Jane Waller Declared a Pecuniary Interest (DPI) on Agenda Item 13 Planning Applications in relation to planning application 24/00178/FULLS.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

In respect of the grass cutting schedule on Agenda Item 10, a member of the public suggested that a discussion should take place with the contractor to suggest that some patches remain uncut. This would promote 'Nectar Bars'. The concept being that a 2 metre strip is left all summer and thereby increases biodiversity. The Parish Council owns three Greens and this should be possible to introduce. Wildflowers can be planted and these could become 'Citizen Sites' and monitored by children.

Comments were raised in respect of road users driving too fast by the school site and therefore posing a danger and hazard. The question of the introduction of 20mph speed restrictions was suggested and whether there are any funding possibilities. The Parish Clerk was asked to investigate.

A number of members of the public in attendance at this meeting, expressed their opposition to planning application 24/00310/FULLS scheduled to be discussed under Agenda Item 13. Various comments and observations were expressed, which were noted by members ahead of the decision to be made.

5. PRESENTATION TO ALEX WALKER BY THE CHAIR

The Chair made a presentation to Alex Walker for her hard work over the past year in compiling the Minutes for Lockerley Parish Council, which members have appreciated.

6. TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE THE CO-OPTION OF A SERVING PARISH COUNCILLOR TO THE LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk advised members that an application has been received from Joanne Young for consideration by members to become a Parish Councillor to Lockerley Parish Council. Members considered the application carefully. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Joanne Young as a serving Parish Councillor to Lockerley Parish Council with immediate effect. Cllr. Joanne Young signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was received and countersigned by the Parish Clerk.

Cllr. Len Arthur requested that the Parish Clerk issue a formal Notice of Vacancy for public information for the remaining two vacancies on the parish council to ensure transparency.

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7. TO RESOLVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8 JANUARY 2024

Members reviewed the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 January 2024. Necessary matters arising from the Minutes were discussed. It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes from 8 January 2024 and the Chair signed and dated the Minutes accordingly as a true and correct record.

8. TO RESOLVE AND APPROVE FORMAL MANDATORY POLICIES FOR LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk advised members that upon reviewing the status of the Parish Council, it has become necessary to ensure that mandatory policies are in place to ensure that the Parish Council is legally compliant. Accordingly, the Parish Clerk prepared a number of policies that must be in place under statutory legislation. These have been previously circulated to members for consideration.

It was RESOLVED to approve the formal mandatory policies prepared by the Parish Clerk for Lockerley Parish Council, with a few minor amendments, to ensure legal compliance.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All items of correspondence received to date were presented to Members and noted.

10. TO RESOLVE THE FINANCE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2024

The Parish Clerk presented the latest bank balances for the parish council and the expenditure incurred for the parish council for March 2024 amounting to £3,368.70, as detailed below.

£803.70 – Test Valley Borough Council – Dog/Litter Bin emptying for the period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024 – Invoice 10060844 dated 26 February 2023 (Cheque Number: 001343)

£520.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – February Salary (Cheque Number: 001344)

£2,045.00 – Michael Eastwood – Mowing in Lockerley for 2023 (Cheque Number 01345)

It was RESOLVED to approve the finance schedule of expenditure for March 2024 as prescribed and presented.

11. TO DISCUSS THE GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

The Chair advised members that she is in receipt of two quotations for the grass and hedge cutting for 2024. These are respectively from Michael Eastwood for £2,736.00 and Clive Jones for £315.00 plus VAT. Members acknowledged that given the unique schedule requirements for Lockerley, it is difficult to obtain comparative and additional quotations. Indeed, some suppliers have refused to quote. Members resolved to accept the quotations as specified.

With respect to the suggestion made earlier in the meeting concerning leaving some areas of the Greens uncut and thereby promote biodiversity and 'nectar bars', members favoured this concept in principle. Members agreed to trial the policy and therefore requested that Alex Wood liaise with Michael Eastwood and the Parish Council to discuss implementation.

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12. TO DISCUSS MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING ON THE VILLAGE GREENS

Cllr. Peter Funnell commented that this matter has arisen as a tree and brass plate has been placed on Lockerley Green in front of the shop and is on parish council owned land. He stated that the Parish Council needs to be clear on the issue of permissions being granted for memorial tree planting on village greens. Members recalled that there is a Village Green policy in existence and it was agreed that this be located and discussion on this agenda item be deferred until the May meeting of the Parish Council.

13. TO DETERMINE AND RESOLVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Clerk advised members that there are two planning applications that have been received requiring determination by the parish council..

At this point in the meeting, the Chair made a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in relation to planning application 24/00178/FULLS and took no part in discussion or voting. The Vice-Chair (Cllr. Peter Funnell), Chaired the Parish Council meeting on this planning application agenda item only.

Cllr. Tim Coomer made a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in relation to planning application 24/00310/FULLS and took no part in discussion or voting.

24/00178/FULLS – Land on the East Side of The Banks, The Banks, Lockerley – Removal of day-room and storage shed and erection of a replacement day-room/storage building. Members RESOLVED an OBJECTION on the grounds of the application being out of keeping with the local area.

24/00310/FULLS – Land at Holbury Lane, Holbury Lane, Lockerley – Create dog exercising paddock, with access from Holbury Lane, parking area, fencing, pathway and mobile field shelter. Members RESOLVED an OBJECTION on the grounds of overdevelopment and the application being out of keeping with the local area coupled with concerns that the plan is in close proximity to residential properties. Furthermore, no detailed reference is made in the planning application to a change of use for the proposal, which is required.

14. TO RESOLVE A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2040

Members discussed a consultation response to the Test Valley Borough Council Local Plan 2040 Stage 2 Public Consultation together with the briefing note on the document prepared by the Parish Clerk, previously circulated to all members. Comments were made that no coherent transport policy is contained within the Draft Local Plan, which is of concern. Members RESOLVED to support the Draft Local Plan 2040 and the consultation response prepared by the Parish Clerk to the Draft Local Plan 2040 and for this to be sent to Test Valley Borough Council accordingly with the additional response included referencing that there is no coherent transport policy contained in the Draft Local Plan 2040.

15. FOOTPATHS AND ROADS

The Parish Clerk advised members that he has received the legal confirmations from Hampshire County Council of the public path creation and definitive map modification

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order 2024 for part of footpath 25. Members RESOLVED to accept the legal order accordingly.

16. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None recorded.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.15 hours.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 13 May 2024 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Lockerley.