

Lockerley Parish Council Minutes

18th September 2023

Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall

1. Present:

Councillors: Jane Waller - Chair (JW), Tim Coomer (TC), Peter Furnell - Vice Chair (PF),
Caroline Loverage (CL) Len Arthur (LA)

Alex Walker (minute taker)

Nick Adams-King - HCC (NAK) and 17 members of the public

2. Welcome: Jane Waller welcomed Nick Adams-King, councillors and all the members of the public.

3. Apologies: Alison Johnson - TVBC

4. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda Items: Peter Funnell declared that he lives on Lockerley Green. Jane Waller declared that one of the planning applications is that of her neighbour.

5. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting on 26th June 2023: The minutes of the meeting were approved, signed and dated by JW as Chair

6. Open Forum:

The verges are in a poor condition. Visibility and safety are being compromised. Should local people put in some money to improve the verges?

The corner/junction by the 2 garages in Lockerley is still extremely dangerous as cars are parked on the pavement.

The parking outside the school on Butts Green is potentially dangerous as the cars are parked at 90 degrees to the road and there are no marked 'no parking' spaces to improve visibility

Walking along the footpath by the railway bridge can be scary as cars pass close and fast.

7. County Councillors Report - Nick Adams-King

- Parking of vehicles on the pavement and at a junction is a police matter. The corner is very dangerous. There was an accident recently involving a mobile home on a lorry. This was reported to the police.
- Outside the school - yellow bollards could be installed to define the crossing area more clearly
- HCC is currently looking at 20mph zones and speed indicators (smiley and sad faces). A decision will be made on roll out by HCC in November. The community needs to identify where 20mph zones should be and whether speed indicators are needed. The funding arrangements for speed indicators will change to a CIL (community infrastructure levy) which means parish councils can choose to spend the money locally. HCC has a Travel to School Team who could come out. NAK will get someone from the team to do an audit. In 3 years time HCC will not have a balanced budget so HCC will need to reorganise and find alternative ways to finance services. Routes to school will be evaluated and the most cost effective option will be adopted.
- Most of the verges and hedges are privately owned. Letters, which can be sent to local landowners detailing them to maintain their hedges and verges, will be emailed to JW to pass on shortly. The Lengthsman will be trained to maintain road signs.
- Telephone masts - NAK has been chasing to see what the status is but without success. More on this under item 14 in these minutes.
- Aster Sewerage - Aster inherited the maintenance of the sewage removal in 2000 but they have not maintained the infrastructure and people who have purchased their own homes are paying large sums to have their sewage tankered away. NAK has found a retired QC who has contacts to look into the legal side and TVBC's legal team are going through the paperwork. The Romsey Advertiser, Echo and Rip Off Britain are all running stories to try and shame Aster into rectifying this situation. Aster has been negligent and needs to fix the plants at their own cost.
- HCC has made it a priority to dig out the grips and get the roads safe for the winter. NAK will report the ongoing water problems on the Romsey Road.

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8. Finance:

Account balances:

Current Account:	20,853.56
Deposit Account:	15,069.21
Deposit Account (Green Preservation Reserve)	11,953.00
Playground Account	11,952.52

Cheques:

26.6.23 Alex Walker - Locum Clerk	001318	150.00
10.7.23 Arnold Baker book	001319	153.80

10.7.23 Butts Green keys	001320	17.97
28.7.23 Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall	001321	18.00
HALC Training Course	001322	117.30
Playsafety Ltd Inspection	001323	302.40
16.9.23 Russell Services - Electrical Inspection	001324	240.00
Winchester DBF - Glebe Field Rental	001325	180.00
Gary Wolfe - Parish Rooms Decoration	001326	920.00
Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall	001327	18.00

9: Appointment of a Clerk

JW commented that it has been 12 months since the clerk resigned. A clerk is needed as an independent and non biased voice to steer the council in the correct direction.

Thank you PF for all the clerk duties. A lot of money has been saved in the period without a clerk. It may be difficult to recruit a good clerk though and TC made the point that no clerk is better than a dysfunctional clerk.

Vote to recruit and appoint a new clerk taken. 3 in favour and 2 abstentions.

10. Highways:

After some discussion a vote was taken and all councillors agreed that:

There should be a 20 mph speed limit on the road outside Lockerley Primary School (one side of the Butts Green triangle)

30 mph before the Tim Isles Playground (coming from the West) all the way to the junction by the Scout Hut. It is currently 40 mph by the playground

Coming south from East Tytherley to Lockerley it should be 30 mph before the bridge over the River Dunn

JW to submit the parish council plan to HCC Highways

JW to submit each blocked culvert as a separate issue on the HCC website

11. Footpaths:

There are issues with the Lenghtsman and work has been delayed.

Uncompleted projects on the schedule are Footpath 33, (Top Green), and Butts Green ditch, (Not including the School Farm side.)

Projects completed: The parish room hedge and weed clearance.

The undergrowth around the railings at the corner of Dunbridge Lane and Dunbridge Road.

Future project: Cutting the Memorial Hall hedge and clearing the ditch.

12. Greens and Open Spaces:

Butts Green - broken Dragon Teeth. Jeff Hatcher to get a quote

The broken sapling is growing so that will be left to grow

Lockerley Green

Hedge Cutting on the road near the bridge going to Top Green - Clive Jones to cut

13. **Playground:**

On 14.7.23 the safety inspection was completed on the Tim Isles Playground

14. **Other Outstanding Issues:**

Lockerley Parish Council Website

Ionos can provide 5 email accounts (and additional when needed), free domain and support for 1 pound per month for 12 months and then 2.50 pounds per month.

Councillors voted in favour of Ionos Mail Basic 5 as new provider.

Emails to be councillors name @lockerley pc.co.uk

Mobile Phone Mast Meeting

A meeting was held recently with representatives from LPC, EDPC and a local telecommunications expert. Subsequently, it has been found that Lockerley and Awbridge have no likelihood of a mast - the possible providers have gone elsewhere. This will affect parishioners ability to get good electricity tariffs and SMART metres.

Parish Rooms improvements

The outside has been completed and the inside and the floor clean and polish will be done soon. The electricity has been checked. It is now apparent that the roof needs some repairs. PF to get quotes. It will cost about 3,200 pounds for redecoration. Lockerley Silver band have offered to put 750 pounds towards the costs and EDPC have offered to put 1000 pounds towards the costs.

After some discussion councillors voted and agreed that Lockerley Silver Band and EDPC could continue to use the hall for the foreseeable future under the current arrangements (not charge for use).

Councillor Training

CL went on a new councillor course at HALC and reported that it was informative.

15: Planning

3 applications received and considered since last meeting

23/01977/CLPS Curlews Lodge. Closing date 24/08/23. No Comment.

23/02052/FULLS Arenal. Closing date 15/09/23. No Comment.

23/01844/FULLS 2 Thatched Cottages. Closing date 18/09/23. No Comment.

2 new applications

23/02258/Fulls Westbank Mount Lane. No comment

23/02209/Fulls Bumpkins Barn. No comment

16. Correspondence:

Lockerley Silver Band and EDPG contributions towards Parish Rooms - already discussed and voted on in minuted item 14

Footpaths - Footpath 17 (across the field between Mount Lane and Cooks Lane/Pains Hill) is in poor repair, unsafe and unusable. HCC are taking enforcement action against the landowner on 3 footpaths across this field. Parishioners are encouraged to report unsafe footpaths to HCC using the HCC website

Lockerley Green - A resident has written to the parish council saying they are unhappy with the damage to the Green because of parking and suggested dragon's teeth

Items to discuss at next meeting:

Crime investigation Group

Working Collaboratively - JW went on a course and would like to feedback

The meeting closed at 9:35

Next Meeting on Monday 13th November at 1900 hrs in PARISH ROOMS

Signed by the Chair _____

Date _____