

23.134	Apologies from Councillors Natasha Beattie, Nick Adams King and Alison Johnson. Welcome to 25 Members of the Public Present: Chair Cllr Sue Kent (SK) and Cllrs Tim Comer (TC) Jane Waller (JW) Helen Woodfield (HW) Peter Funnell (PF) and Peter Ashby	
23.135	Minutes from the last meeting were approved with the additional comments. JW noted that the lengthsman can do ditching work (minutes 18 October). PF said he had not agreed to send SK a list of points that were missing in the November minutes. PF unhappy that the minutes are abridged. SK explained that that is what minutes are. PF was concerned that item 22.128 (Village Design) has not been formally approved by LPC. SK explained this project was not an LPC project but a Lockerley Parish project. Any funding is reimbursed by TVBC.	
23.136	NO declarations of interest were made	
23.137	Open Forum Q Are LPC councillors going to get training? A Yes but after the elections in May Q Any progress on switching banks to Unity A Yes Q Does LPC have to approve all payments before they are paid A Yes Q Is the mobile phone mast project dead? A It's been aborted for now. (Government wants "most" of UK covered by 2026). Pointed out the mast was originally there for reading smart meters only! MOP said the marshalling land had been a possible site but no longer was. Suggestion that a tree survey should be done so the layby can be considered as a site. MOP suggested Telephone Exchange as a site.	
23.138	Village Greens Policy has been drafted. PF wanted to get Parish feedback before it is formally adopted. None received to date but insufficient notice. Agreed to rollover to next meeting.	
23.139	JW gave a detailed account of a number of issues. See attached notes. Land on either side of Shackles Lane is owned by the Norman Court Estate, who are going to maintain the footpath	
23.140	Clerk recruitment – nobody has responded. PF noted the ad does not appear on HALC's list of vacancies. SK to follow up. It will be advertised on Spotted Lockerley, our web site etc.	Action SK
23.141	SK said the meeting on 14 December with TVBC was well attended. The slides are on the LPC web site. Reconfirmed to MOP that this project needs LPC input, BUT, is not an LPC project. Volunteers have been asked to join a steering group. NAK previously explained that any costs would be reimbursed by TVBC so there are no cost implications for LPC.	
23.142	LPC has two bank accounts. A/c 1 has £25,653 and A/c 2 has £18,201 SK went through the latest financial position as far as is known. She explained that bank statements go to a former Clerk but are now forwarded. TSB are yet to accept a mandate change request. The accounts contain some restricted funds for LGPS and LCFE?. The alleged error in the accounts has been resolved. There was no error as LPC had received both a gift and a Covid Grant. It was a coincidence.	

	The budget for 2023/2024 was discussed at great length. It forms the basis for the precept for 2023/2024. The budget means our precept (the part of the Council Tax that is allocated to LPC) would mean an increase of 40% but this was deemed excessive, so a compromise was suggested of a 20% increase, justified by the fact that our precept has not increased for some years. LPC will have to prioritise spending. The budget finally agreed is attached. On a vote to accept the budget, PF abstained and the remaining Councillors accepted the budget. A significant item was the Golpa matting for Butts Green. Since the dragon's teeth were put in, cars park up to the new posts making a muddy mess on the green beyond the old matting. HW has a new quote of £59,000. PA pointed out we do not have that amount to spend. TC suggested borrowing the shortfall and paying back over the lifetime of the matting. SK will look into available grants. MOP asked whether we could just do a car park. Would be cheaper. Also in the budget is the Clerk's costs. TC questioned whether we were too generous. Pointed out the hours had been the same for years Payments approved: Michael Eastwood Mowing Clive Jones for playground maintenance Glebe Field rent	
23.143	The report on the Parish rooms was deferred to the next meeting	
23.144	Planning issues tend to be done by email as we do not meet with sufficient time to discuss these in person. Agreed to continue this way (Any contentious matters can always be discussed at an EGM.)	
23.145	No correspondence	

Appendix 1 LOCKERLEY: FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC SPACES

Greens

Annual survey schedule needs updating and completing.

Parish room grass to be included on Groundsman Michael Eastwood's list of tasks.

Lockerley Green: Unadopted road. Ownership and responsibilities?

Hedges

Shackles Lane (fp33). The wider, lower path has been cleared and the hedges have been cut by Norman Court.

The upper, narrow section of the path still needs clearing. I suggest accepting Clive Jones quote of £150 + VAT to complete this task.

Cut between Oval Road and Butlers Close: Lelandii hedge excessively tall. Side trim needed.

Trees

Tree works to be identified close to areas of public access.

Trees to be cut back on the top section of Lockerley Green, adjacent to the railway bridge. Tree surgeon required.

Memorial tree on Butts Green.

Ditches

Complaints about the blocked culvert under the road at the bottom of Cooks Lane.

Probable that the culverts under the road at the top of Cooks Lane and in Mount Lane are also blocked.

Suggest adding to HCC list for work to be undertaken in the spring.

Lengthsman

Our Lengthsman has been seriously ill and hospitalised with 'flu.

The work scheduled to clear fp16, (opposite the Butts Green Garage) has been rescheduled for February. Undergrowth also to be cleared at corner of Butts Green and Dunbridge Lane.

£732 remains in the Lengthsman's budget.

Footpaths

I have rechecked footpaths 21 and 22 at Tote Hill. OK.

Footpath 6 from Butts Green to Spearywell. Wellies needed, but no work required at present.

Footpath 16 still awaiting cut back.

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Please let us know of any work that needs to be undertaken.

Note to be included in the Parish Newsletter and website.