

MINUTES OF LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Monday 9th August 2021 at 7.00 p.m in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Cllrs Sue Kent (Chair),Tim Coomer (Vice Chair), Jane Waller, Helen Woodfield, Maurice Hillier, Peter Funnell

Clerk Eveline Attwood

Apologies: None

5 Members of the public were also in attendance.

21/037 Election of Chairperson

Cllr. Tim Coomer proposed Cllr. Helen Woodfield seconded the motion. It was resolved that Cllr. Sue Kent be elected Chairperson for the Parish Council. Cllr. Sue Kent signed the declaration of acceptance.

21/038 Election of Vice Chairperson

Cllr.Jane Waller proposed Tim Coomer and Cllr Helen Woodfield seconded the motion. It was resolved that Cllr.Tim Coomer be elected Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

21/039 Declaration of interest (agenda items only): None.

Maters declared urgent by the clerk

21/040 Finance

a) Bank mandate & change of address

It was unanimously agreed that all Cllrs should be made signatories and the change of address was approved for the new clerk.

b) Approval of cheques

Open Space Society	£45.00	001240
MC Eastwood - grass cutting	£1168.00	001241

The clerk will report locate last years invoice and report to Cllrs.

21/041 Playground- annual inspection

The clerk reported this was due to take place in May and that the quotation arrived after the last meeting. Cllrs approved N Adams quote of £105.60 for new play area inspection and £6.95 for the climbing frame. Approval was given to Cllr PF to investigate a training course. Cllrs discussed closing the play ground until this issue was resolved. *Post meeting. 10/08/21 The clerk spoke with the engineer who has confirmed the inspection will take place early next week. Cllr SK spoke with the insurance company who have noted the call and confirmed this will not affect the Parish Councils insurance. Cllrs Kent and Funnell have agreed to carry out a visual safety check to enable the play park to remain open in the holidays.*

21/042 Correspondence

a) Donation for bench & tree

The Clerk has been advised that a donation has been made towards the benches and trees for Butts Green. The benches are already in situ and the trees will be planted in the spring. Cllr HW reported after the meeting that LA had already installed the family plaques on one bench.

b) Skate Park Letter

The Clerk will respond saying the land suggested for the skate park is not owned by the parish council.

c) Parishioner woken at 6.30am by contractor

A complaint was received about the early start of a contractor cutting the hedge areas. An apology has been sent.

21/044 Date of next meeting 20th September 2021

21/045 Confidential matters

Discussion took place about whether the meeting should take place without members of the public. Cllr Funnell objected. A vote was taken and it was resolved that discussions about staff employment matters were confidential.

The Chair informed members of the public - That Lockerley Parish Council had passed a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion re staffing matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

There being no further business the chair closed the meeting to the public at 7.30pm.

21/046 Gratuity

Lockerley Parish Council met on 9 August 2021 and agreed to refer certain matters to Test Valley Borough Council, the Principle Authority for independent scrutiny.

Whilst this matter is under consideration by the Principle Authority it would be inappropriate to provide additional information or comment further.

21/047 Clerks contract It was resolved that the model contract provided by HALC is more compliant with employment legislation than the contract issued to the clerk prior to appointment. This will now be reviewed by Cllrs.

21/048 Clerks Office. The clerk requested a filing cabinet. Cllrs will investigate. The Clerk also confirmed that there is no office equipment owned by the Parish Council.