

MINUTES OF LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Monday 21st September 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Waller.

20/027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO THE AGENDA ITEMS: None

MEMBERS INTEREST FORMS: No changes to report

20/028 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JULY: The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July had been sent previously to all Councillors and were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

20/029 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES: None

20/030 OPEN FORUM:

- PF reported some dead trees behind the bus shelter on Lockerley Green; the parish council resolved to accept his offer to cut the trees down and remove the dead wood.
- HCC Report: Noted
- Mid Test Matters: Noted

20/031 FINANCE

a) **Current financial position:**

Treasurers account (as at 31.08.20)	£20,275.27
Premier Interest Account	£21,614.09

£41,889.36

Total Funds

- £10000 – Greens and open spaces

b) **Payments for Approval: ® = retrospective**

Eastwood – grass cutting®	£733.00	#1208
TVBC – bins®	£480.00	#1209
Clerks Expenses June – Sept*	£2243.67	#1210
TVBC Playground bin	£569.57	#1211
SE – parish room	£110.72	DD
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• Includes £497.67 final play-ground expenses		

c)			

d)External Audit Report: Nothing to report

d)Receipts: £12,118.83 vat reclaimed and £185.00 silver band rent of parish room.

20/032 PLANNING

α) New applications (since last meeting):

20/02214/FULLS The Old Vicarage

Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension, to provide additional living space, following demolition of single storey rear extensions.

The parish council resolved not to object to this application.

20/02029/FULLS Oversten

Side extension with roof alterations to provide open plan living with three additional bedrooms above; render and timber cladding to whole dwelling; driveway alteration; demolition of carport, garage and conservatory (Amended scheme)

The parish council resolved to make no comment on this application. Noted that it falls in the parish of Awbridge.

20/02009/FULLS Tyndale

Increase the footprint of garages to create enlarged space for use as annexe, replace tile cladding with oak and balcony balustrade with oak framed glass.

The parish council resolved to make no comment on this application.

β) Applications discussed at an open planning meeting on the 17th August:

Application No 20/01723/FULLS - Erlcombe, Lockerley

Lockerley parish council resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

1. Overdevelopment of the site.

The proposal constitutes considerable overdevelopment of the site, when considered against the adjacent properties in this area. The scheme is out of character with this part of the village, as the proposal offers a high proportion of hard landscaping – more appropriate in an urban area, but not in a rural setting. The current proposal provides only a single garage for each proposed dwelling which may result in additional vehicles being parked on Butts Green, an already stressed part of the village where parking is concerned. Concern was noted by the parish council from neighbours due to a loss of privacy should the proposal be accepted.

2. Contrary to Local Plan Policy COM2: Settlement Hierarchy

The development does not satisfy COM8-COM14, LE10, LE16-L18, nor is it considered essential development for the countryside.

3. Highways

The parish council have for many years been working with Hampshire County Council to try to alleviate some of the problems associated with an increase in vehicles parking on and around Butts Green, on the pavement in front of Erlcombe and in front of the two garages

neighbouring Erlcombe. The parish council consider the increase in vehicles associated with two additional properties would only add to the problems here. The proposed access to the properties is inadequate and close to the junction at the garage (visibility here is usually blocked during working hours by vehicles parked on the pavement.) The volume and speed of traffic off the Romsey Road onto Butts Green is ever increasing and safety is a major concern for the parish council who are working with the school, village hall committee, garage and residents to try to resolve these issues.

20/01890/FULLS Sunnyfield

Erection of porch, carport and link extensions

The parish council resolved to make no objection on this application.

χ) Decisions received from TVBC

20/01360/FULLS School Farm for a river maintenance store – Refused

(The submitted scheme is not considered to be a form of development that is appropriate within the countryside, and would cause harm to the landscape setting of the countryside by providing a cumulative built development)

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

20/033 VILLAGE GREENS

α) Butts Green

Work will commence on Butts Green during the half term holiday in October to include the installation of dragon's teeth. Cllrs Woodfield and Arthur will draft a letter to send to the main users of the green for parking to advise when the work will commence and of the restrictions to be implemented for the new parking area. It was noted at this meeting that the school are using the school parking area to 'bubble' groups of children during the pandemic; a meeting with the chair of governors will be requested to discuss school parking. It was agreed that the clerk will be the key holder for the new gates to the green and a key will also be supplied to Mr Eastwood who cuts the grass.

β) Lockerley Green

The parish council have been asked to review the grass cutting contract for Lockerley Green again to allow the grass and wildflowers to grow. (Noted the same request from this parishioner at the July meeting.) Following the July meeting, the residents living around Lockerley Green were asked their opinion and the clerk reported that three other parishioners had made comment – two against and one in support of allowing the grass and wildflowers to grow. As there was not a strong majority one way or another, the parish council discussed the proposal again, and voted in support of keeping the grass cut on Lockerley Green. It was acknowledged that there are areas in the parish where wild flowers are left to grow, however as Lockerley Green is a village green often used by the older children to play and for picnics, left as a flower meadow it could look unkempt and vulnerable to dog fouling and litter.

χ) Tim Illes Playground

Cllr Arthur was nominated as the parish council representative for the playground and will conduct weekly safety inspections.

δ) Lockerley Greens Preservation Society / Lockerley Community Security Committee

It was reported that both the Lockerley Greens Preservation Society and the Lockerley Community Security Committee were both being dissolved, and the parish council had been asked to hold any remaining reserves in a designated parish council account. The parish council will thank the committees for the advice and support offered in the past and resolved to hold the funds in a separate account to the parish council precept account. Instructions on the future use of those funds including what to do with the money if not called on within a prescribed period will be requested.

20/034 LENGTHSMAN REPORT

Work Completed

July:

All the public benches, other than the new ones in the Tim Illes Playground, were cleaned and oiled.

The hedge along the cut from Oval Road to Butler's Close was cut.

The grass was cut and the ditch repaired at the junction of Mount Lane and Romsey Road.

The damage was reported to HCC, but we were told it was the responsibility of the landowner.

The undergrowth on the corner on Dunbridge Lane was cut back as it was obscuring the sharp bend.

August:

The Parish Room hedge was cut and all of the weeds in the courtyard were cleared. The cuttings were removed and taken away.

The undergrowth was cleared in the glades at Tote Hill Common.

Footpaths 21 and 22 were cleared. A fallen tree across Footpath 22 was also cut down and taken away. These are very popular paths and this work was much appreciated.

Proposed work for October:

Cutting the hedge at the Memorial Hall.

Repairing and clearing the ditch in Mount Lane opposite "Anna's", Mr Jackson's house.

Other items:

The Tote Hill ditch was cleared by HCC and a pipe connected to direct excess water under the road and onto the adjacent common land.

We are now almost out of funds and any other essential work will have to come from our annual precept.

Footpath 33 from Top Green to The Downs will need clearing. Peter Holt and Tim Illes have done this work voluntarily in the past. The HCC team, the Ramblers and our own Lengthsman have also helped, but we now need to employ a man and machine.

21/035 CORRESPONDENCE:

- MN – grass cutting on Lockerley Green to protect the wildflowers. (20/033 b)
- Playground committee – clerk to respond.
- HCC report - noted
- HALC – reform of planning system - noted

21/036 ITEMS OF NOTE:

- It was reported that the road sweeper only swept as far as Sunnyfield in Mount Lane again – clerk to report.
- The village hall has undergone a refurbishment.
- Following a complaint about the noise from the recycling bins, Test Valley Borough Council will be replacing the bins with insulated bins.

20/037 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 23rd November 2020

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.