

MINUTES OF LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. Len Arthur, Sue Kent, Maurice Hillier, Helen Woodfield, Tim Coomer, and Jane Waller. Also, in attendance was Borough Councillor Alison Johnston, clerk to the council, Sue Holder and two members of the public.

APOLOGIES: None

20/049 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO THE AGENDA ITEMS: None

20/050 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD NOVEMBER: The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd November had been sent previously to all Councillors and were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

20/051 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

- Sufficient funds have been raised by the First Responders to purchase a defibrillator.
- Mount Lane has still not been swept.
- Debris from Little Fosters in Tote Hill continues to be an issue and Cllr Johnston agreed to discuss with the Planning Officer.
- Potholes opposite Little Fosters were also reported.

20/052 OPEN FORUM:

i) Test Valley Borough Council Report, Cllr A Johnston

- Cllr Johnston reported a number of scams relating to the coronavirus vaccination.
- Grant funding was reported to be available to cover loss of revenue due to the pandemic. Further information will be provided to the village hall committee and details will be passed to Acorn, the village pre-school.

ii) Comments from members of the public

- The route across Butts Green to the school was reported to be very slippery; a footpath across the green was proposed, for discussion at a future meeting.
- Access onto Butts Green from Clems Way direction was difficult with a pushchair because of the mud.
- Members of the public thanked the Parish Council for the work to enclose Butts Green with dragon's teeth and the parking area.

20/053 FINANCE

a) Current financial position:

Treasurers account (as at 28.12.20)	£7,213.29
Premier Interest Account	£21,650.08

Total Funds	£28,863.37

b) Payments for Approval: ® = retrospective

TV School sponsorship®	25.00	#1219 ✓
Mackoy – Butts Green®	18876.00	#1221 ✓
Clerk Oct and Nov exps®	873.00	#1222 ✓
Michael Eastwood – grass cutting®	1087.00	#1223 ✓

£25 ✓ Romsey Sch
#1220

Jones – hedge cutting®	108.00	#1224 ✓
Clerk Dec and Jan exp	873.00	#1225 ✓
Chubb – parish room	120.29	#1226 ✓
Website Costs (replacement for chq 1199)	81.00	#1227 ✓

c) Grants for consideration using LGA 1972s 137 powers

1. Section 137 of the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 authorises a local council to spend money (subject to the statutory limit) for the direct benefit of its area, or part of its area, or all or some of its inhabitants.
2. 2020/21 limit = £8.32 per elector. Current elector for Lockerley is estimated at 639 x 8.32 = £5188.68 per annum.
3. Under section 137A a council which gives financial assistance (by way of grant or loan) must require the body or charity to provide a written statement of how the money has been spent, within 12 months after the assistance has been given. It would also be good practice to request a body or charity provides a financial statement or accounts before a grant or loan is given.

Organisation	Purpose of grant	2020/21	2021/22
Lockerley School	Leavers Gifts	65.00	65.00
Test Valley School	Donation towards prize	30.00	30.00
Romsey School	Donation towards prize	30.00*	30.00
Royal British Legion	Wreath and donation	30.00	30.00
Thorngate Care grp	Running costs	100.00	100.00
United Benefice	Newsletter printing	100.00	100.00
Village Hall		1300.00	1750.00
Total		1655.00	2105.00

* Romsey School declined our grant this year because the annual presentation evening was cancelled due to the pandemic. (Chq # 20)

d) Receipts: None

e) Budget / Precept:

- The parish council agreed the budget sent in advance of the meeting. Based on the figures provided, Cllr Coomber proposed, Cllr Kent seconded, and the parish council voted

unanimously in favour of a zero increase to the precept this year. The clerk will therefore request a precept of £18,687.00 for 2021/22.

- Cllr Hillier proposed, Cllr Waller seconded, and the parish council resolved to grant the Village Hall Committee £1750.00 for 2020/21 on receipt of an audited set of accounts.

20/054 PLANNING

- a) New applications (since last meeting): None
- b) 20/01723/FULLS – Erlcombe Two detached dwellings – still pending
20/01270/FULLS The Granary for 3 bed dwelling – Refused

20/055 VILLAGE GREENS

- a) **Butts Green:** Four benches will be installed on the green this week and eight cherry trees are also planned, partly funded by Parishioners and a Hampshire County Council grant. The Lockerley Garden Club will be consulted on the tree planting. Damage to a post near the post box on the green has been reported to The Blue Star Bus Company.
- b) **Tim Illes Playground**
Cllr Arthur reported that the weekly safety inspections had all been completed satisfactorily. The parish council have thanked M for arranging and paying to have the hedge cut at the playground and will obtain quotes to have the barbed wire replaced between the cow field and the playground fence.
- c) **Other Greens and Open Spaces**
Cllr Coomer reported no issues with Lockerley Green.

20/056 HIGHWAYS

- Erosion of the roadside bank on Butts Green has been reported as a potential flood risk. (21537145)
- Mount Lane to Tote Hill has still not been swept.
- Potholes outside of Little Fosters was reported, of particular concern during heavy rain (21537916), and the debris from Little Fosters will be discussed with the Planning Officer by Cllr Johnston.

20/057 FOOTPATH REPORT, provided by Cllr Waller

Cllr Waller reported that a book of walks around Lockerley has been reviewed and updated by a team of local walkers. All the walks are considered passable however there are some issues with broken stiles. It was agreed that the footpaths would be reviewed, and a full list of issues discussed at a future meeting.

21/058 WEBSITE COMPLIANCE

Parish Councils now have a duty, under the *Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018*, to ensure their websites meet with accessibility standards. This means ensuring it can be used by as many people as possible including those with a disability such as visual impairment, motor difficulties, cognitive impairments and impaired hearing or deafness. It was agreed that the clerk would establish how compliant the parish council website was and report back at the next meeting.

The parish council also agreed to use Facebook and other social media platforms to improve communications with the parish. A noticeboard at the village shop will also be considered.

21/059 CENSUS

The Census has been advertised in the newsletter, website and on the village hall noticeboard.

21/060 CORRESPONDENCE:

- LGPS/LCSC funds, noted.
- HCC Jan 21 report, noted.
- SM: Damage to Butts Green dragon's teeth by bus, reported.
- PD: 2021 census, noted.
- Romsey School: Presentation evening canceled, and sponsorship not required, noted.
- Mid Test Matters 18, noted.
- TV School Thank you for sponsorship, noted.
- ES: parking in Butlers Close, noted that the parish council have no influence on parking here which is land owned jointly by HCC and TVBC and managed by Aster Housing.
- AK: Butts Green roadside ditch, reported to HCC.
- SM: Damage to Butts Green post, reported to Blue Star Bus Company.

20/061 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 15th March 2021.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.