

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Lapford Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 1st April 2015 - 7.30pm

At the Orchard Centre

Minutes

Present: Cllr McAreavey (Chair) Cllr Doe, Cllr Hemsworth (Vice Chair) Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Clinch, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Wensely, Cllr Eginton (Ward Councillor) Christopher Voaden (Clerk), 3 Members of the Public

01/04/15 **Apologies** – Cllr Peter Heal, Cllr Squires (County Councillor)

02/04/15 **Declarations of Interest** – none.

03/04/15 **Minutes of the last meeting Ref 03/15 for agreement and signing**
These minutes were amended at 10/3/15 and were agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

04/04/15 **Open Forum for members of the public**
MOP – It was noted that the railing around the entrance to the Orchard Centre had become loose. Graham Heal will be asked to inspect and quote for remedial work as required.

05/04/15 **Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions**
The Parish Council noted that Matters Arising had not changed from the February Meeting.

06/04/15 **Playing Field clearance**
Cllr Hemsworth asked for this to be added to the agenda. There has been significant delay in removing the old playing equipment in preparation for Kompan installing the first phase of the new equipment. It was understood that the LYPFT were to remove this equipment in January. There was confusion as to who was to remove it as in the past Woods salvage company were to remove this giving some finances for the equipment as scrap. Cllr Hemsworth read an email from the chairman at that time, stating that the LYPTF would be responsible for the removal of equipment.
Cllr McAreavey had asked the Chair of the LYPFT committee for an update prior to the meeting and no reply had been received. All present noted the health and safety concerns relating to the current play equipment, especially the roundabout. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the LYPFT regarding timetables for removal of old equipment. A time frame from the LYPFT was required. Cllr McAreavey to liaise with the LYPFT on the matter.

Signed

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07/04/15 Update from the Regeneration Committee

a. The Old Malt Scoop Inn

Cllr Briant-Evans reported that the Regeneration Committee understood that negotiations for the sale of the freehold are at an advance stage. Considering this fact, the Regeneration committee felt that there was no need to advise the Parish Council to proceed with registering the Public House as a community asset. The regeneration committee continued to hold a watching brief over the situation.

b. Tarka Line

There is an article within the Lookout from Ian Doswell regarding the conclusions of his survey work into the use of Lapford Railway Station received through the Lapford Lookout and email replies. Surveys at Morchard Road and Eggesford train stations were still to take place with dates provided in the Lapford Lookout. Ian Doswell had asked for support in publishing that report in the local press. The Parish Council agreed to this with Cllr Wensley suggesting the inclusion of the North Devon Journal. A large number of houses are scheduled to be built in North Devon which should increase the use of the Tarka line.

08/04/15 Grass Cutting Tender 2015.

The Clerk reports that one tender quote had been received. The Clerk was also made aware of one further quote to be provided and he awaited this.

Only one received so far, one further to come through by email.

09/04/15 Proposed work on the Church Clock.

The Clerk had been made aware the PCC council meet on the 7th April 2015 and a report on the request for financial support will be provided afterwards.

Cllr Briant-Evans noted that there is a commemorative plaque within the church from the 19th Century commemorating the installation of the Church Clock. It states that parishioners donated monies for the clock. Does this change the position with regard to our responsibilities for upkeep? Following previous advice from the Clerk on the Parish Council responsibilities as to time keeping, it was accepted that we have no duty to provide this service. *I do not think that this was said.*

10/04/15 Telephone & Broadband connections to the Orchard Centre.

Signed

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Discussion took place on the availability of Broadband being provided at the Orchard Centre. Past investigations showed that line rental would be approximately £12 per month. It was up to the Parish Council to choose the internet service provider as prices varied.

The Clerk was given authority to investigate this for reporting back at the May meeting.

P- Cllr Briant-Evans

S – Cllr Hemsworth

11/04/15 Local Resilience Workshop, Phoenix House, Tiverton on 26th March 2015

Prior to the meeting, all councillors were provided with notes of this meeting attended by Cllr Briant- Evans.

It was reported that an identified person within the village should be appointed to liaise with the emergency services should the emergency plan be enacted? It was thought that someone on the current committee and present at the incident should be nominated. Further, clothing such as fluorescent jacket should be purchased for this person to wear identifying themselves to Parishioners and the Emergency Services. It would be asked that a fluorescent jacket / tabard be purchased to show who is in charge. Cllr SBE and NM to investigate.

Further agreement was reached on the following

- Laminated instruction sheets to accompany the Parish Emergency Plan will be produced &
- Emergency Planning Group meeting will take place on Thursday 16th April 2015.

12/04/15 Village litter-pick & clean-up day.

It was agreed that a litter pick would take place on Saturday 16th May 2015 – 10.30am.

The Clerk will inform MDDC about the pick for insurance purposes.

All present agreed that there was a major litter problem within the village and local area and the litter pick should partially address this.

13/04/15 Finance

Account Balances

Current account - £2,801.74 (including TAP fund payment - £927) –

Savings account - £4,814.28

Loan stock - £983.98

Payments to be agreed

- Clerk – 28 hrs @ £9.20 - £248.30 (257.50)
- South West Water - £31.41
- Log On Garden Services - £45 – disputed –

Signed

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NM

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It was noted that Stephen Faulkner may have undertaken more cuts than contracted for. He would not be paid without first checking on how many cuts had been undertaken for 2014/15

All other payment were agreed.

P – JB

S – SW

Mileage claims and purchases of refreshments would be made to those concerned.

13/04/15 District and County Councillor's report

Cllr Eginton – MDDC has successfully trialled a new recycling scheme for collection of all plastic and food waste (weekly). From June 2015 this scheme will be rolled out across the whole of Mid Devon, all plastics will be collected. Plastic film on the top of microwavable food is still not acceptable.

New containers will be provided as required.

Charges for green waste will apply as from October 2015. – This will not be relevant for those that compost their own green materials. For those who do not produce much green waste, it would be suggested that they join forces with others that can fill a bin. The charges for green waste collection have not been agreed yet.

14/04/15 Planning

- a. **15/00355/FULL** - Demolition of commercial building and erection of 5 dwellings with associated groundworks (Revised Scheme)

Clifton Construction Ltd Bridge Meadow Industrial Unit Lapford Crediton Devon
EX17 6AE

<http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?jsessionid=0EDA3137D93526896A35D964277F12B5?action=firstPage>

A site meeting took place on Saturday 28th March by the Parish Council. After discussion on the matter, Lapford Parish Council will support the planning application.

It was also noted that no footpath provisions were included in the plan. It was noted that minor changes could be made to the plans to incorporate a footpath to link to that provided for Ambrosia Close and the Clerk was asked to convey this to MDDC with our consultation reply.

P – SBE

S - IH

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A request for one further service on a Saturday in addition to what is proposed would be made.

The Parish Council would correspond with High Bickington on a response.

Full support is given from the Parish Council to HB's comments.

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Cllr Eginton – Site visit for planning application at Westgate. Separate minutes for the site meeting will be presented for signing at the June meeting.

There were no further items for discussion and the meeting concluded at 8.50pm

Date of the next meetings –

AGM - Wednesday 13th May 2015

Annual Meeting – Wednesday 3rd June 2015

N. Matthews
13/5/15

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