

**MINUTES OF LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2012
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE, LAPFORD
REFERENCE 02/12**

Present: Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Heal, Cllr Janes, Cllr Doe, Cllr Kenney, Cllr Eginton (District Cllr), Cllr Lee (County Cllr), Laura Cockram (Clerk), Guest Speaker Brenda Hull, 3 MOP's

Apologies: None

GUEST SPEAKER – MDDC CHAIRPERSON CLLR BRENDA HULL

02/12/01 Cllr Brenda Hull introduced herself to the meeting with a background of her time on the council. She advised how MDDC works and what has been happening in the district since she has been chairperson. Photovoltaic panels are being installed on some council housing and council buildings which we may have noticed locally. This is only where tenants are happy for them to be installed. There has been no cost to the council although this may produce some small income for MDDC if electricity is fed back to the electricity board. Cllr Lacey thanked Cllr Hull for attending the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

02/12/02 The minutes of the January 2012 meeting were read, agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Heal and seconded by Cllr Kenney.

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

02/12/03 Jeanne Whittaker from the Archive Committee has purchased a tube heater for the archive cupboard to keep the archive at a desired constant temperature. Cllr Heal offered to mount this.

Action: Cllr Heal

UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO LAPFORD SCHOOL

02/12/04 Cllr Briant-Evans informed that there has been a good start to the term. Ofsted have been and inspected and there are many encouraging messages, however the report is due to be issued next week. There has been good feedback and many additional activities have started up. The benefits appear evident already.

UPDATE ON JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS PLANNING

02/12/05 Cllr Briant-Evans asked if the Parish Council could support the celebrations financially until some income was generated on the day. Estimates of costs and potential income were distributed and if all goes to plan there would be a small profit. The beacon and other items need to be ordered and paid for up front, therefore the councils support with this would be appreciated. Peter Heal proposed that the Parish Council should be the budget holder for this event rather than a new account being set up and £750 be given as an initial start up to order the Beacon and Mugs. Cllr Burrows seconded this and all agreed. All invoices etc. to be put past the clerk for payment.

MATTERS ARISING

NB: Some references used below are those from Appendix A and Minutes

01/12/02 Cllr Lacey thanked Cllr Briant-Evans for her hard work with advertising the councillor roles. This has appeared on the front page of the Lapford Lookout so it is hoped a good response will be received.

12/11/25 Cllr Heal has passed on concerns about the Ambrosia site to Reg Willing at MDDC but it currently appears as though work has been halted. Reg has advised he will investigate further when possible.

FINANCE

02/12/06 **Automatic Payments taken from account**

Caretaker (1 st Jan)	£30.00
Southern Electric	£23.42
Caretaker (1 st Feb)	£30.00

02/12/07 **Account Balances**

The bank transfer has now been actioned therefore the account balances are now;

Current Account	£2076.21
Savings Account	£10,384.29
Loan Stock	£283.98

02/12/08 **Invoices**

Mike Leach	£28.00
Clerk	£82.50
Country Matters	£143.78
A&J Carpentry	£56.25

*Payments to be paid from previous meetings total £952.42 therefore Cllr Burrows proposed that these invoices should be paid and a further £2000 be transferred to the current account. This was seconded by Cllr Briant-Evans and agreed by all. Clerk to action. **Action: Clerk***

02/12/09 Cemetery Grant donations were discussed and it was thought that we should donate the same as last year; £340 to the PCC and £200 to the Congregational Church. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk**

PLANNING

02/12/10 REF 11/01792/FULL – The planning application at Sandalwood, Kelland Hill, for the erection of a two storey extension has been approved. A variation of condition notice has also been sent through, to change the size of the windows. There were no concerns so the clerk is to pass these on to the planning officer. **Action: Clerk**

02/12/11 REF 11/01997/FULL – New application for the erection of an underground slurry storage tank at Rafters, Rensley Lane. There were no objections to this application therefore it was thought we should recommend approval. Proposed by Cllr Burrows, seconded by Cllr Briant-Evans

CORRESPONDENCE

02/12/12 MDDC have sent on their Economic Development Strategy for commenting. This email is to be sent to councillors and comments returned to the clerk to create a response. **Action: All**

02/12/13 MDDC have sent an invite to their Corporate Plan workshop. Cllr Briant-Evans has been booked in for this.

02/12/14 Devon County Council are consulting on the schools admissions process. Full information is available on the website.

02/12/15 We have received a letter from HM Lord-Lieutenant of Devon asking us to nominate someone in our Parish to attend a special service and garden party at Exeter Cathedral to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The general feeling was to nominate Rowan Peto, after she retired following years on the Parish Council. Clerk to contact Rowan to see if she would like to attend. **Action: Clerk**

02/12/16 DCC have advised that they will now be consulting on county planning matters by email.

- 02/12/17 We have been asked if we would like a visit from MDDC Chief Executive Kevin Finan. Councillors thought this would be a good idea, therefore the clerk is to respond with dates of our meetings. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/18 The Chairman and Clerk have been invited by DCC to a celebration of the contributions made by Parish Councils to Devon Life. Cllr Lacey noted the date and confirmed his attendance. Clerk to pass this on. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/19 The Clerk magazine, Councils Direct Newsletter and a contact poster from Graham Watson MEP have been received. The poster is to be displayed.
- 02/12/20 DALC and MDDC are both offering planning training. Cllr Briant-Evans is to be booked in for the DALC event on 14th March in Tiverton. Cllr Doe and Cllr Lacey are to be booked into the MDDC event in Tiverton on 8th March. Clerk to book. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/21 MDDC and South Western Housing Ltd would like to come to our Parish Council meeting on 2nd May to present the letting plan for the affordable housing at Ashlands. Neighbouring parish council chairmen will be invited to attend if possible. It was agreed that we should welcome them to our meeting and that this will tie in well with our annual meeting, planned for the same date. Clerk to advise. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/22 Notification of a road closure between Nymet Bridge Cross and Eggesford Cross, Nymet Rowland between 25/4/12 and 27/4/12 has been received. Clerk to forward this to the Lapford Lookout team. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/23 The civil engineering consultants for the development at Ashlands/Nymet Road have asked if Lapford is a dark parish. Clerk is to respond advising that Lapford has street lighting. A street light scheme will therefore have to be installed by the developer. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/24 T&G Garden Maintenance have sent in a quote for the grass cutting in 2012-13. It was thought that we should request other quotes before a decision is made. Clerk to put a note in the lookout and speak to MDDC. **Action: Clerk**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 02/12/25 Cllr Burrows reported that apses have been stolen from footpath gates in Park Meadow. He has reported this to the police but has ordered for these to be replaced.
- 02/12/26 There has been real problems with ice across the road between Lapford Cross and the Bugford turning. This is the same place that several car accidents occurred last year. Clerk to speak to Highways and the Head of Department Stuart Hughes, copying in Mel Stride. Clerk to chase this if there is no response by the end of the month. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/27 Cllr Heal believed the pollarded willow trees makes a big improvement in Orchard Way
- 02/12/28 Cllr Heal asked if the Big Blue Bus could be reminded that there are no ball games permitted in the Orchard Way car park area. Clerk to write to them. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/29 Cllr Janes asked if job descriptions could be given to parish councillors to assist in recruiting new councillors. Clerk to send these on. Cllr Lacey advised that James Overend has shown an interest. **Action: Clerk**
- 02/12/30 Cllr Janes asked if the donation given to the Allotment Society could be used to stone the entrance rather than the purchase of a lawn mower. People are currently struggling to access the site and it was thought that this was of a higher priority. All agreed this would be acceptable.
- 02/12/31 Cllr Janes thanked those parish councillors that attended the recent Youth Forum meeting and it is hoped that a proposal can be taken forward to the March Parish Council Meeting.
- 02/12/32 Cllr Eginton reported that MDDC had plans to resurface Moorland View due to the poor state of the road surface. Those residents that own their properties will be expected to contribute towards the cost.
- 02/12/33 Cllr Lacey wanted to thank Julie Down for continuing to weed the flower box at the top of the village.

02/12/34 Cllr Lacey also advised of problems with the toilet door. MDDC have been out to sort the issues with the door and lock but have advised there is a problem with the alarm pull inside. It was thought that we should ask A&J Carpentry & Electrical to look at this as a matter of priority. **Action:**
Clerk

02/12/35 The open forum and public speaking sections of parish council meetings were discussed and how public speaking is limited to the Open Forum section of the meeting and new points raised by Councillors left to the end in Any Other Business. With this system trialled over the last few meetings, councillors thought that it worked better and meetings seemed to end more at a more reasonable time. It was decided to keep this format in place.

02/12/36 Cllr Burrows asked if Footpaths can regularly be placed on the agenda. Cllr Briant-Evans also asked whether the School and Jubilee could also be regularly placed on the agenda.

There were no other items to discuss therefore the meeting was closed at 9.40pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 7th March 2012 in the Orchard Centre, Lapford.