

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Lapford Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 1st July 2015 - 7.30pm

At the Orchard Centre

Minutes

Present: Cllr McAreavey (Chair), Cllr Hemsworth (Vice Chair) Cllr Doe, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Clinch, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Heal Cllr Eginton (Ward Councillor) Cllr Squires (County Councillor) Christopher Voaden (Clerk), 5 Members of the Public

Apologies: None

01/07/15 Declarations of Interest - None

02/07/15 Minutes of the last meeting Ref 06/15 – These minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

03/07/15 Open Forum for members of the public

MOP – Manure spreading near Popes Lane was discussed. It would appear that a farmer had been spreading manure on fields nearby. It would appear that the farmer was spreading manure at the wrong time of the year. Further, the fields that the farmer had spread manure on had not been fertilized before. The smell from the spreading affected the general area of Popes Lane and this caused a nuisance to the MOP concerned.

The Parish Council noted these concerns. The Parish Council do not have any powers in relation to environmental legislation relating to manure spreading, this was the sole domain of the Environment Agency. The MOP asked the Parish Council to intervene with a letter to the farmer concerned to raise the issue brought to the Parish Council. The parish Council noted that the incident had been reported to the Environment Agency and could not do anything to assist the matter. If the problems persisted, the MOP was asked to return to the Parish Council to update on the matter.

MOP – Asked that the minutes on the Parish Council Website be updated. This would be actioned by the Clerk.

MOP – Discusses recent incidents of vandalism around the village. Over the weekend of the 19th / 20th June 2015 ornaments from peoples gardens were tampered with / moved to other locations. It would appear that it may have been around the time when the Old Malt Scoop closed. The MOP was advised to get this reported to the Police using 101. Cllr McAreavey would also raise the issue as he was the Police Liaison rep from the Parish Council.

Signed

N. McAreavey 2/9/15

Chair

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- 04/07/15 Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions
- a. TAP funding. Cllr McAreavey gave an update on the proposed First Aid courses. This was progressing and the approximate cost of the course would be £27 per person. Numbers of participants were still coming forward and it was hoped that these courses could start soon.
 - b. Orchard Centre Railings. Cllr Heal would ask Graham Heal to repair as soon as possible.
 - c. Telephone / Broadband in the Orchard Centre. Cllr Clinch had been in contact with BT. The initial cost of getting broadband into the Orchard Centre had escalated as BT need to undertake another survey on the OC to ascertain if a phone line can be installed. A line into the Orchard Centre exists and BT will be contacted by the Clerk to progress.
 - d. Insurance Cover for the Playing Fields – This was agreed at the meeting that took place with LYPFT on Friday 29th June 2015. The parish Council would fund the insurance for the year.
 - e. Ride On Mower repairs – it would appear that this is now with David Garton. Cllr Heal was unaware of this and Rachel Phillips would ascertain if it had been repaired etc. It was not property of LYPFT as it was donated to the Parish Council by Cllr Heal.
 - f. Non – Slip Paint at Orchard Centre – Cllr Heal would undertake this ASAP.
 - g. Church Clock Repairs – This was still with Andy Epstein for a reply. The Clerk would chase again.
- 05/07/15 Co-Option. A MOP had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The MOP was ineligible as he had not lived in the Parish for 12 months. He would return in October when he fulfilled the criteria.
- 06/07/15 Parish Councillors Duties and Roles. This was approved by all present. Cllr Hemsworth asked if he could be the PC as representative on the Over 60's club in place of Briony Clinch. This was acceptable.
- 07/07/15 To receive an update from the Regeneration Committee. MDDC have received the initial plans from the Architect employed to deal with the old Youth Club site. MDDC are to give their view on the next few weeks for update at a later date.
- 08/07/15 To agree date for Village Asset Survey – This was to take place on 3rd August 2015 at 7.30pm. The Clerk and Cllr Briant-Evans would deal with this but any other Parish Councillor is welcome to attend.
- 09/07/15 ~~To set a date for the Emergency Plan committee~~

03/08/15 19.00

Signed

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10/07/15 Finance

Account Balances

- h. Current account - £6,873.50 (as of 23/06/15)
- i. Savings account - £4,814.28
- j. Loan stock - £983.98

Payments to be agreed

- a. Clerk – 26 hrs @ £9.20 – £239.20
Holiday Pay - Calculated using 6hrs average per week.
33.5 hrs (rounded down) @ 9.20 – £308.20
Total Payment - £547.40

- b. Log On Garden Services - £30.00

Payments were agreed

P – Cllr McAreavey

S – Cllr Burrows

11/07/15

Funding Request from Trustees of Lapford Church Green.

In the Church Green meeting that preceded the parish Council meeting, the insurance renewal for the Church Green was discussed. The Church Green requested that Lapford Parish Council pay for this insurance. This had been undertaken in previous years and the Parish Council agreed to undertake this again.

Payment of £531.63 to Zurich for Public Liability Cover for the Church Green was agreed

P – Cllr McAreavey

S – Cllr Doe

12/07/15 Planning

- a. Ref - 15/00703/PNCOU

Prior notification for change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling under Class Q Eastmere Farm Lapford Crediton Devon EX17 6QU

<http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NN094EKS04G00>

Members of the Parish Council asked for a site visit prior to passing comment on the application. The Site visit would be undertaken on the 6th July at 7pm

- b. Ref - 15/00978/FULL

Erection of a covered raised decking area

Rivendell Lapford Crediton Devon EX17 6QU

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

After discussing the application, the Councillors agreed to the application before them.

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District and County Councillor's report

Cllr Eginton (Ward Councillor) – Details were given on the recent expansion of MDDC's recycling scheme. All houses in the Parish had been given a green bin for cardboard collection. A report about the scheme had been given in the Tiverton Gazette. The article was not accurate and MDDC had been on contact with the Paper about this. Following discussions between MDDC and the Tiverton Gazette, full clarification on the matter and an apology would be put forward by the paper.

General information was provided to the meeting about the scheme. The initial phase of the scheme appeared to be a success. The amount of rubbish that was being sent to Landfill had reduced.

Cllr Squires (District Councillor) – Thanks were given for all those who attended the meeting on the 30th June 2015 in Crediton. It was good to see many councillor attending. Lapford especially benefited as Adrian Cook attended to discuss the junior play area.

Questions were posed by members about the land ownership and MDDC intentions with the Land. Initial investigation shows that MDDC may lease the land for a period of 25 years. Further information was to be forthcoming when MDDC make a final decision.

14/07/15

Members Statements

- a. Cllr McAreavey – a MOP had raised concern about the weeds that were growing on the wall between Westgate and Barris. Cllr Heal informs the meeting that MDC are now undertaking weed control throughout the district and this would be included.
- b. Cllr Burrows –
 - i. When can you light a bonfire? A MOP had asked if there were any restrictions in the Village. There were not. As long as you are considerate of your neighbours, there were no restriction in place.
 - ii. Seat in bus shelters. – This remains an issue. Nothing had been done with this since November. It was thought that a wooden bench could be installed here. This was considered relevant. Further investigation would take place for reporting at the next meeting.
 - iii. Cutting off hedge on railway land near the Mill. The hedge required cutting again. It was noted that historically, the Parish Council were unsure of who owned this. As it was required, Cllr Burrows would arrange for this to take place.
 - iv. Painting anti slip paint Orchard Centre. This had been required for some months. Cllr Heal was asked again to apply this and it would be undertaken as soon as possible.
 - v. Pot holes in popes lane. – There were many present. Popes Lane is not adopted by MDDC. It is the resident's responsibility to report the pot holes.
 - vi. Sign at Bella Vista – Cllr Burrows would take photographs of this sign to provide to the Clerk who will report the required repair to Highways.
 - vii. Welding bus shelter at industrial estate. This had not taken place. A full clean had taken place and this work was outstanding. Cllr Heal agreed to look into the matter.

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- c. Cllr Hemsworth - Pavement at Barris. A lady appears to have fallen over the curb here. It was felt that a dropped curb would be required but also for the Clerk to report this to MDDC Tenancy department. It was felt that a dropped curb would be required to allow those with mobility issues greater access to the pavement. MDDC would be contacted.
- d. Cllr Doe – She has been investigating the Composting scheme that was raised at the June meeting. It would appear that there is considerable grant funding for schemes. She has seen the scheme working in Uffculme. All relevant equipment to shred the compost can be provided at cost. She is making further enquiries as to where scheme can be placed and will report back as soon as this has been progressed.

There were no further items to discuss and the meeting closed at 21.00pm

Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd September 2015. Recess for August 2015.

Signed  2/9/15

Chair