

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at The Orchard Centre.

MINUTES

Present Councillors – Hemsworth (Chairman), Briant-Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Clinch, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Wensley, Cllr Doe, Cllr Heal, Cllr Graham, Cllr Eginton (Ward) Cllr Squires (County) + Clerk.
3 MOP

Apologies Cllr Leach & Cllr Phillips.

01/01/17 Minutes of the last meeting Ref 12/16 for signing – These were signed after being agreed by all present.

Proposed – Cllr Burrows

Seconded – Cllr Hemsworth

02/01/17 Open Session

MOP – Where is the replacement power box for the Christmas lights being kept? It was confirmed that this was now to be stored in the shed at the Church.

The leaflet rack within the Orchard Centre is not accessible when the Post Office is running. It was asked if the rack could be moved to the location by the door at present occupied by the framed tiles which would also need to be relocated. This was agreed.

MOP - Can the post office service be improved as it is very busy and popular? Cllr Hemsworth would speak with a representative of the Post Office.

03/01/17 Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions

- a. **DAA Night Landing** - Cllr Hemsworth continues to progress the Planning application required for the lighting pole. He has been in discussion with Simon Trafford at MDDC. This will progress for February.
- b. **TAP fund signage** – this is now to progress as the Clerk has been given information of the sign maker used by MDDC.
- c. **Burial Ground within Lapford Parish.** The Clerk had chased Andrew Busby at MDDC again for a valuation. It was suspected that the Christmas period caused a few delays in progressing this but MDDC have sought to progress this. The Clerk asked for an update to report back at the February Meeting.

04/01/17 Highways

- a. **Speed Awareness Campaign**

PCSO has been met with the nine volunteers. The Police state that specific areas of concern regarding speeding need to be raised with the Police to increase the chances of a formal monitoring scheme within the Village. The public should be encouraged to report incidents via the 101 phone number or email. No specific areas have been noted, general speeding is a concern only and further input from MOP and volunteers is required before the Police formally monitor.

A General discussion took place regarding speed campaigns within Mid Devon.

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b. Fencing along river near Industrial Estate.

Cllr Burrows had a reply from Steve Tucker, Highways. The fencing as requested is not going to be installed. The meeting noted that vehicles travelling around the corner at speed add to the danger as there is no verge for pedestrians to take refuge on between the road & the hedge, the hedge itself being too thin to provide an adequate safety barrier between the road & the very steep drop down to the river. The Clerk is to write to Steve Tucker again expressing disappointment with the reply to Cllr Burrows & to say that the PC disagrees with his reasons for not erecting the previously promised fence. Discussion also took place regarding the Parish Council undertaking this work themselves. It was noted that Highways Funding is available separately and this has been raised within Correspondence.

05/01/17 Emergency Plan Committee

Flood training will take place on the 12th March 2017 organised by Alex Gator
It had been asked if the Emergency Plan Committee undertake grit spreading around the village in the event of Cold Weather. They do not do this. Grit boxes are provided within the Village for individuals to spread grit thinly on icy pavements and roads. There is a supply of grit within the Parish and this is kept on a local Farm.
Snow Warden role and duties in the Parish will be discussed at the February Meeting.

06/01/17 Youth Club Committee Update

Marketing and Sale of Land report.

Completion on the sale of the development land is still awaited.
It was also noted that the architect had submitted a final invoice. This total Fees payable to S.Eastland Designs stands at £4246.58. The YC committee have confirmed that the architect is happy to be paid once the funds from the sale of the premises have been received.

07/01/17 LYPFT

Cllr Hemsworth will invite David Garton to the February meeting to receive an update on LYPFT work.

08/01/17 Agreement to obtain Licence for Public Sector Mapping Agreement

Cllr Graham outlined the request. Detailed OS mapping can be obtained from MDDC using a licence number obtained via the Parish Council. There would be no charge for the service but the Parish Council would be asked to adhere to Terms and Conditions of the licence therefore requiring member approval.

By agreement of all members, the Parish Council would obtain such a licence.

Proposed – Cllr Briant-Evans

Seconded – Cllr Doe

09/01/17

12. Finance
Account Balances
- a. Current account - £9,778.20 (29/11/17)
 - b. Savings account - £4,915.71
 - c. Loan stock - £983.98

Payments to be agreed

- a. Clerk – 26hrs @ £9.64 £250.64
Working from home allowance – (4.33 x 4) – £17.32
Total Payment - £267.96

Signed

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- b. Christmas Tree Lights - £21.75
- c. Old Malt Scoop - £89.00 – 5 for – 2 against Majority in favour. Cllr Heal and Doe did not vote in favour.
- d. New Hoover Purchase – This will be purchased by Cllr Heal up to a maximum value of £150 After a vote was taken, 7 Members were in favour of making this payment and therefore all payments were made.
Proposed – Cllr Burrows
Seconded – Cllr Briant-Evans

10/01/17 **Precept Demand to MDDC for Financial year 2017/18**

Clerk reports on a draft budget for the next financial year. It was noted that Parish Council monies and reserves were at a good level. Any emergency spending could be dealt with adequately. Parish councils would not be subjected to a cap on any rise considered relevant. It was felt that monies would probably be needed for work & maintenance on the Orchard Way car park once responsibility for it had been passed to the Parish Council. Cllr Burrows proposed no change to the Precept. This was not seconded. Cllr Heal proposed a rise of £500 increasing the Precept for Lapford to £11,500. This was seconded by Cllr Briant-Evans

11/01/17 **Planning**

Reference: 16/01905/FULL Full planning application, registered 14/12/2016

Address: Old Malt Scoop Inn Lapford Crediton Devon EX17 6PZ

Description: Conversion and alterations of outbuilding into bed and breakfast accommodation

Parish:Lapford 33

Web Link - [http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-](http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OI46SFKS07T00)

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Reference: 16/01907/LBC Listed Building Consent, registered 14/12/2016

Address: Old Malt Scoop Inn Lapford Crediton Devon EX17 6PZ

Description: Listed Building Consent for conversion and alterations of outbuilding into bed and breakfast accommodation

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Cllrs Hemsworth, Burrows, Briant-Evans and Graham declared a personal interest in the application. It was thought that no pecuniary interests existed therefore the above councillors could participate in discussion to consider the above applications.

After discussion and by agreement, the Parish Council would not raise any objection to the Planning Applications.

Proposed – Cllr Heal

Seconded – Cllr Wensley

12/01/17 **District and County Councillor's report.**

Cllr Eginton - A new Monitoring Officer, Catherine Tebbly has been appointed at MDDC.

The financial settlement that MDDC have received from central government was set at £2.6 million. This was less than expected but MDDC are able to present a balanced budget. Further cuts to services will of course filter down.

MDDC has been ranked at No.27 for good places to live.

Yeo Vale enforcement is still progressing

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Cllr Squires – County Budget is being set with further meetings taking place.
An area within Mid Devon (Cullompton) has been earmarked for a new Garden Village MD.
There is to be a new contractor for Highways as of April 2017.

13/01/17 Correspondence / Consultation

- a. Local Plan Review Proposed Submission (incorporating proposed modifications) and Revised Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule
Consultation 3 January – 14 February 2017
www.middevon.gov.uk/localplanreview
The Parish Council have already been consulted on possible development land within Lapford but have objected to this in the past as it is outside of the development boundary and access to it is poor. No development land in Lapford Parish has been identified in the Plan.
- b. MOP, Damage caused to property by Cars, email 30/12/16
The road in question is private land. The Parish Council do not have any powers to deal with this issue. The Clerk would be asked to confirm with the MOP that it is up to the individual to deal with the matter privately.

14/01/17 Member Statements

Cllr Heal – There was to be substantial road closure at Newton St Cyres with a lengthy diversion to be put in place. It is understood that objections have been received and this is no longer taking place.

Cllr Graham – Planning enforcement for woodland along the A377. Cllr Eginton informs members that enforcement are to make a formal visit to the wood in the coming weeks.

There are significant changes at Wallingbrooke Health Centre. GPs are leaving resulting in short staffing. The practice will also be closed at lunchtime.

Cllr Burrows - Arm on the bench at Eastington has still not been fixed. Cllr Heal will repair this before the February meeting.

The promotional brochure about Lapford and walks within the Parish has been found. Cllr Eginton will see if these can be printed by MDDC.

Cllr Briant-Evans. Local land owners have sustained Criminal Damage to their property. The Police have been informed and are actively investigating the report. The damage is believed to be as the result of a private dispute & other people's property is not endangered.

The Hold Group has put in an offer for Lower Town Place which has been accepted.

Cllr Doe – details of signs that require cleaning on the A377 were provided.

Can a post box with a large aperture be placed within the Village? It was thought that this already occurs by the Old Post Office. Cllr Doe will make contact with Royal mail.

There were no further topics of discussion.

The meeting ended at 21.25pm

Date for Next Meeting – 1st February 2017

Signed

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