

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 7:52 pm in The Orchard Centre, Lapford, Crediton, EX17 6PZ

PRESENT

Cllr I Hemsworth (Chair), Cllr S Briant-Evans, Cllr J Burrows, Cllr B Clinch, Cllr J Doe, Cllr B Graham, Cllr P Heal, Cllr T MacLellan, Cllr R Phillips, Cllr S Wensley.

IN ATTENDANCE

Parish Clerk: Dr J Cross

Members of the public: 0

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

18.032 There were no members of the public present.

2. APOLOGIES

18.033 No apologies were received.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

18.034 Register of Interests

There were no updates to the Register of Interests.

18.035 Personal interests

The following personal interests in items on the agenda were declared:

- Item 6 (minute 18.040): Cllr Briant-Evans declared a personal interest as she is a member of the Heart of Lapford Development Board of Directors as an individual.
- Item 6 (minute 18.040): Cllr Graham declared a personal interest as he is a member of the Heart of Lapford Development Board of Directors as an individual.

18.036 Disclosable pecuniary interests

The following disclosable pecuniary interest in items on the agenda was declared:

- Item 6 (Minute 18.040): Cllr Graham declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any discussions relating to the Heart of Lapford Development project as his residence is situated opposite the area.

4. PART TWO

18.037 The Part One session closed at 8:00 pm.

The meeting was moved to a Part Two session for the consideration of financially sensitive matters. Proposed by Cllr Briant-Evans, seconded by Cllr MacLellan, carried unanimously. Matters that were considered included the budget and precept 2018/19 and a proposal to financially support the Heart of Lapford Development project.

5. PART ONE

18.038 The Part Two session closed at 8:44 pm.

6. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2018/19

18.039 Following a detailed review of the draft budget 2018/19, it was resolved to approve a precept of £13,689. This is an increase representing an additional £0.40p a month per household. Proposed by Cllr Burrows, seconded by Cllr Graham, carried unanimously.

Cllr Graham left the meeting

18.040 Following a discussion of the financial requirements set out by the Heart of Lapford Development Board, it was noted that £75,000 was required to cover the shortfall of £33,500 for purchasing the land, payment of legal fees and insurance. A further £41,500 was required to cover the costs of the land clearance, professional fees, reconnection of services and establishing usable spaces.



It was resolved to take out a loan from the Public Works Loan Board of £75k over 20 years, with annual repayments of £4,744. Proposed by Cllr Clinch, seconded by Cllr MacLellan, carried by majority vote with seven votes for the motion and one vote against (Cllr Heal).

This would add £4,744 to the precept representing an additional £1.03 a month per household.

The precept for 2018/19 was approved as £18,433, representing an overall increase of £1.43 a month per household.

Cllr Graham returned to the meeting

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 18.040 The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 6 February 2018 at 7:30 pm in The Orchard Centre, Lapford, Crediton, EX17 6PZ. The deadline date for agenda items is midday on Friday 26 January 2018.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

- 18.041 The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Chair:

Date:

John Hancock
06/02/2018