

**MINUTES OF LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST 2011
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE, LAPFORD
REFERENCE 08/11**

Present: Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Bulley, Cllr Kenney, Cllr Janes, Cllr Barker, Cllr Lee (County Councillor), Cllr Eginton (District Councillor), Laura Cockram (Clerk), 9 MOP's
Apologies: Cllr Heal, Cllr Doe

PLAYING FIELD

08/11/01 Cllr Lacey thanked the members of the public for attending to discuss the possibility of new equipment in the playing field. Members of the public explained how they have been using the Industrial Estate as a skate board and BMX area, but this was definitely not ideal. It was also noted that this area is privately owned. Youths seem to be open to a skate boarding area being opened up in any area of the village. Cllr Kenney advised that a skate ramp would approximately double our insurance premium; however fund raising could be organised if the first year's premium could be found. Cllr Eginton advised that there is considerable 'Section 106' monies which could be used for the purpose of improving the village and erecting some new play equipment. Cllr Michael Lee offered £3000 towards the equipment with the possibility of a contribution towards the insurance costs. An MOP advised that they would be happy to assist with installation to reduce the costs. Another MOP offered his assistance with the project should it go ahead. It was thought that the best way forward would be to set up a meeting to discuss a proposal. Once a proposal is decided, members of the public can then be consulted. An additional meeting was agreed to be held on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

08/11/02 Minutes of the last meeting were read, amended, agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

NB: References used below are those from Appendix A

07/11/06 The Barris sign has now been added to our insurance. It will cost an additional £3.50 but this has been waived for the remainder of this year. It was thought that the sign has now been removed from Devon County Council's asset register.

07/11/11 A response has been received from South West Water regarding the cut off of water in Westgate. SWW advised that letters were sent out 6 days before which gave residents the necessary notice. They thought that there may have been a problem with mail delivery. Cllr Kenney advised that he would take this up with them.

12/10/02 A site meeting has now taken place and twin town signs have been agreed to be placed near Lapford Cross Garage (heading into the village) and near the Industrial Estate. Devon County Council have agreed to the sites and will position them in due course.

07/11/31 Cllr Burrows advised that he had looked at the light in Moorland View with Cllr Heal and there did appear to be a problem with the glare on the house. Some other councillors agreed to look at the light after the meeting to try and find a resolution as soon as possible. **Action: All**

Councillors

07/11/28 Councillors had read through the information sent on next years Queens Jubilee Celebrations. It was thought that a committee should be formed to organise this event. Clerk to place an item in the Lapford Lookout to advertise an initial meeting. This was agreed for Monday 26th September at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre. **Action: Clerk**

10/10/11 We are awaiting quotes from other builders for enclosing the porch of the Orchard Centre. It was thought that the clerk should write to Roger Janes and Jon Tucker to ask if their quote is still valid whilst we await further quotes. **Action: Clerk**

01/11/02 Cllr Lee asked if there were any volunteers for a 'snow warden' in the village. Cllr Burrows showed an interest. Cllr Lee advised that extra grit could be provided if someone was trained to be the villages 'snow warden'. Clerk to advise Highways that Cllr Burrows has put himself forward for the role. **Action: Clerk**

05/11/42 Cllr Doe has kindly donated a wooden frame for the Orchard Centre Plaque. It was thought that it could be hung in the window to avoid any damage.

04/11/21 A&J Carpentry have fitted the new water heater in the Orchard Centre but we are still awaiting Mark Williams to come and plumb it in.

11/10/05 The allotment at Moorland View needs to be pushed on. One person has quoted £260 to supply and fit a gate and erect the fence. We are awaiting a quote from Mike Leach. Clerk to chase Mike. **Action: Clerk**

09/10/26 MDDC have advised that they would like to come and fit the new toilet locks soon. Clerk to arrange for MDDC to fit ASAP. **Action: Clerk**

FINANCE

08/11/03 Account Balances

Current Account	£2051.44
Savings Account	£12384.29
Loan Stock	£283.98

08/11/04 Invoices

A& J Carpentry	£335.26
Clerk	£124.62
SWW	£28.66
T Hill (Grass)	£26.00

Cllr Kenney proposed these invoices be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Burrows and agreed by all.

08/11/05 A refund of £211.31 has been received from DALC for our membership which has also been taken from our precept.

08/11/06 Cllr Lacey advised that the accounts have now been transferred to a spread sheet. Julie Down has kindly checked through the audit for 2010/11 and has balanced everything. Peter Taylor is kindly internally auditing for us, but is missing one invoice he needs to sign it off. A copy invoice has been requested and a special meeting will need to be called to be able to sign this off soon.

PLANNING

08/11/07 REF: 11/00570/FULL – Permission granted for the erection of an extension to an agricultural building at Lower Eastington Farm.

08/11/08 REF: 11/00737/FULL – Permission granted for the erection of ground mounted photovoltaic panels at Kelland House.

08/11/09 Councillors showed concern about works that had started at Barris House and were unsure if these were included in the application or approval. Clerk to notify the planning department. **Action: Clerk**

CORRESPONDENCE

08/11/10 A Parish Matters Newsletter has been received and will be filed for reference.

08/11/11 A thank you has been received from MDDC for the use of the Orchard Centre on their Local Voice event. They did speak to some tenants but numbers were low.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

08/11/12 Cllr Doe has sent through some concerns in her absence. The footpath between Popes Lane and the A377 has a small bridge over the stream. Where stonework has previously been repaired there is a gap between this and the hedge. A member of the public has highlighted the risk here. Cllr Burrows and Cllr Lacey offered to look at the bridge. **Action: Cllr Burrows and Lacey**

08/11/13 There was also concern about cow pat on the footpath but it was thought that this was due to someone leaving a gate open. Cattle cannot normally access this area, and it was thought to be a temporary problem.

08/11/14 Cllr Burrows advised that there are some footpaths that need trimming back. This work has been requested and a bill will be sent to the clerk

08/11/15 Cllr Briant-Evans has spoken to Stella Drew who previously looked after the Church Clock as part of her Parish Council responsibilities. Although we have a service agreement with Smiths of Derby, Stella Drew has advised that we call out a local person in the event of a breakdown or emergency. It was thought that there may be someone local in Coleridge. Clerk to get contact number from Stella.

08/11/16 Cllr Lacey advised that the bank is collapsing outside of School House, Eastington Lane. The resident has asked if DCC can repair this and then he may be willing to maintain it thereafter. Clerk to report to Highways. **Action: Clerk**

08/11/17 Cllr Janes reported further to the request for financial assistance in the purchase of a lawnmower for the Allotment Society. It was thought a mulching lawn mower would cost around £400. Cllr Michael Lee has offered £100 towards this. Cllr Lacey asked if the Allotment Society are asking for the Parish Council to cover the remaining cost. Cllr Janes and Cllr Heal are to bring this information to the next meeting.

08/11/18 Cllr Barker advised that some glass has been smashed in the Phone Box in Moorland View. Clerk to report this to BT. **Action: Clerk**

08/11/19 Cllr Barker reported that there are some pot holes in Moorland View. Cllr Eginton advised that seeing most of these homes are now privately owned, it will be the responsibility of the owners to maintain this area. Cllr Eginton has offered to look into this with MDDC. **Action: Cllr Eginton**

08/11/20 Cllr Kenney asked if the seats would be placed back in the Melissa Lake Shelter. There have been some objections to the news but some are in favour. Cllr Heal is to progress this action.

08/11/21 Cllr Eginton has advised that Mel Stride will be holding an event in the village on 12th August. People can call to make an appointment on 01392 823306. Leaflets are due to be distributed shortly.

08/11/22 Cllr Burrows advised that an arm is missing from the signpost at Eastington Cross (pointing to Lapford). Clerk to report to Highways. **Action: Clerk**

08/11/23 The clerk advised that she will send a dispensation request for the new councillors to have dispensation to discuss Church Green and Youth Club Building matters.

08/11/24 Cllr Bulley reported that some sharp concrete on the river bridge had punctured his tyres. Clerk to report this to Highways. **Action: Clerk**

There were no other items to be discussed therefore the meeting was closed at 9.45pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre, Lapford.