

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST 2010
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE
REFERENCE 08/10**

Present: Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Drew, Cllr Heal, Cllr Bulley, Cllr Glass, Cllr Lee (County Councillor), Cllr Kenney, Cllr Eginton (District Councillor) Laura Cockram (Clerk), 1 MOP

Apologies: Cllr Down, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Peto, PC Paul Roberts

OPEN FORUM

MOP

- 08/10/01 The MOP raised concerns about a Scrap Metal Aid leaflet that had recently been dropped through doors in the village. Other councillors were aware of this and found that it caused concern. Clerk to contact trading standards and Cllr Heal to contact Crediton Police Station. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Heal**
- 08/10/02 Activity with the Archive Committee has gone quiet and the MOP thought that many parishioners were not aware of its existence. Clerk to speak to Zena Worters and ask if a note could be placed in the Lapford Lookout. **Action: Clerk**
- 08/10/03 The Willow Trees around 24-44 Orchard way have become dangerous again with their wispy branches. Clerk to write to DCC and MDDC to advise that these need trimming back. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Bulley

- 08/10/04 The litter bin at the top of Mill Hill was never replaced after it was set alight by youths several months ago. Cllr Eginton offered to research into whether MDDC should be replacing this or costs if the Parish Council need to replace this. **Action: Cllr Eginton**
- 08/10/05 Cllr Bulley asked whose responsibility is the pavement outside the butchers. A member of the public has fallen here and broken her wrist. It was generally thought that the outside of this property belongs to the property owner and not MDDC therefore Cllr Bulley offered to speak to the owner. **Action: Cllr Bulley**
- 08/10/06 Following the response from DCC regarding the twin town signs, Cllr Bulley reported that there are over 100 signs between Lapford and Coppleshill and over 100 between Lapford and Chulmleigh. Cllr Bulley asked whether one more sign would make a considerable difference seeing there are already this many in the area. It was also questioned who paid for these signs when they were initially put up. Clerk to write again to DCC. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Briant-Evans

- 08/10/07 The dustbin on the Industrial Estate has not been emptied for some time and is now overflowing. Cllr Eginton to report to MDDC. **Action: Cllr Eginton**
- 08/10/08 Cllr Briant-Evans has recently attended the Creedy Local Action Group. A copy of the main points raised are attached. Local volunteers are required to be trained to use speed guns in the village. Areas have been designated but no volunteers have yet come forward. It was thought that a note should be placed in the Lookout. **Action: Clerk**
- 08/10/09 At the Youth Club AGM it was discussed that the Youth Club is currently running at a loss. Building costs are high and more committee members are needed. Fundraising is already planned but potential grants will need to be investigated.

Cllr Drew

- 08/10/10 Cllr Drew reported that the Church Clock has recently had its yearly service.

Cllr Kenney

- 08/10/11 Cllr Kenney spoke about graffiti that has recently been daubed across the Orchard Centre walls. Jeanne has had a good attempt at clearing this off. Cllr Drew also reported that a large amount of damage has been done to their silage bales on the farm. Cllr Lacey advised that any incidents like this should be reported to the Police.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- 08/10/12 Minutes of the July 2010 meeting and the July 2010 special meeting were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

- 08/10/13 The clerk has placed a notice in the Lapford Lookout regarding volunteers for youth activities but has had no response as yet. Cllr Bulley advised that he had spoken to Paul Stanbury about the Big Blue Bus. Paul advised that the recent football event that took place got out of hand and did not run smoothly. He advised that he would be keen to set up more events like this but it would need more supervision. Numbers and ages groups may need restricting. This was a different version heard by the Chulmleigh Community College pupil that attended the last meeting and will require some more thought.
- 08/10/14 Cllr Lee advised that further road re-surfacing will take place later in the summer along the A377 towards Chulmleigh.
- 08/10/15 The clerk has reported the broken cross on the lynch gate to Andy Epstein. This has now been removed, presumably for repair.
- 08/10/16 Meg Booth has advised that she is still looking into the lighting scheme along the A377 and she will keep us updated with any progress.
- 08/10/17 The overhanging tree at Moorland View has now been trimmed back.
- 08/10/18 The drugs paraphernalia found at the top of Mill Hill has been reported to Crediton Police Station. Other reports of needles being found by the river have also been forwarded to the Police.
- 08/10/19 Five Star Security Services are due to visit the Orchard Centre on Friday 6th August to quote for a timed locking system and coin operated system. No response has been received from MDDC as yet.
- 08/10/20 The complainant has been made aware of the situation with the chimney in Orchard Way. Although unhappy, she has accepted that nothing more can be done.
- 08/10/21 One quote has been received for the electrical work in the Orchard Centre. Another quote is expected from Mark Burrows over the next few days.
- 08/10/22 The Moorland View lease has been amended. A complaint has been received from a Moorland View resident that there will be additional traffic along this un-adopted road and there is limited parking. It was thought that a Moorland View resident may be interested in the allotment which should cause no extra issues with parking or access. There were some concerns about the insurance of this site. It was agreed that the lease should be signed but only sent once confirmation about cover is received from our insurers. Clerk to speak to insurers. **Action: Clerk**

CLERKS POSITION

- 08/10/23 It was thought that Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans and the clerk should get together to go through a list of local clerks and try to arrange for a replacement. **Action: Clerk**

FINANCE

- 08/10/24 **Invoices**
 Viking Direct (Cleaning Materials) - £33.23
 T&G Hill (Grass Cutting) - £26.00

Clerk - £202.13

Cllr Heal proposed these invoices should be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Glass

08/10/25 Cllr Glass advised that the pathway at Kelland Hill has been cut but there will be no cost to the Parish Council.

08/10/26 **Accounts**

Current Account - £10,322.18

- Of which £415.07 is footpaths money

Savings - £2873.27

Loan Stock - £283.98

It was agreed that £7500.00 from the current account should be transferred to the Savings account. Action: Clerk

08/10/27 It appears that South West Water will agree to repay the charges made on our account. Copies of statements are required to prove that these charges were made due to the South West Water overcharge. Clerk to arrange. ***Action: Clerk***

08/10/28 A standing order has been set up for the caretaker and it has been confirmed that the first payment has been made.

PLANNING

08/10/29 After reading the minutes of our special meeting to discuss planning applications, Cllr Eginton asked if we would like the planning applications that caused concern to be raised to the Planning Committee. It was agreed that if this application is granted permission, Cllr Eginton should take this forward to the planning committee meeting.

08/10/30 REF 10/00710/FULL – Erection of two timber outbuildings at School House, Lapford. Approval given.

08/10/31 REF 10/00709/CLP – Certificate of Lawfulness granted on the Conservatory at 49 Highfield, Lapford.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/10/32 Devon In Touch, Optime, Parish Matters and Mid Devon Talk Newsletters are to be displayed on the Orchard Centre notice board.

08/10/33 A letter from DCC advises of the amended times of the mobile library service. This attracts quite a few customers in Lapford so it appears as though our stop times will not be dramatically reduced. The service currently stops for 3hrs 20mins in total. This will be reduced to 3hrs 5mins. A new timetable will be issued later in the summer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bulley

08/10/34 Cllr Bulley asked about the proposed council tax freezes and whether we should freeze our precept. Cllr Eginton advised that this is only planned for one year and that there will still be some flexibility. He has not heard that this will reach as far as town and parish councils.

Cllr Glass

08/10/35 A Letter has been received from the resident at 16 Moorland View regarding the light outside of their property. They have not been paid for the supply of electricity this year and so have decided to turn this light off. A letter advising of this has already been sent to MDDC although the Clerk is to forward the letter on to Nick Sanderson at Mid Devon District Council. ***Action: Clerk***

Cllr Briant-Evans

08/10/36 Cllr Briant-Evans advised that the youth club will be running throughout the summer.

Clerk

08/10/37 Cllr Down asked the clerk to report problems with large vehicles getting through the village due to inconsiderate parking. It was thought that a note should be placed in the Lapford Lookout and a letter written to highways to ask about the road markings that still haven't been done. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 1st September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre, Lapford