

MINUTES - LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 4th December 2013 AT THE ORCHARD CENTRE, LAPFORD
REFERENCE 12/13

Present: Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr P Heal, Cllr C Heal, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Eginton (District Cllr), Cllr Clinch, Cllr Doe, Cllr McAreavey, Cllr Squires (County Cllr) Christopher Voaden (Clerk),

Apologies: Cllr Lacey

3 MOP's

Due to the Chairman's absence, Cllr Briant-Evans chaired the meeting.

MINUTES

12/13/01 Content of November minutes agreed with two amendments for the Clerk to make.

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

12/13/02 One MOP was present

Shelves had been fitted to the storage cupboard within the Orchard Centre but none had been installed into the archive area. This was to be raised with Cllr Lacey who fitted the shelves.

PLAYING FIELDS

Decision on Quotes

12/13/03 Those present at the meeting discussed the quotes for new play equipment as well as last month's presentations from those who had quoted for new equipment. Cllr C Heal read an email from Adrian Cook regarding the quotes. Adrian Cook had concerns with a trampoline system that had been recommended by Wikstead.

Members of the public were welcomed to participate on this agenda topic and a general discussion took place.

No decision could be made about the quotes yet as there were further questions were to be raised about the length of warranties that would be given.

Cllr C Heal would look into the length of quotes and update for the next meeting.

Overall the Komplan quote was favoured and the Clerk is to write to Okehampton Town Council and Silverton Parish Council to ask about their general experience of the play equipment supplied by Komplan.

Cllr C Heal would also encourage all parents in the village to go and visit local play areas over the Christmas holiday and pass their views on. The designs for the Play equipment will also be put into the school hall for viewing.

Cllr C Heal also made the meeting aware that the Playing fields accounts are not properly put together yet. Any source of funding through the Big Lottery would require accounts. Cllr Heal requests that the application for funding be made through the Parish Council. Permission granted. The play equipment was to be installed by the Revel in July 2014.

New Trustees for Playing Field and Update on QEII dedication

12/13/04 The clerk gave an update on the work he had been undertaking to obtain QEII dedication as well as registering the land.

The original Trust Deed and Conveyance for the playing field had been located and it was found that one original trustee remains alive. This is unacceptable and new trustees are required. The land was an important asset to the village and four new trustees were required.

Cllr Lacey and Cllr C Heal have already indicated their willingness to become a trustee and the clerk is to advertise for two new trustees within the lookout. It was stated that four would be sufficient for voting purposes and that Cllr C Heal as chairman of the LYPFT would have the casting vote.

Action Point – Advertise for new trustees within the Lapford Lookout – Clerk to Action.

Proposed Stephen Wensley

Seconded – John Burrows.

MATTERS ARISING

PLANNING STANDING ORDER

12/13/05 All present had received a draft standing order produced by the clerk relating to how planning applications were dealt with by the parish council. The Planning Standing order will be annexed to these minutes for public viewing. The Cllrs were happy that a formal process of planning decisions made by themselves was now in existence.

The Planning standing order was agreed. Proposed Cllr P Heal

Seconded – Cllr MaCareavey

PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY SERVICE IN LAPFORD

12/13/06 Cllr Doe has been in contact with Wallingbrooke Health Centre about prescriptions being delivered to the Village on a Tuesday and Thursday. Wallingbrooke note the amount of returned prescriptions and are unwilling to continue picking these up by courier. Lapford is the only village in the area that has such a service and this service will be withdrawn in the New Year. Many residents have already been in contact with members of the Parish Council about this.

Cllr Doe states that Boots and Lloyds have a prescription delivery service available and details will be given in the January 2014 Lapford Lookout.

ADOPTION STATEMENT – LCAL PLAN PART 3 DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES.

12/13/07 The meeting had reviewed the document and had no desire or need to comment on the Adoption Statement.

REGISTER OF LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS

12/13/08 The meeting discussed the recent letter from Mid Devon regarding the Heritage Register. Lapford has one entry on the draft register. The members of the PC wished for this to be looked at again. Cllr Briant-Evans, Doe and the Clerk will meet on Monday 9th December to discuss possible entries and the clerk will make a submission to Mid Devon thereafter.

Cllr Briant- Evans also gave a brief report on listed buildings in the village and why the Heritage Asset Register is different.

FINANCE

12/13/09

Current Account Balance - £1,702.87

Savings Account - £6,951.93

Loan Stock - £983.98

Payments agreed

Clerk - £193.66

Grass Cutting -£78.20

Members of the meeting took a break at this point and enjoys Wine and Mince Pies kindly provided by the Chairman of the Parish Council

PLANNING

12/13/10

- a. Change of use of former post office to provide additional ancillary accommodation for Heathfield and erection of greenhouse
Ref – 13/01512/FULL
After viewing the plans and discussing the application, the Parish Council had no objection to the application.
- b. Erection of 3 dwellings and 1 flat with associated parking following demolition of shop and abattoir
Ref – 13/01529/FULL
After viewing the plans and discussing the application, the Parish Council had no objection to the application.

12/13/11 Cllr Egginton gave an update on the MDDC committee meeting that took place in November 2013 where the Yeo Vale Pub and House next to the old post office were discussed.

Appropriate planning notices were ordered and these can be seen within the minutes produced by Mid Devon District Council

CORRESPONDENCE

12/13/12

Email Claire Tatton of Jubilee Church Mid – Devon Trust. Request for TAP funding to be supported by Lapford PC. X ref email from tucker of Mid Devon DC
Those present at the meeting were aware that Lapford and Chawleigh had put their application in and were conscious that no decision had been made on this yet. They were informed by Cllr Squires that the request has probably come about by way of a surplus of monies left over as a result of villages not putting in their own applications.

Those present gave the view that as long as Lapford's TAP payment was not reduced as a result of the Blue Bus application being made, they would support such an application.

The Clerk to seek an update from Paul Tucker of MDDC on our own application.

12/13/13 Beacon Bus response from DCC

All present had a copy of the reply received from Devon County Council on this subject. The Council appeared to have given Beacon Bus one more chance to sort many issues out prior to any retendering for the contract net year.

The Parish Council were keen to monitor these problems raised at last month's PC meeting and a notice would be put into the January 2014 Lapford Lookout requesting parishioners to put in comments on Beacon Bus.

12/13/14 Crediton Community Transport request for funding. The Clerk had received correspondence requesting funding / donation. Historically, the parish council had not donated. This would go onto the next agenda as time was running short.

AOB

12/13/14 Cllr Lacey in his absence had asked the Clerk to raise issues relating to a large tree that is within the grounds of Highfield House. Resident of Barris have concerns that in windy weather the large tree sways a lot and that if it came down, their homes would be damaged. Cllr Lacey had been told that this was an issue that MDDC could sort out.
Action – Clerk to make contact with MDDC tree officer.

12/13/15 Cllr C Heal mentioned that Cllr P Heal could not make Victory Hall committee meetings due to other commitments. Another Parish Councillor was requested to attend. Cllr Clinch will now attend the Victory Hall meeting as a representative of the Parish Council.

12/13/16 Cllr P Heal raised speed limits in Nymet Road again. He asked Cllr Squires if anything could be done to put a reduced speed in place. Cllr Squires discusses Traffic Orders and associated expense involved. Cllr Squires will raise this with Bob King at Highways.

12/13/17 Cllr Doe raises speed limits on the A377. Can anything be done to reduce the speed to 30 mph. Cllr Squires repeats comments made to Cllr P Heal. Various criteria need to be met regarding speed before any action is taken.

12/13/18 Cllr Burrows asks about the 30mph speed limit signs at the top of the village and can these be moved now that the new houses have been built. The Clerk is to write to Highways to request a consultation on the matter.

Cllr Burrows also raises the Christmas tree on the Church Green. Edwin Passmore, Eileen and Paul Ridd helped to put this up and the Parish Council pass on their thanks.

12/13/19 Cllr Briant-Evans raises the following

Emergency Plan – This has been developed in line with Mid Devon's plan and is reported on in the Lookout. What is a concern is where we keep all of the details about those who can assist and what skills / equipment that they have. A letter box at the Orchard Centre was suggested but this was not feasible due to potential vandalism. It was agreed that all correspondence with the emergency plan would go to Jeanne Whittaker.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr C Heal had resigned due to numerous conflicting commitments and Cllr Macareavey has agreed to take her place on the committee.

There were no other items to discuss therefore the meeting was closed. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 7.30pm at the Orchard Centre.