

**MINUTES OF LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2012
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE, LAPFORD
REFERENCE 01/12**

Present: Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Heal, Cllr Janes, Cllr Doe, Cllr Kenney, Cllr Eginton (District Cllr), Cllr Lee (County Cllr)

Apologies: Laura Cockram (Clerk)

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION; COUNCILLOR VACANCES

01/12/01 Cllr Lacey said he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Bulley due to pressure of work. In the letter Cllr Bulley expressed his thanks to Parish Councillors for their friendship and patience during his time on the council. He has also advised Wallingbrook Health Centre that he will no longer be representing the Parish Council on the Patient Participation Group. Thanks were expressed for Cllr Bulley's work as a councillor.

01/12/02 It was decided to put another advertisement in the Lookout requesting a full page possibly the front cover. It was also decided to make bold Poster for display around the village. Cllr Briant-Evans agreed to do the Posters, Cllr Lacey the Lookout. **Action: Cllr's Briant-Evans & Lacey.**

OPEN FORUM

MOP

01/12/03 An MOP wrote to complain about the noise of barking dogs between 2.00 & 4.00p.m most days. Once they start they often continue for over an hour. The dogs are at a property in Church Close. Cllr Eginton advised the meeting to pass this to Paul N Williams of MDDC Environmental Health. **Action: Clerk.**

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

01/12/04 The minutes of the December 2011 meeting were read, agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Briant-Evans and seconded by Cllr Burrows.

01/12/05 Church Clock – Cllr Heal proposed we accept Cumbria Clock Companies offer of a service agreement. This was seconded by Cllr Burrows and all agreed. Clerk to write to Cumbria Clock Company, advising them. **Action: Clerk.**

MATTERS ARISING

NB: Some references used below are those from Appendix A and Minutes

12/11/25 Old Ambrosia Site - The response from the enforcement officer was read, he asked if more information could be supplied. Cllr Heal said he would look into it. **Action: Cllr Heal.**

FINANCE

01/12/06 Account Balances

Current Account	£159.63
Savings Account	£12,384.29
Loan Stock	£283.98

01/12/07 Cllr Lacey advised the meeting that NS&I had not properly implemented the 'Change of Signatory form' and had not recognised the signatures on the Transfer form. They just returned the book to the Clerk with no explanation. NS &I has sent Cllr Lacey new forms to complete but these now required a minute reference from the meeting authorising the change. It was proposed by Cllr Kenny and seconded by Cllr Heal that the following be signatories on the NS & I Investment Account: Laura Cockram – Clerk; Cllr Lacey; Cllr Briant-Evans; Cllr Janes. All agreed.

01/12/08 **Invoices**

Clerk	£132.00
Christmas Tree	£30.00
Election Fees	£107.35

These invoices were proposed to be paid by Cllr Heal and seconded by Cllr Burrows. Clerk to make payments once transfer has been actioned together with the outstanding payments from last month. **Action: Clerk**

01/12/09 A discussion was held on the Precept, in light of the vandalism of the bus shelter and Orchard Centre and the expenses regarding the Queens Jubilee Cllr Heal proposed that the Precept be the same as last year at £7000, this was seconded by Cllr Brian-Evans and all agreed.

01/12/10 Southern Electric had advised that the contract with them was due for renewal. It was decided to renew the contract with Southern Electric.

PLANNING

01/12/11 11/01932/LBC – Listed Building Consent for the erection of timber framed store at Kelland House. 11/01953/FULL - Erection of timber framed store at Kelland House. Cllr Kenney proposed we recommend approval of these, this was seconded by Cllr Briant-Evans, all agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

01/12/12 Ring and Ride – In response to their request for funding, Cllr Heal proposed we donate £200, this was seconded by Cllr Janes all agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Eginton

01/12/13 Cllr Eginton requested confirmation that there was a Youth Forum meeting on the 9th January with a more inclusive meeting in Victory Hall on Friday 20th, Cllr Janes confirmed the dates.

Cllr Doe

01/12/14 Cllr Doe reported that the ‘Station’ sign near the garage on the A377 was down. Clerk to advise DCC. **Action: Clerk.**

01/12/15 Cllr Doe has started a ‘Book Club’ and asked if they could meet in the Orchard Centre. Cllr Lacey said that we had agreed that we should not allow to Orchard Centre to take bookings from the Victory Hall. Cllr Doe said that the Book Club had no finances. Cllr Heal asked Cllr Doe to write to him, in his capacity on the Victory Hall committee to see if a special rate could be negotiated.

Action: Cllr Doe.

Cllr Burrows

01/12/16 Cllr Burrows reported that the damage to the road at the junction of Westgate may be caused by a water leak as water and mud is bubbling up through the surface. Clerk to write to South West Water. **Action: Clerk.**

01/12/17 Cllr Burrows said the drains were blocked in Park Meadow, Cllr Lacey added that the drains were also blocked on Mill Hill. Clerk to write to DCC. **Action: Clerk.**

01/12/18 Cllr Burrows advised the meeting that the ‘Grit’ has been delivered and is being stored by Andrew Rodd. He still has not had the ‘Snow Warden’ training and will contact DCC again.

01/12/19 Cllr Burrows advised the meeting that the gate on the footpath near Parsonage Farm has been re-hung.

01/12/20 Cllr Burrows said that if the Station Platform was moved to the Industrial Estate it would be safer and more accessible, he had heard that Network Rail were being given grants to improve stations and wondered if Lapford could be a candidate, as this would mean it would be used more. Clerk to write to the Rail Group and Network Rail. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Briant-Evans

01/12/21 Cllr Briant-Evans said that she reported the 'pot hole' which has re-appeared on Kelland Hill, on the DCC website.

01/12/22 Cllr Briant-Evans said she had heard that half the number of Lengthsmen had been made redundant, and did this mean less time to deal with the work at Lapford? Cllr Lee was not sure how the system would be working but said we should continue to submit our requests.

Cllr Janes

01/12/23 Cllr Janes said the bin outside Victory Hall is an eyesore and is often not emptied. Cllr Heal said the bin belongs to the Parish Council and in light of there being another bin close by do we really want it? Cllr Burrows proposed we get rid of it, Cllr Heal seconded the proposal and all agreed. Clerk to write to MDDC (Paul N Williams) about having it removed. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Kenney

01/12/24 Cllr Kenney said he had distributed the information on the closure of Westgate to local residents.

01/12/25 Cllr Kenney thanked Cllr Heal for putting the seat back in the Melissa Lake Shelter; Cllr Lacey said that MOP's had said to him they were glad to be able to use it again.

Cllr Heal

01/12/26 Cllr Heal said nothing had yet been done about the growth into the Nymet Rowland road and it is reducing the width of the road considerably. Clerk to chase DCC. **Action: Clerk.**

01/12/27 Cllr Heal asked if we should replace the broken bus shelter glass and risk having it vandalised again. It was decided not to replace the glass at this time as it does not pose a danger due to its construction and it is still providing shelter.

01/12/28 Cllr Heal said that Victory Hall was looking at ways of increasing its income and encouraging use by organisations in the community. Things like a regular Saturday morning 'coffee morning' and giving organisations the opportunity to hold events at the same time with no booking fee but a negotiated percentage of any profits they make.

01/12/29 Cllr Heal said that December's minutes said we would have an agenda item to discuss changes in the way Parish Council meetings are run in respect to the 'Public Forum'. This is to be an agenda item for February. **Action: Clerk.**

There were no other items to discuss therefore the meeting was closed at 8.50pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 1st February in the Orchard Centre, Lapford.