

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are summoned to a

Parish Council Meeting

To be held on Wednesday 4th November 2015 - 7.30pm

At the Orchard Centre

MINUTES

Present: Cllr McAreavey (Chair), Cllr Hemsworth (Vice Chair), Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Clinch, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Wensley, Cllr Leach, Christopher Voaden (Clerk), 5 Members of the Public

Cllr Heal arrived after approximately 1 hr of the meeting stating.

1 MOP

Apologies - Cllr Doe, Cllr Squires (County Councillor) & Cllr Eginton (Ward Councillor)

01/11/15 Declarations of Interest

IH – Payments.

02/11/15 Minutes of the last meeting Ref 10/15

These were approved by all and signed by the Chair.

03/11/15 Open Forum for members of the public

None

04/11/15 Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions

- a. Bus Shelter near the Orchard centre. The new seat will be installed this weekend 14th/15th November by Cllr Heal.

05/11/15 Broadband at Orchard Centre

Costs of the service from BT were provided to all. IT would cost approximately £450 to have broadband installed at the Orchard Centre. Initial quotes had been provided showing the service to be much cheaper. It was thought relevant to ascertain if there was any funding available for rural broadband / community organisations before considering the matter again. DALC would be contacted to gain further information.

06/11/15 Funding Cuts within D & C Police & MDDC Council

With agreement from all present, a resolution was passed to bring agenda point 15 forward for discussion under this heading.

- a. A report had been provided to all members by Cllr Briant-Evans prior to the meeting. SBE reported on Police cuts affecting Mid Devon and the Parish. Cllrs Briant-Evans and Cllr Wensley attended a scrutiny committee at MDDC where Tony Hogg, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall spoke on the funding cuts proposed. It was also stated

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that Mel Stride MP (Central Devon) had not attended any meetings with Tony Hogg to address the issue. It was understood that many requests had been made of our MP to attend meetings. A general discussion took place on the amount of funding cuts.

It was agreed that Lapford Parish Council should write to Mel Stride outlining their concerns over the cuts proposed as well as their impact on rural areas. He would also be urged to attend any future meetings with Tony Hogg regarding the cuts to rural policing. Lapford will also express their dissatisfaction with our MP for not engaging with Tony Hogg in the past. All correspondence will be sent to the PM and relevant party members relevant to Mel Stride.

It was generally agreed that the Parish will have to fund certain tasks once undertaken by the Police from their annual precept. It was noted that some Parishes recruit Special Constables from within the community such as Horse Riders and Young Farmers

b. Funding Cuts for MDDC & closure of Crediton MDDC Offices by MDDC.

Cllr Briant-Evans has a petition from Cllr Nick Way for individuals to sign.

Lapford Parish Council should write to MDDC. It was felt that the closure of the offices was going to happen as it had been noted that the cost of running the building is approximately £147,000.

With the general theme of funding cuts being paramount, Lapford considered that the Orchard Centre could be used by an employee of MDDC offering basic services for those in the rural community.

It is easy for someone to get to Crediton rather than Tiverton and therefore the Chair will write to MDDC regarding cuts and proposals for future provisions of service for MDDC.

07/11/15

To receive an update from the Regeneration Committee

The minutes of the Regeneration Committee meeting held on 29th October 2015 were circulated to all members.

With regard to the proposed Youth Club sale / planning applications, Steve Eastland had now been formally instructed by the Parish Council to prepare a planning application to Mid Devon for conversion of the existing building and a new build.

A further meeting with the architect's assistant will be held on Wednesday 11th November regarding the design of the build.

A bill has been raised by Steve Eastland for payment by the Parish Council of the Pre Application advice to be refunded by the Regeneration Committee.

08/11/15

TAP funding Update

A request from Chawleigh had been received to support their TAP application had been received. Lapford will support their application. Lapford and Chawleigh can make an application and members were asked to consider any specific tasks that TAP money could fund for consideration at the December meeting.

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Playing Field

Very little to report on, grass is being cut and more people are using the ground after the new installation. It was noted that the grass is starting to bed in around the main item of equipment and the appearance is improving.

paid by. N.H.

The Clerk reported that all s.106 money had now been paid to MDDC and that we were awaiting a VAT refund.

10/11/15

Village Litter Pick – 17th October 2015.

A successful event by all with a good turnout. Concerns were raised regarding the refuse collectors from MDDC not picking up any spillage from the black bag collections on a Monday morning. Clive Eginton will be asked about this at the next meeting.

The Parish Council thank all that attended the event and the MOP for his service in painting the Public Convenience.

Cllr Heal has now provided an inner door to the Public Convenience. It does not have a lock and this will be fitted at the weekend. The door to the loo has been painted as well as the inside of the loo. Further painting was required to the woodwork within the loo which will take place once paint is supplied. Cllr Heal offered to supply the paint.

Inside the loo, there is boxing that needs to be painted. Woodwork is to be painted by the volunteer MOP.

11/11/15

Enforcement issues for Yeo Vale and House near Old Post Office

Cllr Heal was not present to report on this aspect. A further update will be provided at the December meeting.

12/11/15

Celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016

Morchard Bishop are undertaking an event during the 10th – 12th June 2016.

Discussion takes place and Cllr Leach offers to progress the matter. A community party is to be considered with further updates and planned to be provided at subsequent meetings.

Fern Leach will make contact with the School who would be encouraged to participate.

The School Hall has no furniture, this would have to be provided by the Village Hall. John Burrows considers that a BBQ would be relevant.

Further update will take place over the coming months

13/11/15 - Scrutiny Committee report &

14/11/15 - LAG report

Discussed by resolution at Minute Ref **06/11/15a** above. The minutes of the LAG meeting were passed to all members prior to the meeting.

15/11/15

To receive information as to how the Local Government Transparency Code will affect our Parish Council's audit process.

The Clerk gave a brief presentation to the members on the Transparency Code for all local authorities. It was thought that Lapford is well prepared to comply with the code.

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Finance

Account Balance

- a. Current account - £8,820.86
- b. Savings account - £4,814.28
- c. Loan stock - £983.98

Income In - £5000 (MDDC Precept, 2nd instalment)
£60 – Jeanne Whittaker

Payments to be agreed

- a. Clerk – 25 hrs @ £9.55 - £238.75
1 x key Cut - £2.95
- b. Log On Garden Services - £30
- c. Lee Duddridge (Electricity) - £75.00
- d. Sue Hemsworth (Cleaning of OC) - £92.62
- e. South West Water – £18.22

The above invoices were agreed by all for payment.

P - Cllr Burrows

S - Cllr Wensely

The Clerk also sought signatures on a cheque for the donation to the Christmas meal that was agreed within previous minutes.

It was also noted that no donation had been sought for the Royal British Legion. This was a standard donation that was agreed by all present. Payment would be passed to Edwin Passmore for £30.

Cllr Hemsworth has been asked about funding to Lapford Voluntary Car Association from the Parish Council.

It was stated that they would have to apply in the normal manner before the Parish Council can consider this aspect of funding.

17/11/15 Planning

a. Ref - 15/01612/FULL (Consultation as a neighbouring Parish)

Proposal: Variation of condition (1) of planning permission 12/01306/MFUL the solar PV facility shall cease to generate electricity on or before 28th March 2043

Location: Solar Farm at NGR 274160 105292, Ellicombe Farm, Morchard Road, Devon

Grid Reference: 274160 : 105292

Area Parish: Down St Mary 23

After discussing the site in question, and any planning considerations for the site, it was thought that no comment be made on the application.

P – Cllr Hemsworth

S – Cllr Briant-Evans

b. Ref - 15/01559/FULL

Proposal: Erection of extension to front

Location: Romandy Lapford Crediton

Vicinity Grid Ref: 272831 / 107731

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Area Parish: Lapford 33

Web Link - <http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=NVHKQCKSO5K00>

Associated documents:

<http://docs.middevon.gov.uk/pap/index.asp?caseref=15/01559/FULL>

After discussing the application, the Parish Council would not object to the planning application in questions.

P – Cllr Hemsworth

S – Cllr Burrows

Planning Applications by email to Parish Council after agenda publication.

c. Ref - 15/01724/FULL

Proposal: Erection of entrance foyer

Location: Lapford Pre-school Lapford Credenon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 273431 / 108568

Parish: Lapford 33

Web - <http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=NWVWTOKS02X00>

Associated documents:

<http://docs.middevon.gov.uk/pap/index.asp?caseref=15/01724/FULL>

No Comment by email.

d. Ref - 15/01725/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling and garage after removal of existing pre-fabricated dwelling

Location: Tinarber Lapford Credenon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272681 / 108229

Parish: Lapford 33

Web - <http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=NWW05XKS05K00>

Associated documents:

<http://docs.middevon.gov.uk/pap/index.asp?caseref=15/01725/FULL>

After discussing the application, the members agreed to pass no comment on the application.

18/11/15

District and County Councillor's report

Cllr Heal arrives at this stage of the meeting and has been asked by Cllr Eginton to provide a brief report on MDDC activities.

Brown Bins – in excess of 4000 take up. £147k has been raised.

Recycling is going well.

Full council meeting, new chief executive, Kevin Finan retires 8th January.

Stephen Walford will take over in January / February.

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There were no details of reduction of waste to Landfill and this would be sought for the December meeting.

19/11/15

Correspondence

All incoming correspondence addressed to Lapford Parish Council was distributed to all members prior to the meeting and there were no item to be discussed.

20/11/15

Members Statements

- a. **Cllr Briant-Evans** – planned to have an emergency plan meeting next Monday. Community Resilience Forum is undertaken the next day and this meeting will now take place on 7th December
Village Christmas tree – Cllr Burrows will order this from John Cockram. The tree would be erected during the first week of December.
It was also noted that singing around the tree will take place on the 11th December 2015.
- b. **Cllr Heal** - Yeo Vale Cottage, letter to go to Stephen Ball to ask that he cuts back the entire hedge around Yeo Vale Cottage. Clerk to write.
PH declares an interest.
- c. **Cllr Burrows** - Fencing near the railway bridge owned by Railtrack has been fitted. It is felt that this does not adequately protect pedestrians from the drop the river near the industrial estate. A fence by the river and the associated drop is required. Railtrack will be written to extend the fence.
Blue food Bins – why are the bins so big when we encourage people to reduce wastage. Do these bins not encourage increase food waste?

MOP from Popes lane has asked about collection dates as they are slightly different to the remaining village. PH can request a new card. This will be requested from Stuart Noyce from MDDC.
Bags of rubbish are increasing as many people do not understand the system. This is causing issues with animals.
Where does the blue waste go – this get mixed in with garden compost. This is only temporary as new vehicles are awaited for separate recovery in mid-February, food waste will start every week thereafter.
- d. A MOP has offered to paint the Orchard Centre. Cllr confirms that the OC was painted earlier this year but it was agreed that the MOP could paint the bottom surround of the Orchard Centre with Black bitumen paint. Cllr Heal will obtain this.

Cllr Heal arrives late and states that there has not been any progress with the enforcement at the Yeo Vale and Roland Boatfield's property near the Old Post Office.

There were no further items to discuss and the meeting ended at 9.15pm.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd December 2015

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APPENDIX A - MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Matters Arising November 2015

<u>04/11/15</u>	Seat in Bus Shelter near Car Park to be fitted weekend 14/15 th November 2015	Cllr Heal
<u>14/07/15b.vii</u>	Welding at Bus Shelter – Offer from MOP provided at November meeting	All
<u>05/01/15</u>	Locate Ride on Mower	Cllr Heal – to be investigated
<u>05/11/15</u>	Broadband at Orchard Centre	Clerk

Signed
N. McCreavey
 Chair..... Dated.....