

**MINUTES OF LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011  
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE, LAPFORD  
REFERENCE 07/11**

**Present:** Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Heal, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Bulley, Cllr Kenney, Cllr Janes, Cllr Lee (County Councillor), Laura Cockram (Clerk), 6 MOP's, Cllr Doe (co-opted at this meeting)

**Apologies:** Cllr Eginton (District Councillor)

**WELCOME**

07/11/01 The chairman welcomed Cathryn Janes to her first meeting as Parish Councillor. Two others have also put themselves forward for Councillor; Jill Doe and Lindsey Baker. Lindsey was unable to make this meeting although Cllr Lacey proposed that Jill Doe and Lindsey Baker should both be co-opted onto the council. This was seconded by Cllr Heal and agreed by all. Cllr Doe was welcomed to the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

07/11/02 These were read, agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Kenney, seconded by Cllr Heal.

**OPEN FORUM**

**MOP**

07/11/03 The MOP had read the minutes summary in the latest Lapford Lookout and asked whether the residents of Orchard Way had been considered with the proposed skate ramp in the playing field. The skate ramp would be noisy and disruptive and would decrease the value of her home. Cllr Lacey advised that nothing had been agreed and that after an initial meeting to discuss its viability, residents and the target age group would be consulted. A survey has been done and the youth have requested a skate ramp but all residents will be thought about carefully before any decision is made. Cllr Heal also advised that a skate ramp would be subject to a planning application which the public can make objections to. No site meeting has yet been arranged.

**MOP**

07/11/04 The MOP reported that the stop cocks in Orchard Way are still sunken and are still causing a hazard. Some work has been done but hasn't made a difference. Clerk to chase this with Highways. *Action: Clerk*

**Cllr Bulley**

07/11/05 Cllr Bulley has started to attend Wallingbrook Health Centre's PPG meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. Any comments regarding this service can be forwarded to Cllr Bulley who can take this forward to the meeting.

**Cllr Burrows**

07/11/06 Cllr Burrows advised that a member of the public has offered to restore the Barris sign that the Parish Council will be adopting from DCC. This is thought to be going through now. Cllr Burrows proposed we take up this offer and add the sign to our insurance. This was seconded by Cllr Heal and agreed by all. Clerk to advise DCC. *Action: Clerk*

07/11/07 The footpath between Mill Hill and Highfield is in a poor state with moss. Cllr Bulley offered to tackle this with the leftover moss treatment. *Action: Cllr Bulley*

07/11/08 Cllr Burrows commended the Lapstock committee for the excellent clean up of the village the following morning. The signs around the village also came down quickly although it was thought that some may remain in the surrounding areas.

**Cllr Doe**

07/11/09 Cllr Doe asked why the 30mph speed limit sign is located within the settlement at the top of the village and why it cannot be moved further out. Cllr Lacey advised that the Traffic Report has recommended this to DCC although it was thought that it would cost thousands of pounds to get a traffic order in place to move it, hence why it has not been moved.

**Cllr Lacey**

07/11/10 Cllr Lacey thanked Cllr Burrows for planting up the planter boxes around the village. The clerk is to write to Arthur Westacott, thanking him for donating the plants. **Action: Clerk**

**Cllr Kenney**

07/11/11 Cllr Kenney advised that Westgates water was cut off recently. Notification was very late and some residents were not aware until the morning of the proposed works. It was suggested that the clerk should write to SW Water asking them to increase communication with residents when works like this are planned. **Action: Clerk**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**NB: References used below are those from Appendix A**

06/11/23 The clerk has printed a draft clerk's contract from DAPC. Cllr Lacey and Cllr Briant-Evans offered to go through this. **Action: Cllr Briant Evans & Cllr Lacey**

12/10/02 We are awaiting a response from DCC regarding a site meeting for the twinning signs. It was thought that we should write to Mel Stride again advising that the signs have not been erected by May as advised in a letter to him. Clerk to write letter, copying in Cllr Lee, Zena Worters and DCC. **Action: Clerk**

05/11/05 The play equipment in the playing field was discussed earlier. Cllr Kenney added that the pathway through the middle of the playing field is now 'dog free' too. Cllr Kenney also asked the Parish Council if financial assistance would be available to help with the cost of signs prohibiting dogs. Cllr Kenney to bring some costs to the next meeting to be discussed.

01/11/02 With regards to the clearing of roads in bad winter conditions, Cllr Heal advised that there will be information coming shortly from DCC regarding 'Snow Wardens'. Each village will be encouraged to train someone to be a warden. This person will then have the authority to instruct local farmers etc. to clear snow and be covered by DCC insurance.

11/10/05 The materials for the new fence around the proposed Moorland View Allotment are now being stored by Cllr Lacey. It was thought we should gain quotes from Jon Tucker, Mike Leach and David Heal. Cllr Lacey to provide further details about materials and site. **Action: Cllr Lacey**

10/10/11 £1400 has been received from Cllr Lee for the works to the porch of the Orchard Centre. Only one quote has been received and it was thought that we should get a few more before making a decision. Cllr Heal offered to speak to Richard Tapp and Cllr Lacey offered to speak to another local builder. **Action: Cllr Heal and Cllr Lacey**

06/11/12 Cllr Heal reported that the build of the affordable housing had been put to tender and that a decision will be made on 21<sup>st</sup> July. It is thought the project will start soon after.

07/11/12 Cllr Briant Evans updated the meeting with the current position of the Primary School. A governors meeting had been held and a copy of the presentation was given to councillors. The consultation of a federation with Chulmleigh Community College is developing and the future looks promising. The primary school would have had to make significant changes to its staffing and classes and this appears to be the best option for the future at this moment.

07/11/13 An MOP also reported that there is a cover missing from the halt sign near the trading estate/A377 junction. Clerk to report to Highways. **Action: Clerk**

**FINANCE**

|          |                         |           |
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| 07/11/14 | <b>Account Balances</b> |           |
|          | Current Account         | £1041.76  |
|          | Savings Account         | £12384.29 |

|          |                                 |         |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------|
|          | Loan Stock                      | £283.98 |
| 07/11/15 | <b>Invoices</b>                 |         |
|          | Viking Direct                   | £78.50  |
|          | A & J Carpentry                 | £70.00  |
|          | Grass Cutting                   | £26.00  |
|          | Victory Hall                    | £8.40   |
|          | Clerk                           | £132.00 |
|          | Southern Electric ( <b>DD</b> ) | £23.42  |

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

07/11/16 Cllr Lacey has got most of the finances together for the 2010/11 audit however would like Julie Down to look over these first. Clerk to arrange for a time extension to allow for this. Cllr Heal also proposed that we purchase a bottle of wine to thank Julie for her help. Clerk to arrange.

**Action: Clerk**

### **PLANNING**

07/11/17 REF: 11/00911/FULL – Installation of photovoltaic solar panels to roof at West Great Hole, Lapford. Cllr Burrows proposed we recommend approval of this new application. Seconded by Cllr Janes and agreed by all. Clerk to report back to planning department

07/11/18 REF: 11/00953/OUT – Application to replace extant permission – erection of bungalow and garage adjacent to Sandhurst, Eastington Lane, Lapford. Cllr Burrows proposed we support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Doe and agreed by all. Clerk to report back.

07/11/19 REF 11/00997/FULL – Proposed variation of condition on use of natural light and ventilation on the garage at Court Barton Farm. After discussion, councillors found it hard to see what amendment was proposed. Clerk to take this forward to planning department.

07/11/20 REF: 09/00430/FULL – Proposed non material amendment to windows on the erection of a dwelling at Court Barton - **Approved**

07/11/21 REF: 11/00447/FULL – Erection of a steel framed agricultural building at Wheathaven Farm - **Approved**

07/11/22 REF: 11/00427/FULL – Erection of a new agricultural building at Polbury - **Approved**

07/11/23 REF 11/00636/FULL – Replace extant permission to erect a two storey extension at Higher Eastington, Lapford - **Approved**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

07/11/24 Tarka Line Leaflets, DALC Newsletter, Exeter & Mid Devon Connect Newsletter, Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter, Chulmleigh Community College Optime Newsletter and Parish Paths Newsletters have all been received.

07/11/25 A letter from MDDC has been received informing that polling stations are to be reviewed. It was agreed that there was no problems with the Victory Hall and this could be passed to Andy Epstein to complete. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk**

07/11/26 The Community Safety Partnership have sent a letter advising of a new system of reporting problems to the 'Local Action Group' (LAG). A form has been received and this will be filed for future reference.

07/11/27 Mid Devon Show will be taking place at Tiverton on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. A poster is to be displayed in the notice board.

07/11/28 Information regarding the Queens Diamond Jubilee has been sent to us. A copy has been sent to councillors for reading and this is to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

07/11/29 A letter has been received from some Chulmleigh Community College Pupils asking the parish council to consider placing some new equipment in the playing field. Considering the potential siting of a skate ramp and increased play equipment in the playing field it was thought we should

encourage these students to assist the parish council. Clerk to write to them and ask them if they would like to come to the next meeting to discuss the possibility of equipment for all ages and possible costs.

***Action: Clerk***

07/11/30 Yeo Valley Christian Fellowship have written asking for support with the set-up of Lapford Foodbank. The food bank would provide emergency food parcels to those in need within the village. Cllr Bulley queried whether the group were asking for financial support or support generally. Cllr Bulley to respond asking what support is required. ***Action: Cllr Bulley***

07/11/31 The light at Moorland View is still causing a nuisance to the resident at Moorland View. After discussion, it was decided that some councillors should have a site meeting at night to see the extent of the problem and if anything can be done. Clerk to write to resident to advise. ***Action: All councillors***

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Cllr Briant-Evans**

07/11/32 There have been some medals left over from the Royal Wedding Celebrations and Cllr Briant-Evans offered one to all councillors.

**Cllr Heal**

07/11/33 Cllr Heal advised that most allotments at Kelland Hill are now let. Members are struggling to control the grass that grows between plots and Cllr Heal asked if the Parish Council would consider donating some money to help with the purchase of a lawn mower. Cllr Lacey asked Cllr Heal if the allotment association could put together some figures for the next meeting, when it can be discussed.

***There were no other items to be discussed therefore the meeting was closed at 10.05pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre, Lapford.***