

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at the Orchard Centre, Lapford at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present Cllr Hemsworth (Chairman), Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Doe, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Heal, Cllr Wensley, Cllr Leach, Cllr Clinch, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Eginton (Ward Councillor). Christopher Voaden (Clerk), 4 Members of the Public

Apologies Cllr Squires

01/07/16 **Declarations of Interest – None**

02/07/16 **Minutes of the last meeting Ref 6/16 for signing -** The minutes were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman

03/07/16 **Open Forum**

MOP - Allotment Association Chairman.

The Chair of the allotment association reported on recent correspondence with the funding officer at MDDC. It was not for the Parish Council to make a grant application but for the association. This process had already started and the land owner would be contacted to be kept informed of the position. The allotment association also sought to be included in further discussions on utilizing proceeds from the sale of the Old Youth Club Land. This was not dismissed. It was suggested that The Youth Club Management Committee might consider this if approached. The Chair of the Association stated that the Allotment does benefit the Parish and could fulfil a provision for the youth of Lapford. Many plot holders regularly take their children to the site. Educational resources could also be advanced by the association.

MOP – Broadband within the Parish.

Cllr Eginton – He has recently met with Paul Coles, SW Director at BT. Lapford is one of 12 fibre optic cabinets in the region that are in place but have not been activated. A date for activation is forthcoming.

04/07/16 **Invited Guest - Toby Russell, Devon Air Ambulance**

From October 2016, DAA will be able to operate from Exeter until 12pm. This service is enabled through the development of Community Helipads sited within Devon parishes. Lapford has been investigated, the school field being deemed suitable. Cllr Hemsworth had previously met with Toby Russell.

The requirements for a Community Helipad within Lapford were a site size of 50m x 50m with a floodlight system installed.

The Parish / Community is asked to provide the cost of the floodlight system to be installed. The approximate cost is £4000. The logistics of the site in use and access to the school field would be managed and maintained by DAA.

Toby Russell has been asked to provide further information for inclusion with the Lapford Lookout. Cllr Hemsworth would update the members at the next meeting and a motion for further discussion will be included on the Agenda.

Signed

Chairman

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05/07/16 **Casual Vacancy / Co-Option**

There had been no reply to the Notice of a Casual Vacancy by any parishioner. The vacant position of Parish Councillor could be filled by way of co-option. With agreement by all present, Bill Graham was proposed. This was agreed by all present.

Proposed – Cllr Hemsworth

Seconded – Cllr Briant-Evans

06/07/16 **Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions**

The Clerk would now source a quote for the replacement road signs for report at the September Meeting.

A report was also provided on the Successful Queens Birthday Celebrations. The Parish Council thank those involved in organising the event

06/07/16 **Highways**

Cllr Burrows is still waiting for a reply from Steve Tucker following a meeting in March 2016. The Clerk reported that he has been called by Steve Tucker to discuss another Parish and sought information on Lapford at the same time. The Fencing by the River has been approved but quotes are awaited from a fencing contractor before this is undertaken. No date could be given for the work to start.

It was also noted that further grass cutting around verges within the Parish was required. Councillors thought that their agreement to MDDC's proposed cutting scheme had been implemented. The Clerk would investigate and return to the Chair with more information. In principle, it was agreed that grass cutting in some areas would be required on Health and Safety grounds. It should be possible for the contract with MDDC to be activated almost immediately.

Cllr Hemsworth. A MOP had reported trees and grass that required cutting back in Orchard Way. Highways would be notified of this. See my email.

07/07/16 **Emergency Plan Committee**

Terms of Reference were presented to the Parish Council. These were accepted by all present.

Proposed – Cllr Briant-Evans

Seconded – Cllr Doe

Alex Gator, the ^{Acting} Flood Warden and owner of Lapford Mill has provided the Parish Council with a report on current work to the weir through the EP Committee minutes. The Parish Council noted by past agreement that support would be given and this issue would be monitored by the Emergency Plan Committee.

08/07/16 **Regeneration Committee**

Minutes distributed to all present, the Terms of Reference were agreed by the Parish Council.

Proposed – Cllr Briant-Evans

Seconded - Cllr Doe

09/07/16 **Youth Club Committee Update**

Signed

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Planning Permission has been granted for The Old YC Building. It had recently been confirmed that the Parish Council were custodian Trustees of the land and The Youth Club Management Committee Management Trustees..

A further payment to Steve Eastland was sought at the meeting for £2000. This payment could not be considered for this meeting and would be discussed further at the September meeting. In the interim, this amount would be paid by The Youth Club Committee.

Rebecca Holly & two colleagues will be producing Art works inspired by the YC site. It is hoped to stage an exhibition in the Autumn, probably at the Victory Hall, accompanied by readings from the Old School Log Books. The Committee are progressing the development and Sale with Helmores in Crediton.

10/07/16 LYPFT

LYPFT noted that a payment of money from Cllrs Lee's Locality Budget in 2012 was made to the Parish Council for the purchase of a bench. This had not been passed to LYPFT and the request for this payment was made to contribute to new purchases made by the Committee. It was noted that two payments were made to LPC in 2012 from DCC Clarification is required on which is LYPFT's money.

LYPFT also ask that the Parish Council continue to pay the Insurance on the ^{ground} ~~round~~. This historical agreement would be honoured again for 2016/17. *What do the green shaded words mean?*

Proposed – Cllr Burrows

Seconded – Cllr Heal

11/07/16 Finance

Account Balances

- a. Current account - £9,324.74 (29.06.16)
- b. Savings account - £4,915.71
- c. Loan stock - £983.98

Payments to be agreed

- a. Sue Hemsworth – OC cleaning - £40.00
- b. Clerk – 30 hrs @ £9.64 £289.20
Working from home allowance – (4.33 x 4) – £17.32
Postage / Recorded Delivery to MDDC and External Auditor – £4.12
Total Payment – £310.64
- c. Stephen Faulkner – Grass Cutting - £30
- d. Cllr Briant-Evans Expenses – £9.99
- e. Graham Heal – Work at Bus Shelter - £85.00
- f. DALC Subscription Fee - £233.83
- g. MDDC – Fees in relation to s.106 agreement - £500
- h. Log On Garden Services - £10
- i. ICO Registration - £35

The above payments were agreed by all.

Proposed – Cllr Burrows

Seconded – Cllr Hemsworth

The Church Green Trustees had sought a payment of £565.15 from the Parish Council to cover Insurance for the Church Green. This was approved by all present.

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Proposed – Cllr Burrows

Seconded – Cllr Doe

12/07/16 Planning

Ref: 16/00988/FULL

Proposal: Removal of Condition 3 of Planning Permission 15/01830/FULL - Use of 2 barns

Location: Cleave Farm Lapford Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 275336 / 110546

Parish: Lapford 33

Web link - <http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=O9IWJDKS02X00>

Associated documents: <http://docs.middevon.gov.uk/pap/index.asp?caseref=16/00988/FULL>

After discussion, concerns were raised by members about the condition. It was thought that in order to comment, a site visit would be requested. The Clerk would arrange this and then inform members of the proposed dates.

Restrictive condition, not to be us

Ref: 16/00917/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for conversion of barn to self-contained ancillary accommodation

Location: Annexe East Eastington Lapford

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 274799 / 109073

Parish: Lapford 33

Web link - <http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=O8TL5QKS02T00>

Associated documents: <http://docs.middevon.gov.uk/pap/index.asp?caseref=16/00917/LBC>

Discussion took place over the application and the Parish Council would not raise any objections to the application.

Proposed – Cllr Burrows

Seconded – Cllr Briant-Evans

Ref: 16/00916/HOUSE

Proposal: Conversion of barn to self-contained ancillary accommodation

Location: Annexe East Eastington Lapford

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 274799 / 109073

Parish: Lapford 33

Web link <http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=O8TKEBKS02T00>

Associated documents: <http://docs.middevon.gov.uk/pap/index.asp?caseref=16/00916/HOUSE>

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Seconded – Cllr Briant-Evans

Appointment of Planning representative from Parish Council to replace Cllr Hemsworth

Cllr Hemsworth wished to pass this responsibility to another Parish Councillor, It was agreed that Cllr Heal would now report on planning within the Parish.

13/06/16 District and County Councillor's report.

Cllr Eginton

Yeo Vale enforcement issues. MDDC Councillors had met with planning officers at the site and consider that there is merit for Compulsory Purchase, following which the site could be developed for housing..

Recent work at Yeo Vale cottage is thought to encroach onto the Highway, Highways have been informed.

Local Plan – MDDC are still waiting for flood modelling works for junction 28 on the M5, this will be considered in September, allowing the local plan to progress.

EU referendum – How is funding going to be progressed? MDDC do not know about this in detail to enable any report to given at this stage.

New Recycling Plant at Hitchcock's Farm – This is to be opened by Neil Parish MP on Friday 8th July.

14/07/16 17. Correspondence

a. Email J.Down 12th June 2016. Planters at top of Village and LL minutes.

Parish Council to offer a grant for plants and compost but it was thought that Ray Waldron could be asked to plant out with the Parish Council making a donation for compost and plants. The Clerk would progress this.

The Parish Council also note that there is planting at Barris. The Parish Council thank the residents who undertook this planting.

15/07/16 Member Statements

Cllr Wensely – Occasional Loud music is heard from Popes Wood Opposite his house. It was known that the Owner was from outside of the Parish. It did not seem a concern to other residents nearby. Further discussion took place regarding siting of a caravan within the wood. It was thought that the owner was living in the wood. Cllr Eginton noted the issue and would inform Enforcement.

Camping at the river on the A377 was also being monitored by MDDC.

Cllr Hemsworth

Is the Dog Warden organised by MDDC? Yes. There has been a report of dogs in Highfield being regularly left outdoors causing a disturbance. Cllr Hemsworth would progress this issue

Cllr Burrows

Verges and Bank on Mill Hill need to be cut. The Parish Council remind residents on Mill Hill of their responsibilities towards maintenance of the Banking as it is their responsibility.

The hedge by The Mill is to be cut soon by the Contractor (under the P3 Grant.)

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BOW YFC have offered their service to undertake tasks around the Village. Community projects were to be considered. A list of potential work that could be undertaken is to be passed to Cllr Burrows. Cllr Clinch offered the ARK as a feeding venue for Young Farmers working in the village on community projects.

Plug in Orchard Centre – Cllr Heal offered to repair the plug.

Painting the post boxes. The rust on Letter Boxes at Forches and opposite the old Post Office have been reported to Royal Mail.

Cllr Briant-Evans.

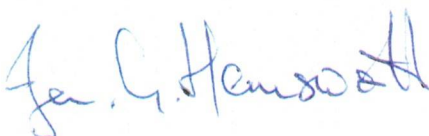
The house opposite the old Post Office has a very untidy garden. It was thought that the house was unattended and maybe in a dangerous condition. If this is the case, Building Control can investigate. Clerk to write to Jenny Clifford.

Telephone Line at Orchard Centre. It appears that there is no telephone line installed at present, just a computer connection for the Post Office to use. The present Post Office business owner would be interested in sharing a working line with other users as it would increase the services he could offer to his customers. However it was likely that the business would soon be under new ownership & any proposals would have to wait until that has happened.

There were no further topics for discussion and the meeting concluded at 21.30.

Next Meeting – 7th September 2016

Signed



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