

**MINUTES OF LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2011
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE, LAPFORD
REFERENCE 12/11**

Present: Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Heal, Cllr Bulley, Cllr Janes, Laura Cockram (Clerk), Cllr Eginton (District Cllr), Cllr Lee (County Cllr), 8 MOP
Apologies: Cllr Doe, Cllr Kenney,

OPEN FORUM

MOP

12/11/01 REF: 11/01791/FULL – Application for the retention of extension to existing vehicle workshops to extend workspace and re-arrange office/reception spaces (revised scheme) at Lapford Cross MOT and Service Centre. This new application takes into account the amended measurements (around 24cm wider) from the previous already granted application. Residents at Bridge Cottages advised of their objections to this revised application. Supporting documents were given to councillors, evidencing concerns about parking, drainage and closure of a footpath. The new plans meant that the extension was closer to the properties. There were also concerns about the supposed relocation of the roller shutter door which would cause noise disturbance and considerable light to flood onto Bridge Cottages. The applicant was present and advised that parking spaces would be drawn up for the residents once the build was complete although at present due to the new application being required, the build was at a standstill. The extension is hoped to provide a safer environment for staff and customers, with a better level of service also provided. Water from the roof will run into improved drainage directed into the river. Cllr Lacey informed that the Parish Council can only address the changes between the already granted application and the new one with concerns to the change in size. The members of the public in objection to the application left the meeting. Cllr Bulley recommended that we should clarify our position to the residents in writing, so that they understood where we stand. It was thought that we should pass on those concerns that are relevant to the new application to the planning officer. Concerns about the position of the roller door and the re-opening of the entrance at the back are to be forwarded. Cllr Briant-Evans proposed that we recommend approval. This was seconded by Cllr Burrows and agreed by all. Cllr Heal abstained. Clerk to forward. **Action: Clerk**

MOP

12/11/02 An MOP asked if a handrail could be placed on the pathway between Moorland View and Eastington Lane. The pathway is steep and elderly residents would benefit. Cllr Eginton advised that we should write to Nick Sanderson at MDCC, copying him in. **Action: Clerk**

12/11/03 The MOP also advised that the Keep Clear road markings outside his property at Park Hill had not been repainted. There were current issues with parents parking on the corner dropping children to the school. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Eginton

12/11/04 Cllr Eginton advised that there is a new audio system in the Town Hall so planning meetings can now be heard from all areas of the hall including the public gallery.

Cllr Bulley

12/11/05 Cllr Bulley asked if the changes to the open forum section of our meeting had been put to vote at a full Parish Council meeting. It appeared that this has not, therefore it is to be added to the agenda for the January 2012 meeting.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

12/11/06 No one had come forward following the recent piece put in the Lapford Lookout. It was thought that we should ask around to see if we can fill the now two vacant posts. Although written

confirmation hadn't been received from Cllr Barker, it is understood that she has decided to stand down.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

12/11/07 The minutes of the November 2011 meeting were read, agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Briant-Evans and seconded by Cllr Burrows.

MATTERS ARISING

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

05/11/05 Cllr Janes updated the parish council on the Youth Forum group. It was thought that the petition was not required as MDDC would have no objection to the removal of existing play equipment. However it was thought that the village should be aware of our plans so that they can have their say if they wish. It was thought that a note in the Lookout would be the best way to address this. Councillors were invited to a meeting between the Parish Council, Youth Forum and Playing Field Committee on 20th January to discuss a proposal. This is to be held at 7.30 in the Victory Hall so that we can have use of the projector.

10/11/33 First Great Western have responded to the letters sent regarding services from Lapford Station. It appears as though there is little they are willing to do to improve the service at Lapford. Carnett Tickets are currently being trialled at other stations and they cannot increase the amount of stops as it may negatively affect other rail users. Clerk to send this response to the Rail Users Group and MP Mel Stride to see if they can help support this. **Action: Clerk**

12/11/08 Cllr Briant-Evans updated the meeting on the progress of the Next Steps Committee. It was thought that Parish Planning needs to be addressed in detail. More support is required on this committee; the next meeting is being held on 9th February.

10/11/01 Cllr Briant Evans also updated on the Chulmleigh Academy status for Lapford Primary School. The conversion to academy status is on track and the school will open as an academy on 1st January. Cllr Briant-Evans is a new Academy Governor so will represent Lapford on this board. Mrs Mel Powell has been appointed in the new teacher role. Children will be singing carols around the Christmas tree on the green at 6pm on Tuesday 13th December.

11/11/07 The minutes of the Jubilee Celebrations meeting have been distributed to councillors. Feedback is being sought for street party ideas and whether individual areas of the village want small parties or a larger party should take place centrally. A suggestion of a beacon on the church tower would cost around £300 although the church would need to look at their insurance cover.

10/11/01 A copy of the response sent to Mrs Overend regarding dogs at Bellavista has been received. There is little that can be done unless harm comes to anyone. Environmental Health are currently speaking with Mr & Mrs Overend regarding noise monitoring equipment but unfortunately this is the only assistance that can currently be given.

12/11/09 Some responses with regard to highways issues have been received. The lengthsman will be unable to clear mud at Edgerley Lane due to time constraints. The moss on pavements in Highfield will be difficult to remove but an order has been put in for its clearing. All issues relating to bridges need to be forwarded to Rail track which has now been done. With the lack of responses from Rail track it was thought that we should send these letters on to Mel Stride to see if he can help encourage them to look at these issues. **Action: Clerk**

12/11/10 Some other issues with highways were also raised. Resurfacing at Barris has been done but it was thought that the whole village was due to be resurfaced. If not then the repainting of road markings can be done. Clerk to chase. Potholes are re-forming at the Westgate junction. There is also a pothole forming near the Post Office and Highfield turning. It was thought this may be associated with a South West Water leak. The Hedge at Nymet Road is also a real issue now. Whilst one resident has trimmed back the hedge, the Yeo Vale section has not been cut back and is overhanging by around 3ft. Clerk to see if Highways can make the owner trim this back. **Action: Clerk**

FINANCE

- 12/11/11 **Account Balances**
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| Current Account | £239.63 |
| Savings Account | £12,384.29 |
| Loan Stock | £283.98 |
- 12/11/12 It appears as though the transfer from our savings account has not been actioned by NS&I. Cllr Lacey to chase NS&I for this to be done ASAP. **Action: Cllr Lacey**
- 12/11/13 **Invoices**
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| Clerk | £189.44 |
| Morchard PC (training) | £65.28 |
| Country Matters (footpaths) | £23.96 |
| J Dudderidge (footpath light) | £60.00 |
| MCA Windows (bus shelter) | £152.40 |
| Audit Commission | £192.00 |
- These invoices were proposed to be paid by Cllr Heal and seconded by Cllr Briant-Evans. Clerk to make payments once transfer has been actioned.***
- 12/11/14 It was agreed that the Precept should be discussed fully at the next meeting

PLANNING

- 12/11/15 REF: 11/00245/OUT – Permission has been granted on matters reserved following outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling at Barris House
- 12/11/16 REF 11/01792/FULL – New application for the erection of a two storey extension at Sandalwood, Kelland Hill. A personal interest was noted by Cllr Bulley. There were no objections therefore Cllr Burrows proposed we should recommend approval. This was seconded by Cllr Briant-Evans and agreed by all. Clerk to forward comments to the planning officer. **Action: Clerk**
- 12/11/17 The new application at Lapford Garage was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 12/11/18 Notification for a road closure in January at Westgate has been received and is to be displayed on the Parish Council notice board.
- 12/11/19 Changes will be made to the visiting times of the mobile library service at Yeo Vale Cross. Times will be reduced to 11.55am to 12.15pm on alternate Tuesdays. Clerk to place this in the Lapford Lookout. A new timetable is to be distributed shortly.
- 12/11/20 A letter from Smiths of Derby has been received to advise that our 5 years annual church clock service agreement has now expired. To renew the contract for the next 3 years the price would be £149 per year. It was thought that The Cumbria Clock Company may be able to offer a competitive rate. Clerk to find costs and bring to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

MOORLAND VIEW ALLOTMENT

- 12/11/21 With the allotment now ready to go, the agreement needs to be signed with MDDC. A copy has been sent around to councillors and all agreed that this looked satisfactory. It was proposed that this should be signed by Cllr Heal and seconded by Cllr Bulley. Clerk to prepare a copy for signature.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12/11/22 Cllr Bulley reported that there are still some very serious complaints coming in about Wallingbrook Health Centre. There are serious concerns about the new phone service and the diagnosis for some patients. Cllr Bulley will as always put complaints forward although encourages people to put these into writing for them to put through the complaints process and be recognised officially.

- 12/11/23 Cllr Bulley showed concerns about stopping members of public speaking throughout parish council meetings. Cllr Lacey advised that we need to adopt some standing orders in order to get guidelines in place on these matters.
- 12/11/24 Cllr Briant-Evans advised that there will be an emergency planning meeting taking place on 9th January
- 12/11/25 Cllr Heal is concerned about works taking place at the Old Ambrosia Factory as he knows that parts of the building containing asbestos has been removed. Clerk to write to Jonathan Guscott at MDDC asking for him to attend the site urgently. **Action: Clerk**
- 12/11/26 The clerk will be unable to attend the next meeting.

There were no other items to discuss therefore the meeting was closed at 10.10pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 4th January in The Orchard Centre, Lapford.