

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at the Orchard Centre, Lapford at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present Councillors – Hemsworth (Chairman), Briant-Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Clinch, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Wensley, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Graham, Cllr Eginton (Ward) Cllr Squires (District) + Clerk.
5 MOP

Apologies Councillors – Leach & Doe

01/09/16 **Minutes of the last meeting Ref 07/16 for signing – These were signed with three minor amendments**

Proposed – Cllr Burrows

Seconded – Cllr Briant-Evans

02/09/16 **Open Forum for members of the public**

MOP – Traffic in the village. Speeding and large trucks being parked on the road are causing concern. Can Rumble Strips be installed in the Village? It was also asked that the 20's Plenty campaign be considered within the Village. The MOP asks for rumble strips in and out of the village and slow signs.

Speed awareness is needed. And the Clerk will be asked to write to Steve Tucker at Highways asking what they can do. 20's plenty was not agreed at previous meetings.

MOP – Minutes 3/01/16c – A MOP stated that she was unhappy with minute ref 31/01/16c & 16/1/16. This is noted. It is also stated that January minutes had been agreed at the February 2016 meeting.

MOP – Dog fouling on the Footpath going through the fields by Park Meadow Close. There is a concern about mess being left in the field. This is a concern as dog excrement on land near cattle can cause health concerns. It was felt that this was an issue that could be raised with Andrew Jarret from MDDC. The Chair would seek signage informing people to pick up their dog mess in bags and place in the dog bins around the village.

Cllr Rachel Phillips will ask the vet to write an article about health risks from dog excrement to farm animals for inclusion in the next Lapford Lookout.

MDDC - <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/dogs/dog-fouling/>

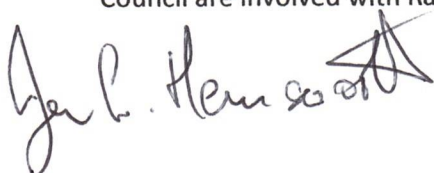
MOP – Significant Works are to be undertaken along the Tarka Line between 30th September and 7th January 2016 between 23.55pm – 6am. The Parish Council were not notified of such work and a concern is raised on the effect to his business when work is carried out.

The Parish Council would not have been consulted about these works.

It was noted that the track was repaired two years ago, why was there a need to repair the track now?

The Chairman and MOP would consider a formal response as individuals and report further.

Cllr Squires asks that all communications that are sent to Network Rail are copied to her as District Council are involved with Railways



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03/09/16 Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions

- a) 4/07/16 – Work at top of village has been completed by the allotment association.
- b) Popes Wood – Cllr Eginton reports that enforcement capacity is an issue at MDDC. A new enforcement officer for MDDC starts in October which may help. The Clerk had also spoken with Keith Palmer who advised that more detailed information would be required from any complainant before action would be considered. It was understood that a neighbouring land owner had spoken to the owner and the matter would be monitored.
- c) Bow YFC – They have offered their services to paint the village pumps during the next village clean up. Paint would be provided by Cllr Heal. As Bow YFC had assisted in the past, it was agreed that refreshments would be provided afterwards. This was agreed by all present. Refreshments to be provided at the ARK.
- d) Plug in OC – this had been fixed by Cllr Heal. It was also noted that the heater fixing by the door to the OC had broken. Cllr Heal to repair as soon as possible.
- e) House opposite Post Office – This is still an issue. It was asked that Jenny Clifford be asked to investigate. The Parish Council had been provided with the contact details of the owner by an MOP. Jenny Clifford needs to be contacted. MOP has provided a number of the owner and this will be forwarded to CE for enforcement.
- f) JB – Verges and Banks on Mill Hill. The owners of properties with land facing Mill Hill will be contacted to ask that their hedges and banks be cut to prevent highway safety issues. Cllr Margaret Squires advised that Steve Tucker, Highways, be asked to write the letters & the meeting agreed this. Action Clerk.

A general Notice about the hedges should be added to the LL.

04/09/16 Orchard Way Car Park and Junior Play Area

The Chairman and Clerk provided a report following the meeting they had attended with Andrew Busby, and Cllr Clive Eginton. All information regarding the land searches was sent to members prior to the meeting. As previously agreed, the Orchard Way Car Park would be leased from MDDC on a 25yr lease with a peppercorn rent to MDDC. Lapford Parish could relieve some of the parking issues around the village by leasing spaces in the car park to residents.

Cllr Eginton noted that the Metal Fencing that previously separated the Recycling Bins from the parking area would be removed. A draft Lease is awaited from MDDC.

The Junior Play Area was discussed. This requires further consideration considering LYPFT and the PCC's potential requirement for the ground.

No agreement was reached in respect of the Junior Play Area.

05/09/16 Highways – To receive an update regarding progress with Steve Tucker DCC Highways.

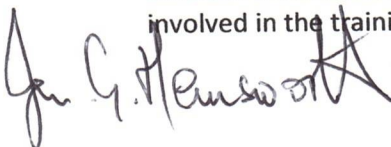
Cllr Squires – The repair of fencing near the river has been agreed but negotiations are taking place between Network Rail and the contractor.

Cllr Burrows informs the members that the work will take place within the current financial year. It was asked that our MP should be notified of the continuing situation.

06/09/16 Emergency Plan Committee – To receive a report from the Emergency Plan Committee.

No meeting since last Parish Council but informal discussions have been ongoing regarding storage of flood equipment. Suitable storage areas are being considered. Flood warden training has been offered. Volunteers are sought for the Training, Bow YFC could be approached to see if they can be involved in the training Cllr Burrows was asked to add an article to the October article of the

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Lookout.

Cllr Briant-Evans seeks information regarding funding from Cllr Squires' locality budget. An application form will be forwarded to Cllr Briant-Evans.

06/09/16 Youth Club Committee Update re - Marketing and Sale of Land.

It was noted that an offer had been accepted for the Sale of the Development Land next to the old YC building but not for the building itself. A firm of solicitors had been appointed.

07/09/16 LYPFT report:

The £300 provided to LYPFT back in 2012 had been identified within the PC accounts and will be passed to LYPFT.

08/09/16 TAP Applications.

Bob Patten at Morchard Bishop Parish Council has contacted Lapford over TAP funding. Devon Air Ambulance night landing was mentioned. All members considered that this would be a suitable project for TAP funding. Cllr Hemsworth was asked to make contact with Toby Russel from DAA to see if any other parishes had been approached. Locality Funding from Cllr Squires has been offered, the Clerk and Chairman will apply for this.

Full agreement on the Tap funding will take place in October.

09/09/16 Village Clean Up

The Autumn Litter Pick and Clean Up will take place on the 22nd October 2016 at 10am, starting at the Orchard Centre. Bow YFC have offered to paint the village pumps. Cllr Heal will supply the paint if required. Refreshment at the Ark will be provided afterwards.

10/09/16 Parish Assets Inspection

Asset inspection will take place on the morning of the Autumn Litter-pick, 22nd October. Cllrs Hemsworth & Briant-Evans to take responsibility.

11/09/16 Finance

Account Balances

- a. Current account - £7,174.03)
- 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
- 12 First Class Stamps - £7.68
- Total Payment – £314.20
- c. Log on Garden Services - £20

The above invoices were agreed for payment.

Proposed – Cllr Burrows

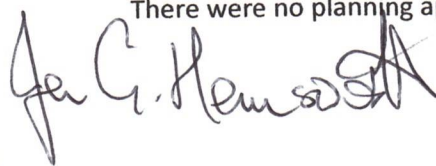
Seconded – Cllr Wensley

12/09/16 Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

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Cllr Hemsworth informed members of Planning Training being undertaken by the DALC for Planning training on the 29th September in Honiton.

Members discussed recent planning applications received by the Council and felt that all would benefit from further planning training.

Cllr's Hemsworth, Briant-Evans and Graham would be booked onto training.

Cllr Heal informs members that MDDC would be organising their own planning training soon.

Cllr Heal reports on Kelland Cottages recent planning application, it was not against MDDC policy and would probably be accepted.

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

Cllr Eginton - Yeo Vale enforcement issues continue with MDDC's new Chief Executive wishing to visit all major projects prior to finalising the situation.

Further consultations over the Local Plan

Local Plan – Proposed plan to be concluded by March 2017 as final plans in respect to Junction 27 & 28 of the M5 are still being negotiated.

Highways are continuing to run their fortnightly surgery in Crediton Town Hall every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the week.

Cllr Squires – The owners of land bordering the A377 have been contacted by Highways to remind them to trim road-side hedges & banks.

Reassurance is provided that the fencing has been agreed but is still being scheduled by MDDC. IT should be installed by the end of this financial year. Apologies are given about the delay.

Peoples Scrutiny Committee at DCC has considered the issues raised when pupils get excluded from school.

Care packages are also being considered to avoid hospital bed blocking. Purpose built nursing care establishments are being continually assessed.

14/09/16 Correspondence

a. Bob Patten – Morchard Bishop Parish Council, 22nd July 2016

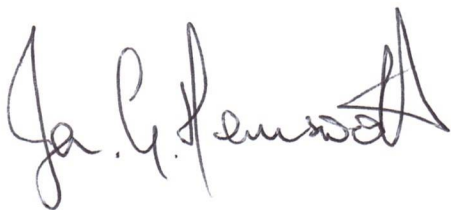
b. Alex Gator – Network Rail Maintenance 11th August 2016

c. Dog Bins and Waste Consultation – Can the two services be amalgamated. Is the PC happy to see one bin to cope with everything? If a dog bin will be replaced. **The Parish have no issues.**

d. Street Cleansing MDDC – MDDC are seeking their views on Current Street cleaning regime. The Parish Council would comment on the matter by asking that Street cleaning take place between 10am and 4pm with advance notice given so people can move their cars out of the way.

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15/09/16 Members Statements

Cllr Heal – Can all correspondence from and to PC be retained on paper for the meetings. This will be provided from October Onwards.

Cllr Graham – Broadband, 60% of the village with no superfast broadband. Broadband vouchers are available in certain circumstances.

Can the Parish Council deal with Openreach to ascertain why superfast is not fully working? Paul Coles, South West Director of Openreach would be asked to attend the October meeting, Cllr Hemsworth to progress.

Cllr Burrows – Minutes within the Lookout did not note the passing of Josie Rounsefell.

The hedge at a property in Mill Hill is overgrowing the pavement. The owners would be written to asking for the hedge to be cut.

Can a bench be placed at the Victory Hall? S.106 money could be used and will be considered at the October meeting.

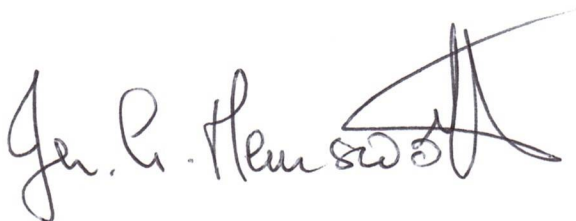
Cllr Squires - Discussion takes place over speed awareness campaigns. 6 volunteers have offered their services in Chawleigh, another three are required to undertake the campaign in both villages. Steve Tucker needs to be contacted about a speed awareness campaign. Clerk to action

16/09/16 There was a part two and at this point, MOP were excluded from discussions by the Parish Council.

There were no further topics of conversation and the meeting concluded at 21.45pm

Next Meeting – October 5th 2016

Signed



Chairman

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