

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE JUBILEE HALL ON 12th JUNE 2023

Present: Mrs Caroline Hjorth
Mr John Poole
Mr Ray Hudson

Ms Barbara Drysdale (Clerk)

Apologies were received from: Cllrs Duncan Boulton, Les Gordon, Margaret Poole, (LPC),
Cllr Georgina Heritage (SODC), Cllr Freddie van Mierlo (OCC)

Item 1: MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None were received.

Item 2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the parish council meetings held on 15th May 2023 were accepted as being a true record of proceedings by councillors and signed accordingly by the Chair.

Item 3: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (INFORMATION ONLY)

No updates except those covered under other items.

Item 4: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SESSION

No requests had been received by the Clerk.

Item 5: THAMES VALLEY POLICE

The Council acknowledged receipt of a report about the accident on the B4009 on 5th February. The Council noted with thanks that Cllr van Mierlo had put the Clerk in touch with two local police officers who had helped with this issue. It was also noted that LPC was grateful to again be able to contact local officers.

Item 6: DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Council noted receipt of both county and district monthly reports and the apologies for absence of both councillors; it was agreed that the issue of the National Highways' "pause" on any improvements at the M40 junctions would be discussed further when Cllr van Mierlo could next attend.

Item 7: FINANCE

a) Councillors received and noted a budgetary control report for year to date from the RFO which showed balances as of 7th June 2023:

Treasurers Account: £2,686.72
Business Savings Account: £19,209.44
Hall Account: £9,817.18

The Chair formally signed the Cashflow spreadsheet.

b) The council approved payment of the following outstanding accounts:

i) Lewknor PPC	Annual allowance	£200.00	S.137 LGA 1972
ii) South Weston PPC	Annual allowance	£100.00	S.137 LGA 1972
iii) PetWasteSolutions	Dog bin emptying	£92.95	S.111 LGA 1972

Chair:

Date:.....

iv) SODC	Election fee	£200.00	S.36(3b) RPA 1983
v) B Drysdale	Petty cash uplift	£50.00	S.112(2) LGA 1972
This is extra petty cash uplift to pay for Microsoft 365 renewal on 5 th July			
vi) CLB	Playground sand	£192.00	CIL
vii) Allen Landscaping	Grasscutting	£252.00	S.19 PG(MP)A 1976
viii) BGG	Grasscutting	£127.53	S.19 PG(MP)A 1976
c) The Council approved the purchase of new salt bin for Beacon View (£250+VAT) It was agreed that that Chair would discuss the exact location of the bin with residents on Beacon View and payment would be made in July.			
d) The council noted that the cost of the clerk’s work phone had gone down to £7 per month.			
e) The council noted that the Clerk/RFO had submitted LPC papers for its External Audit and the Notice of Public Rights (6 th June-17 th July 2023) has been displayed on noticeboards & LPC’s website; and LPC’s audit papers have also published on the website.			

Chair/
Clerk

Item 8: PLANNING

- a) The council noted the status of the following applications:
- i) P22/S2744/HH & P22/S2745/LB Poplar Farm, Box Tree Lane, Postcombe Decision awaited
Proposed single storey rear extension, and internal/fenestration alterations to the existing house.
- ii) P23/S0174/FUL National Land Access Centre Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve, Aston Hill Approved
Retrospective change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural use and for the demonstration of BS5709:2018 in practice being the use, maintenance and installation of gaps, gates and styles and to undertake training courses for countryside manager to increase access to the countryside for all, with associated operational development
- iii) P23/S0047/HH Chiltern View, Lower Road, Postcombe Decision awaited
Three storey rear extensions and reconfigure internally
- iv) P23/S1108/DIS Moorcourt Barn, Weston Road, near Lewknor Decision awaited
Discharge of conditions 3(Reptile Mitigation Strategy) & 4(Landscaping & Drainage) on application P20/S0909/FUL (1. Demolition of existing green barn, closure of access to footpath track. 2. Erection of 1 dwelling with new access, garage, outbuilding, and associated works. 3. Provision of additional parking/car storage area to adjoining commercial unit (at The Barn/Str8six.))
- v) P23/S1518/HH Chiltern Croft Lower Road Postcombe Decision awaited
Single storey extension

Item 9: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

- a) The Chair told the meeting that the two SODC deep cleans this year had completed *some* of the work requested by LPC.
- b) Cllr John Poole told the meeting he had again reported the broken street sign on Salt Lane.
- c) The Clerk told the meeting that OCC was in the process of getting the fallen B4009 bus sign reinstalled.
Cllr Margaret Poole had sent word that she wanted it noted that the pot holes in Lower Road needed attention including one that had been partially (and inadequately) filled. It was agreed OCC would be contacted on the issue.

JP/MP

Item 10: PROPERTY REGISTER

The council approved the further updates to LPC’s property register (now on LPC’s website).

Chair:

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Item 11: REGISTERS OF INTERESTS

It was formally noted that all councillors had submitted their RoI forms to SODC within the 28 days stipulated but that two had still not been published on the SODC website. The Council asked the Clerk to contact the head of Legal and Democratic Services at SODC to voice LPC's deep concern about the disorganisation over the issue.

Clerk

Item 12: TREE MAINTENANCE

The Chair told the meeting that, following his address to last month's LPC meeting, she and the Vice Chair had had a very useful follow up meeting with OCC tree specialist Edward Whorwood in the parish to talk further about tree maintenance in the parish.

Item 13: CHURCHYARD

It was agreed that Cllrs Hudson and Gordon would agree a day to hold a working party to clear the Lewknor churchyard and other councillors and residents would be asked to help. The Council formally thanked, in advance, Briants for the free loan of a topper to help clear the churchyard. Any other expenses incurred would be covered by LPC.

RH/LG

Item 14: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

LPRG&H had been in touch about having Allen Landscaping carry out weed killing in the grounds with the request that this be paid for out of LPC's LPRG&H funds (to be put on the July agenda). The Clerk said she would meet LPRG&H Chair over the summer to discuss ongoing and regular LPRG&H expenditure that involved LPC.

Clerk

The Chair would follow up the CLB quote to finish the landscaping of the playground.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chair:

Date:.....