

DRAFT MINUTES

LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8 September 2011

Present; Mr R E J Cooper (Chairman), Mr J W Harden, Mr G J Hayhurst, Mr N P Jowett, Mr G D J R Sharp, Dr P J H Wilding, Mrs R D Wood, and Mr M H Oakland (Clerk)

Also present; Mr C Duncton and Mrs P A Hardwick.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm

79/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr J S Bonnett and Mrs A Martin-Jenkins.

80/11 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman reminded members of their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct.

81/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

82/11 MATTERS ARISING

Standing Orders Amendment Referring to item 75/11, Mr Harden suggested that in the absence of both Mr Bonnett and Mrs Martin-Jenkins, discussion on this be deferred to the next meeting. Members agreed.

War Memorial Insurance. The Clerk said that following further correspondence with the PCC, the PCC's Insurers had accepted that it was not the legal responsibility of the Parish Council to insure the memorial. Public Liability insurance in respect of the memorial is covered under the PCC's present policy.

83/11 OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present

84/11 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Among the matters covered by Mr Duncton were a) New Highways Co-ordinator, Fiona Baker (replacing Mr Johnson). She is keen to meet with local council members and Mr Duncton is to arrange meetings. b) Mr Adam Blazey is also a future point of contact for the parish in Highways. c) He has asked Fiona Baker to chase the matter of the missing County Boundary sign in Tennysons Lane. d) A vacancy is to arise on the Board of Governors of Northchapel School in December. e) There are grant monies available from WSCC under the Community Initiative Fund (CIF).

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Mrs Hardwick covered the following matters. a) In respect of the Local Development Framework & Planning Policy (LDF), the CDC is keen to formulate a LDF to protect the district

from the effects of a generally more relaxed planning approach. The document is primarily concerned with development outside the National Park and therefore does not include Lurgashall. b) For planning applications within the National Park, the District Council now acts as the Agent for the NPA. This role needs to be separated from its role as the Local Planning Authority and a report on this is to be produced by the end of October. c) A guide to Community Right to Build under the Localism Bill (yet to be enacted) will be produced and then made available on-line.

85/11 FINANCE

1 Current Financial Statement

The Clerk distributed Annex A, which included;

- a) a statement of the position of the Council's Bank accounts, incorporating details of cheques which need to be issued and for which approval was sought, and
- b) figures setting out the Council's income and expenditure to date against the current budget.

The members duly approved the payment of all cheques listed.

2 Bank Mandate. The new mandate is in force and the signatories for the Council now include Mr R E J Cooper, Mr J S Bonnett, Mr G J Hayhurst, Mrs A Martin-Jenkins and Dr P J H Wilding.

3 Annual Return. The Clerk reported that the Council had received a clean report from the Auditors and that the Statutory Notices had been displayed on the parish notice-board.

4 Thanks from the PCC. had been received for the mowing grant of £375.

86/11 HIGHWAYS

1 Northhurst Lane Pothole (Boundary Cottage) This has again been reported to Highways and they have been to inspect. They say it is responsibility of B.T and have asked B.T to repair. Highways will inspect again in 28 days to check work done.

2 Broken sign at The Quell. This has been replaced

3 County Boundary sign. Dealt with in Mr Duncton's report.

87/11 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

1 2031 Path adjacent to Boundary Cottage. The hurdles have been removed and Nick Scott (WSCC) is in touch with the landowner regarding the replacement of the stile with a gate.

2 3285 Blackdown. Mr Scott is in discussion with Blackdown Ridge Wines to replace the stile with a gate where 3285 crosses 2025 at Blackdown Farm.

3 2040 Dial Green to Upperfold Farm Bridleway. WSCC are looking to up-grade certain bridleways and have discussed with Clerk the priorities for the parish. In view of the fact that this bridleway provides substantial safety cover for riders who would otherwise have to use the very dangerous Lickfold to Fernhurst road, he has agreed with Mr Scott that this warrants the top priority.

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88/11 PLANNING

1 Applications considered since the last meeting

Dr Wilding reported that the following two applications had been considered;

LG/11/02710/FULNP

High Hampstead, High Hampstead Lane.

Change of use and alteration of barns to form holiday lets including use for vocational residential courses and staff accommodation (amendment to planning permission LG/07/02213/FUL in respect of internal roof of main barn and arrangement of roof lights on north elevations)

LG/11/02860/FULNP:

Abesters , Roundhurst Lane

Construction of new access to Tennyson Lane and closure of existing access and associated works to existing access track.

In respect of Abesters, a letter of objection had been sent by the Council on 20 August and a copy was given to each member present.

2 Decisions received since the last meeting

Dr Wilding reported that the following ten decisions had been received.

LG/11/01842/FULNP

Leigh Barton, Blind Lane

Variation of condition 2 from planning permission for replacement dwelling
LG/09/04381/FUL. Construction of basement to be included. PERMIT

LG/11/02153/PLDNP

The Chimes, Blind Lane

Proposed garden room PERMIT

LG/11/02105/FULNP

Barfold Farm, Tennysons Lane

Replacement of existing Lodge to provide staff accommodation REFUSE

LG/11/02227/FULNP

Upper Blackdown House, Fernden Lane

Demolition of existing dwelling with proposed replacement dwelling
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LG/11/02195/FULNP

Barfold Farm, Tennysons Lane

Estate office barn in lieu of permitted storage barn.

REFUSE

LG/11/01685/DOMNP

Greenland Farm, Jobsons Lane

Two story rear extension, enlarged ground floor link between dwelling and converted barn, addition of small rear dormer window, together with internal and external alteration to listed building.

PERMIT

LG/11/01686/LBCNP

Greenland Farm, Jobsons Lane

Two storey rear extension, enlarged ground floor link between dwelling and converted barn, addition of small rear dormer window, together with internal and external alteration to listed building.

GRANT

LG/11/02359/DOMNP

Meadowside, Village Green

Retention of swimming pool and pool house

PERMIT

LG/11/02593/FULNP

Barfold Farm, Tennysons Lane

Replacement of existing storage barn

WITHDRAWN

LG/11/02107/LBCNP

Barfold Farm, Tennysons Lane

Demolition of existing lodge (and replace with new gate lodge)

REFUSE

Other Matters

Windfallwood Cottage It had been brought to the Council's attention that building work was being carried out on this property. The matter was reported to the CDC Enforcement Officer on 16 August and then classified as "Medium" priority. The final date for a report back from the CDC is 16 September.

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89/11 PLAYGROUND

Mrs Wood said that she felt the Playground was looking rather worn, particularly the paintwork, and some of the wood was showing signs of splitting.

The Council is awaiting a visit from the engineer from RSS Playmakers to visit the site and produce a report in the light of the latest Rospa report. The Clerk will follow.

90/11 VILLAGE GREEN

Mr Hayhurst covered the following issues;

Rainwater ditches in front of The Malthouse have been reinstated and particular thanks were due to Mr Sharp for his assistance.

A plan showing the location of the surface water drainage pipes and ditches was being prepared and the draft of this was available for comment on the village web-site

The Village Pond. A schedule of required works for the pond is being finalised and quotations for this will be obtained. One quotation is in hand for £1925. The Council agreed that an approach should be made to the Fete Committee for a grant of £2K to cover the cost of the work, and that if this was agreed by the Fete Committee then the Village Green Committee was authorised to accept what it felt was the most suitable quotation up to a maximum of £2K. The Village Green Committee was also asked to look into the possibility of obtaining a similar grant from the WSCC under the Community Initiative Fund scheme.

Phone Box on The Green. The members agreed that the committee could insert a note in the parish Newsletter asking for resident's views as to a suitable use for the box should the Council decide to go ahead with purchasing it.

In a response to a question from Mr Jowett, Mr Hayhurst said that before taking steps to protect the triangle on the eastern end of the Green, the committee would prefer to see how the protection work already undertaken held up in the wetter weather.

The Chairman thanked Andrew Tate and Frances Bassom for their kind work on the bus shelter.

91/11 LOCAL WINTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

In the absence of Mr Bonnett, the Clerk reported that Mr.Szell had written to both the National Trust and Leconfield Estate for permission to site two salt bins within the parish. The National Trust had phoned to indicate that formal permission would be forthcoming once they had inspected the site (The Quell), but no response had been received from Leconfield Estate in respect of a bin near the village bus shelter and a reminder had been sent.

92/11 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence which needed to be brought to the attention of members.

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93/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman mentioned;

Annual Parishes Meeting which is to be held at East Pallant House on 19 October commencing at 5.45pm. He will attend and invited any other members to accompany him.

Bus Service cut-backs which may well impact upon Lurgashall, but the plans for which have yet to be finalised.

Mr Harden raised the question of having a defibrillator available in the parish. The Chairman suggested that before proceeding, it would be advisable to establish how many volunteers would be willing to come forward for the project. He invited Mr Harden to establish this.

Mr. Jowett raised the question of damage to property around the Green caused by cricket balls hit from matches on the Green, and the attitude of the Cricket Club towards the residents who owned the damaged properties. He felt that, above all, respect should be shown to anyone suffering damage. The Chairman undertook to speak to the Secretary of the club.

The Clerk mentioned that in an article in the August edition of the Newsletter, it had been stated that the Cricket Club purchased the Freehold of the Pavilion in 1967. This was incorrect. The property is owned by the Parish Council and is Leased to the club and the writer of the article has acknowledged that this was an error.

94/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 3 November 2011 at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.