**LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

 **Held on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm**

**In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst**

**Members present:**

Cllr Graham White (Chairman) GW

Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman) JU

 Cllr Steve Cannella SC

 Cllr Tim Cornick TC

 Cllr Sam Nicholas SN

 Cllr Clive Stott CS

 Cllr Dawn Beeby DB

 Cllr David Hurst Brown DHB

Cllr Rolf Smith RS

**In attendance:**

Tracie Dodd Clerk/RFO

 Cllr Sarah Hamilton KCC SH

 5 members of the public

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcome the Attendees and Councillors.

Cllr Hurst-Brown has decided to step down from his position within the Lamberhurst Parish Council. Cllr White thanked Cllr Hurst-Brown for his continued support and work having been a councillor for a number of years. Cllr Hurst Brown was a key member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Planning Sub Committee. We would like to wish him all the best in his new ventures.

1. **Questions from the Public:**

Concerns we raised regarding the Planning Appeal 23/00161/FULL. The Planning Sub-Committee will look at the full appeal and respond accordingly.

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1. **Apologies for absence:**

Cllr David Knight TWBC DK (written reports received)

Cllr Alison Webster TWBC AW

1. **Declaration of interest:**

There were none.

1. **Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 th July 2023**

Were Approved

1. **Update from those minutes:**

Item 15 Time Capsule is progressing.

Common Land and Dog issues will be addressed at the Meeting due to take place 14th September 2023 in the War Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr Knight was unable to attend the meeting but reported via email that at the Finance and Governance committee meeting last week, the update we received for Q1 was that the forecast deficit for 23/24 has now been reduced to £526,000 from the previous £900,000, so an indication that our administration is making real progress.

We had a resignation from the Cabinet last week. Wendy Fitzsimmons, Member for Pantiles & St Mark's and Portfolio Holder, Sport, Leisure, and Health have now been replaced by another Lib Dem, Pamela Wilkinson, who was newly elected to the Council in the May elections.

1. **Accounts:**

Were noted andapproved.

Finance Meeting will take place in October Date to be decided.

Payments over £500.00 since last meeting.

£500.00 – Public Toilets (July 2023)

£1266.00 – Grass Cutting

£500.00 – Public Toilets (August 2023)

£873.00 – Grass Cutting

£1347.68 – Grass Cutting

£2865.04 – Resurfacing of the playground and youth shelter

1. **Planning:**

Were noted andapproved.

It was reported by a member of the Parish that Down House would appear to be holding private functions.

1. **Subgroups and representatives**

**Common Land/Allotments**

Cllr Uren reported that there had been an issue with the Boundary at Wiseacre it was agreed a quote would be obtained to remove the debris boarding a neighbouring Fence. Cllr Canella to organise.

Cllr Uren reported that the re-surfacing of the Playground and Youth Shelter had been completed.

RFO reported that a Grant had been obtained from UKSPF Community Grants Programme to cover the majority of the project.

Cllr Nicholas requested approval for a Grant application to be submitted for a new Water system on the Bottom Allotments at Brewers Street. Approved unanimously.

Cllr Nicholas reported that the flail cut at Hook Green was due September/October 2023.

Cllr Canella to organise.

20.17 Cllr Hamilton and arrived and 1 member of the public.

Cllr Hamilton reported that Kent Family Hub Services Consultation Closes on 13th September 2023 and urged Councillors to take part in the Feedback.

Cllr Hamilton reported that there was a possibility of Match Funding for additional signage in the Village.

Cllr Hamilton reported that she has been appointed as Chair of Joint Transportation Board.

**Events:**

The Village annual Bonfire will take place on the 4th of November 2023.

Risk assessments had been submitted to our insurance company for approval.

The Public toilets will be closed for this event, but Portable Toilets will be available on site.

**Parish Website and communication:**

Nothing to report.

**HIP:**

To be discussed in detail on the 14th of September 2024 at the Community Matters meeting.

Cllr Nicholas reported approval for maintenance work at The Slade by both build-outs these would be Road markings and funded by KCC.

Cllr Nicholas reported that The Planning & Advice Team has provided some proposed amendments along Furnace Lane (ref. 12409621”).

As previously advised, average speeds along this road are not currently an issue and there is no accident history. Our concern is doing too much and widening the look of the road could in turn increase speeds as the feeling of the road perception changes. However, Planning & Advice has proposed some vegetation clearance and some new sign roundels.

Lamberhurst Parish Council to confirm if they would like to proceed with proposals. This would need to be funded by the Parish Council.

It was to agree a Quote in principle.

1. **Presentation for Community Matters Meeting:**

All presentations had been completed for the Meeting on 14th September 2023.

1. **Matters of Urgency at the Chairmans Discretion**

There were none.

 Meeting closed 20.44.