LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst

Members present:

Cllr David Hurst Brown (Chair)	DHB
Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman)	JU
Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB
Cllr Clive Stott	CS
Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr Graham White	GW

In attendance:

Tracie Dodd	Clerk/RFO	
David Knight	TWBC	DK
Sarah Hamilton	KCC	SH

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Hall sent her apologies.

Due to the Current infection rate of the new Omicron variant only matters of Urgency were discussed at the meeting. All Subgroup agenda items will be via Zoom and minutes will be published on the Village Website.

Questions from the Public:

There were none.

Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2021:

There were none.

Budget and Precept:

The RFO purposed an increase of the precept by 6.5%, this equates to an increase of 6% on a Band D Property due to the rise in the Tax base. This would mean an 8p per week increase on a Band D Property – compared with neighbouring villages we remain low on precept receipt. **Approved unanimously**

Contain Outbreak Management Fund:

Kent County Council has received emergency grant funding from central government under the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF), to be used to support efforts towards preventing or containing the spread of COVID-19, which would equal £1263.00 to Lamberhurst Parish.

The RFO presented the application. Approved unanimously.

Cllr Sarah Hamilton will liaise with the Clerk regarding any grants available to refurbish the public toilets.

Cllr David Knight reported that the Old Cinema site in Tunbridge Wells had been sold with the view to create a Retirement/Shopping Village, subject to the necessary planning approval.

Zoom meeting to take place 18th January Via Zoom at 6.30pm to address all Subgroup business, and minutes will be published via the Village Website.

Meeting Closed 19.50

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be 8th March 2022 @ 7.30pm