

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (AGPM)(AGM)**  
**Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**  
**In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst**

**Members present:**

Cllr Graham White (Chairman)	GW
Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman)	JU
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
Cllr Clive Stott	CS

**In attendance:**

Tracie Dodd	Clerk/RFO	
Cllr Sarah Hamilton	KCC	SH
Cllr Linda Hall	TWBC	LH
15 Members of the Public		

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and those in attendance at the meeting.

**1. Questions from the Public**

The developer gave a brief outline of the proposed planning application to the Land West of Brewers Street. Ref. No: 22/01737/FULL

Various questions were raised from the Members of the public.

The main points of concern raised were

1. Access to the proposed development
2. Policy D4 in the LPNDP – Dark Skies
3. Outside the Limits to Build
4. Additional traffic to Brewers Street

The Parish Council will meet on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to finalise their response to the planning application considering the Parishioners concerns.

**2. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr David Hurst Brown	DHB
Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
Cllr Dawn Beeby (Joined Via Zoom)	DB
Cllr David Knight	DK

**3. Declaration of Interest:**

There were None.

**4. Approval of the minutes held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**

Were Approved unanimously.

**5. Updates from those minutes:**

Public Toilets: After much consideration the Hall Managers have decided to reassess the Public Toilets at a later date.

Cllr Hall reported that the Planning Application for Lindrige Cottage has been given a 3-month extension until the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 to address the issues raised by Highway England.

Cllr Knight sent his apologies but updated the Council via email.

The Borough Partnership cabinet meetings would no longer be held at TWBC but instead visitation would be at local Parish Council meetings.

The Borough Partnership had a plan to cut £944,000 deficit that was inherited from previous administration, called the Inherited Deficit Reduction Plan. This was published 4<sup>th</sup> July and goes to Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2022

**6. Accounts:**

Were noted and approved

Payments over £500.00 since the last meeting.

£500.00 – Public Toilets (May 2022)

£1200.00 – Mastercraft (50% of repair cost of Roof)

£500.00 – Public Toilets (June 2022)

£1106.00 – Grass Cutting

£5942.84 – Wallgates (New Hand Washing Facilities for the Public Toilets a grant for £4629.49 was received from KCC)

£500.00 – Public Toilets (July 2022)

**7. Planning:**

Were noted and approved.

20.13 Cllr Hamilton joined the meeting

**8. Subgroups and Representatives:**

**Common Land Subgroup**

Extensive walkabouts have been conducted by the Common Land Group.

The areas that need attention are

**The Down**

3 Benches needing replacing.

Bus Shelter – Roof shingles are missing

New Perspex for the bus shelter

Common Land notice board on the Down needs attention or replacing.

**Gravel Pit**

Audio Box needs attention

### **Centre of village and allotments**

2 Benches outside the Village Hall need Cleaning and Treating.

The Telephone Box situated outside the Village Hall needs rubbing back and re-painting.

St Paul's railings at the Side of the Hall rubbing back and re-painting.

3 Benches opposite the Green need Cleaning and Treating.

Noticeboard on the Green needs some attention but is repairable.

Bench on Town Hill new slat to be fitted, Cleaning and Treating.

Bench at Victoria Walk needs Cleaning and Treating and general tidying of all the area is required.

### **Allotments.**

The trees/branches to the access path on the Top Field to be trimmed

The possibility of a community garden/allotment on the lower field.

### **Hook Green**

Notice Board needs cleaning

Agreed unanimously that the repairs reported should be carried out. A group of Volunteers would be most welcome to undertake the cleaning and treating of the Street Furniture in the Parish and anyone that would be willing to be involved should contact the Clerk. [clerk@lamberhurstvillage.org](mailto:clerk@lamberhurstvillage.org)

The Clerk to contact BT regarding the usage of the telephone box outside the War Memorial Hall in the view to utilising the space for other use.

Cllr Nicholas is currently in the process of applying for a £10k Sussex Lund grant to improve areas at Hook Green, this would include 4 more pockets to improve light Biodiversity. The total cost would be approx. £11k it was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would meet the shortfall in funds.

### **Events**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Stott and Cllr Nicholas together with all those involved for the Jubilee Weekend celebrations. It was agreed that it was an outstanding event.

A donation of £2,000.00 was agreed at the LPC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the total donation made by the Parish Council was £855.00.

The Bonfire Society event will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and at present no donation is required from the Parish Council, but this will be kept under review.

Cllr Uren suggested that Portaloos are required for this event

Cllr Hamilton reported that KCC could possibly fund the hire of these for the event.

Clerk to contact Cllr Hamilton.

## **HIP**

Cllr Nicholas reported that the HIP has been resubmitted to Kent Highways for approval to date we have not received a response.

Cllr Hamilton to enquire with Kent Highways on the progress.

Cllr Nicholas to send minutes from HIP Sub committee meeting to Cllr White.

## **Parish Website and communication**

Nothing to report.

### **9. Local Government Boundary Commission**

The Chairman reported that Electoral Commission were in consultation regarding the number of Borough Councillors. Cllr Hall to update the Parish Council on developments

### **10. Playground:**

Cllr Beeby and the Clerk meet with Sovereign Compliance on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to discuss the maintenance of the Playground it was agreed unanimously that at present we would continue to use Play dale for our annual inspection and maintenance.

### **11. Scotney Castle purposed parking:**

The Parish Council meet at Scotney Castle on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 to look at the proposed development of additional parking. Representation from Scotney Castle will attend the next Parish Council meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 to discuss any concerns. All Parishioners welcome to attend.

### **12. Spray Hill Development:**

Cllr Uren gave a brief overview of the development at Spray Hill

Full planning has been submitted Ref. No: 22/01882/FULL

The Parish Council will be meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to finalise their response to the planning application

### **13. Matters of Urgency at Chairmans Discretion**

Moved to Exempt.

Meeting closed 20.47

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM TO THE 27<sup>TH</sup> of SEPTEMBER @7.30PM**