

**LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm**  
**In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst**

**Members present:**

Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman)	JU
Cllr Samantha Nicholas	SN
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr Clive Stott	CS
Cllr Rolf Smith	RS

**In attendance:**

Tracie Dodd	Clerk/RFO
Cllr David Knight TWBC	DK
3 members of the Public	

**Welcome**

The Vice Chairman welcome the Attendees and Councillors.

A minute's silence was held to mark the passing of our Chairman Graham White.

**1. Questions from the Public:**

Residents expressed parking issues at Lamberhurst Down on Common Land. Residents were asked to write a formal proposal of their plans for improvement. Clerk to contact Parish Solicitors regarding deed of easement once the proposal was received.

19.52 Members of the Public left the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB

**3. Declaration of interest:**

There were none.

Cllr Knight reported that the new Rural Tunbridge Wells consists of Matfield and Brenchley, Horsmonden, Goudhurst and Lamberhurst and will have 3 Brough Councillors.

The Public consultation for Tunbridge Wells new local plan has been extended to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Further details about the consultation and how to submit a response can be found on the Council's website <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan>

Plans for the Town Square development is on-going this will create 60 new offices to rent, and 20 offices will be occupied by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

**4. Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Were Approved

**5. Update from those minutes:**

There were None.

**6. Vineyard Appeal:**

Additional Comments from Lamberhurst Parish Council had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

Appellant/LPA Final Comments due 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the head of planning at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council requesting that the appeal hearing be heard at the Town Hall.

**7. Accounts:**

Were noted and approved.

Payments over £500.00 since last meeting.

£500.00 – Public Toilets (Jan 24)

£850.50 - Tree Maintenance

£500.00 – Public Toilets (Feb 24)

£1798.50 - Tree Maintenance

**8. Planning:**

Were noted and approved.

APP/M2270/W/23/3321650 appeal for Court Lodge was dismissed.

**9. Subgroups and representatives**

**Common Land/Allotments/Street Furniture**

Noticeboards have been replaced at the Lower Down and Hook Green these were largely funded by the UKSPF Community Grants Programme.

A Noticeboard has also been erected at the entrance to the Chequers Field, this will contain useful information about the area.

Allotment and Common land increase was agreed and will be implemented March 2025

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Brewers Street Allotment's	£18.00	£20.00
Wisecre Allotment's	£13.00	£15.00
Common Land	£20.00	£22.00

**Events:**

Bonfire – to be discussed at a later date.

It was agreed that Cllr Stot contact the Bonfire Society suggesting they put a notice in the Parish Magazine requesting Committee Members.

**Grant for Coffee Morning:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that a grant was available from Helping Hands KCC. This would enable the Volunteer group to host a Coffee morning once a month

to provide warmth, hot drinks, and Company. The first pilot morning was 29th February 2024 and was an outstanding success. Approved unanimously.

**Parish Website and communication:**

Nothing to report.

**HIP:**

A 20mph survey from local residents will take place at the APM on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. If the residents wanted the 20mph limit on various sections in the Village the cost would have to be provided by the Parish Council which would be approximately £160k. Kent Highways had surveyed Sand Road and commented that there were no improvements needed to the Mirrors.

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

Cllr Nicholas raised the question of a Community Plan of Upgrading the Lamberhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Meeting closed 20.35.

The APM will be on 16th April 2024 @7.30pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14th May 2024.