

**LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 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 Clive Stott	CS
Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr Graham White	GW

**In attendance:**

Tracie Dodd	Clerk/RFO	
Linda Hall	TWBC	LH
David Knight	TWBC	DK
5 Members of the Public		

**Welcome**

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

**1. Questions from the Public:**

Questions were raised regarding the Referendum and the current planning application 21/02810/FULL, Lamberhurst Vineyard. Cllr Hall explained the process and gave some examples if you wished to comment on the Application. The Application could also be “called in” if deemed necessary by TWBC or LPC.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

DB was not in attendance.

**3. Declaration of interest:**

There were none.

**4. Public Toilets**

Lesley Peters expressed her concerns regarding the Public Toilets, their age and the condition they are currently in. A grant has been applied for by LPC to replace the Wallgates and also other general repairs. Lesley Peters commented that although much of the maintenance can be carried out by herself, we need a maintenance person to undertake the major works when they arise. RS agreed to advertise via social media. JU reported that the Hall managers were near to awarding the contract to re-roof the toilet roof. DHB thanked Lesley Peters for her diligent work in respect of the Public Toilets. There was discussion about whether a charge should be made for use of the facility in the longer term.

The Hall Managers offer to renew the licence on the same terms as previously was discussed at the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 meeting and was agreed unanimously.

7.55pm Cllr Uren left the meeting.

#### **5. Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021:**

Apologies Cllr Knight from 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 minutes were omitted.

**Planning:** Bewl Water: Temporary consent (3 Years) for a campsite for up to 200 pitches has been granted, this should read 80 pitches.

DHB then welcomed LH and DK to the meeting

LH reported that the 6-week responding time to the Electoral Review ended on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Early indication showed in favour of the 2/3 voting system.

DK reported that the Garden Waste has been suspended and currently there is no date to resume this service, this is largely down to the shortage of HGV drivers.

697 people between January and July 2021 were reported homeless, with 320 people on the housing register at TWBC.

TWBC have been allocated 5 Afghan families to house.

The Amelia Scott arts heritage, culture and well-being centre is due to open in Spring 2022.

#### **6. Update from those minutes**

We have now a Fishing Warden Details can be found on Lamberhurst Village Website.

**Finance: Committee:** Meeting date to be confirmed.

**Asset of Community Value:** The application and relevant paperwork has been submitted to TWBC in respect of Lamberhurst Vineyard. The application is currently being reviewed by the TWBC legal team.

#### **7. Accounts:** were noted and approved.

Payments over £500.00 since last meeting

£950.00 – Tree Removal (Gravel Pit)

£500.00 -Public Toilets (July 2021)

£980.00 – Grass Cutting

£1216.57 – Grass Cutting

£500.00 – Public Toilets (August 2021)

£714.00 – Grass Cutting

#### **8. Planning:**

Marwicks and Slade Woods Planning Application has been refused. The Vineyard application for affordable housing is to be considered at an Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September which will be open to the Public.

#### **9. Finance Meeting:**

Meeting Date to be confirmed along with Finance Group Budget Meeting in October.

#### **10. HIP:**

A meeting will be scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and quotes for handheld speed measurement devices be obtained. The question of a 20 MPH limit in certain parts of the village will also be considered.

### **11. Sub Groups and Representatives:**

**Allotments:** The allotments on the Lower Brewer Street site have become overgrown. It was agreed to have this cleared.

**Common Land** – Cllr Nicholas reported that we have received a grant from LUND for further works to be carried out at the Gravel Pit, which will include repair to the Boardwalk that was damaged by a fallen tree. The further works will be undertaken in September. Duck Weed has been spotted in the Gravel Pit Pond. An assessment of Hook Green common land is to be carried out with the opportunity to do a bigger coppicing this coming year.

8.40 JU returned to the meeting.

**12.Lamberhurst Vineyard:** moved to Exempt item.

### **13.Conservation Area Appraisal Updated:**

TWBC to re-assess the “ special character” of Lamberhurst’s two CA’s using the Oxford Tool Kit, to identify local heritage assets (positive contributors to the CA), neutral elements, and detractors and to amend and add to the appraisal document. Agreed unanimously.

### **14. Neighbourhood Plan:**

GW reported that the meeting which took place 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 was well attended and the Neighbourhood Plan well received. The referendum will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

DHB reported the overall financial cost of the NP as follows:

Budget for the Neighbourhood Plan	£25,000.00
Spent to date	£25,286.00
Grants received	£9,653.00
Net Cost to Parish Council	<b>£15,633.00</b>

### **15. Lamberhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum:**

To take place on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 carried out by TWBC.

**16. Bonfire Night:** GW reported the Firework event has now been registered with TWBC. Wizard fireworks insurance and safety documents have also been received. Due to the current situation TWBC have requested no on-site catering, but village businesses can take part following Covid guidelines. First Aid will be required to follow the Purple Book and comply to Covid 19 standards. The event will take place 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in the Chequers Field. It was agreed LPC would contribute to the funds of the Bonfire Society to assist with the additional costs of onsite medical assistance that are now required for the event. Agreed unanimously.

Meeting closed 21.06

LH and DK left the meeting.

**The Next Parish Council Meeting will be 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 7.30pm**