

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (AGPM)(AGM)**  
**Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**  
**In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst**

**Members present:**

Cllr Graham White (Chairman)	GW
Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB
Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
Cllr Clive Stott	CS
Cllr David Hurst Brown	DHB

**In attendance:**

Tracie Dodd	Clerk/RFO	
Cllr Linda Hall	TWBC	LH
1 Member of the public		

**Welcome**

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

A minute's silence was held to mark the HM Queens passing.

**1. Questions from the Public**

There were none.

**2. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman)	JU
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr David Knight	DK
Cllr Rolf Smith	RS

**3. Declaration of Interest:**

There were None.

**4. Approval of the minutes held 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022:**

Were Approved unanimously.

**5. Updates from those minutes:**

Play dale should read Playdale

3 new benches have been replaced on the Down, the plaques will be re-mounted in due course

Further tasks need to be carried out around the village a list will be compiled and materials sourced, Cllr Canella, and Cllr Smith to coordinate.

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) dates will be announced via the Lamberhurst Village page on FB, Parish Website and Village Notice Boards.

Cllr White thanked Cllr Hamilton for her support in securing a grant for the porta loos for Bonfire night., this will mean the Public Toilets will be closed on the night.

**6. Boundary Commission:**

The Boundary commission and TWBC are looking to reduce the number of Councillors from 48 to 39 representing Tunbridge Wells and surrounding Parishes which would result in less representation for each Ward.

We would be linked to half of Goudhurst, Horsmonden, Benchley and Matfield, and renamed to Rural Tunbridge Wells Ward, making us one of the largest ward's in Tunbridge Wells.

Currently we are only linked with Goudhurst.

This is in the Consultation Stage of the process.

Cllr White to draft the Parish Councils response to both TWBC and the Boundary Commission for approval.

Agreed Unanimously

**7. Licence for the Public Conveniences:**

Approved Unanimously

**8. Accounts:**

Were noted and approved

Payments over £500.00 since the last meeting.

£1104.00 – Grass Cutting

£1726.89 – Grass Cutting

£1027.00 – 3 Benches for the Down

£500.00 - Public Toilets (July 2022)

£645.00 – Grass Cutting

£500.00 – Public Toilets (August 2022)

£563.00 – Grass Cutting

**9. Planning:**

Were noted and approved

Cllr White reported that there have been new Planning Officers and Council Leaders at TWBC who were not aware of the of the TWBC Agreement that was adopted in November 2020. A draft letter from the Chairman of the TW Area Branch of KALC has been drafted to send to TWBC addressing this issue.

**10. Finance Meeting:**

To be arranged for Mid-late October 2022

**11. Subgroups and Representation:**

**Common Land Subgroup**

Covered in Updates of minutes.

**Events**

All preparations are made for Bonfire Night on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Cllr White thanked both Cllr Stott and Cllr Beeby for the organisation of the Hopping Do and Duck Race.

**Parish Website and communication**

Nothing to report.

**HIP**

Cllr Nicholas reported that no further development had been made despite continued follow-up communication to Kent Highways.

**12. Conservation Area Appraisal Update:**

A meeting took place on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022, with the conservation office's from TWBC.

Cllr Uren and Cllr Cornick were present. The Conservation area appraisal is now carried out by the Parish and not by TWBC as was previously the case. A subgroup will be formed to perform this task with the guidance from TWBC.

The current Conservation Appraisal is still Valid.

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

Cllr Hurst Brown enquired if we could change the street lightening to LED lights. Clerk to contact KCC to enquire if all lightening on the "old" A21 needed to be kept or could be reduced/removed.

Cllr Nicholas reported that not enough Deer Stalking is taking place in the Borough especially in the Bayham Area. A programme for Landowners is being discussed.

Meeting closed 20.30

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 @ 7.30pm

**14. EXEMPT:**

i) Cllr Canella reported that TWBC Planning Department had visited his building development to inspect the Velux windows and roof lanterns are compliant with Policy D4 of the LNDP.