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To be approved at  
next meeting*

**LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Remotely via Zoom.  
The Purpose of this meeting is to deal with statutory  
or urgent business during the current crisis.**

**Members present:**

Cllr David Hurst Brown (Chair)	DHB
Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman)	JU
Cllr John Francis (RFO)	JF
Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB
Cllr Clive Stott	CS
Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Denis Cruse	DC

**In attendance:**

Barbara Uren	LPC Clerk	
Tracey Dodd	Deputy Clerk/RFO	
Linda Hall	TWBC	LH
Sarah Hamilton	KCC	SH
Tim Cornick	Non-voting member	TC

*The Meeting was Recorded via Zoom and will be kept until the minutes are approved at the next meeting.*

**Welcome**

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

**1. Questions from the Public:**

- 1) Enquiry regarding rumours of a site being removed from the development table.  
**Response:** Site allocations are decided by TWBC the Planning Authority for their Draft Local Plan. Please consult TWBC regarding this matter.
- 2) Enquiry asking for clarification on what the Parish Councils stance is on development at the Vineyard.  
**Response:** The Council can only consider and comment on applications received via TWBC – There have been none. The Neighbourhood Plan steering group has agreed it was not a site suitable for development.
- 3) Enquiry requesting an open discussion to allow an informed position to the concerned parties.  
**Response:** It is believed that the enquirer is confusing TWBC's Draft Local Plan with the Lamberhurst Neighbourhood Plan.  
*Cllr Nicholas to contact enquirer to discuss.*

**2. Apologies for absence:**

There were none.

**3. Introduction of Non-Voting Member:**

DHB introduced Tim Cornick to the council who will become a Non-Voting Member of the planning committee.

TC has lived in the village for 23 years with his wife and family and is a retired Solicitor.

**4. Declaration of Interest:**

There were none.

**5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Minutes Approved.

The Signing of the minutes at a later meeting once normal service resume was Agreed.

**6. Updates from those minutes.**

The village hall has once again shut.

Item 12 should read Non and not None.

**7. Accounts:**

Payments over £500.00 since the last meeting

£1281.60 - Artwork for the Parish Plan. (Sept 2020)

£581.00 - Grass Cutting. (Sept 2020)

£540.00 - Neighbourhood Plan. (Sept 2020)

£500.00 - Public Toilets (Oct 2020)

£50,000.00 - Purchase of Chequers Field (Oct 2020) *Including a £10,000 Grant  
from KCC*

**Notice of conclusion of Audit:** Approved to be Published.

DHB then welcomed LH and SH to the meeting and invited them to update LPC on any matters of interest.

SH was asked what were KCC preparations regarding the Channel Ports post 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. SH to forward information.

HIP. SH would support the Parish Council in reduction of speed in rural lanes, SH also pointed out that the public had been alerted that fines would be given out for Fly Tipping.

Cllr Uren thanked SH in her help to obtain a grant for the Chequers Field and for her on-going help with the drainage at Hook Green.

LH advised that the TW Cinema site was again up for Sale.

LH is investigating the issue and potential solutions for the poor broadband in various parts of the Borough and enquired about the situation in Lamberhurst.

SH referred to the interest that KCC had in this matter.

As a start Councillors are to forward their personal Broadband speeds to LH via the Clerk.

LH and SH left the Meeting.

7. **Accounts:** Approved Unanimously

**Budget: Approved unanimously.**

**Precept:** JF purposed an increase of the precept by 9.2%. This would mean 11p per week increase on a Band D Property – compared with neighbouring villages we remain low on precept receipt. **Approved unanimously.**

8. **Planning:**

No Questions were raised.

9. **Chequers Field Report and Trust Deeds:**

Contracts have been exchanged. A couple of small issues still need to be resolved before completion.

A Trust Deed has been drawn up for the Chair and Vice Chair to sign. The Parish Council will hold the property in trust for the Lamberhurst Playing Field Association. (LPFA) - This was Agreed unanimously.

10. **Common Land and Allotments:**

Cllr Uren to liaise with Allotment representative re timings for Bonfires.

11. **HIP:**

A Group meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Requests from residents and key areas were discussed.

A “wish” list is to be compiled and will be prioritised accordingly.

12. **Subgroups and Representatives:**

Cllr Nicholas reported that:

Works are still being carried out on the Coppice clearing at Hook Green.

Re-engagement & repairs at the Gravel Pit should start again next year. Covid permitting

13. **Neighbourhood Development Plan Update:**

Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 15 has been submitted.

Cllr Nicholas has received training regarding Accessibility Statements.

The NDP is on track to be taken to a referendum in May 2021.

A vote of thanks was given to SN and Graham White and all others involved with the NDP for their hard work.

13. **Website/Accessibility:**

Cllr Beeby to formulate an Accessibility Statement for the website with advice from Cllr Nicholas.

14. **Fly Tipping/CCTV Posters:**

Fly tipping can be reported via TWBC website under 'Report It' or Fix my Street App.

PSCO has issued the council with some CCTV in operation posters to distribute.

The Village CCTV is fully operational.

**15. Appointment of Clerk:**

Tracie Dodd was welcomed as the new Clerk with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Barbara Uren was thanked by the Parish Council for the amazing efforts, dedication, and hard work over the last 14 Years. A celebration will be held as soon as it is viable.

**16. Matters of Urgency at Chairman's Discretion:**

There is a KALC AGM Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 if any Councillors wish to attend please contact Chairman for details.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Beeby and the litter picking party for their efforts. A special thank you from Cllr Beeby was given to a parishioner whose family have since been litter picking independently on several occasions.

Following the second 'Lockdown' there has been a leaflet drop by Cllr Beeby and the LCOS group to reassure the parishioners that the group is still active if they require any assistance.

The Parish Council have agreed to turn the Christmas lights in the village on earlier this year to generate a 'feel good' factor.

Meeting closed at 21.22

The Next Parish Council Meeting is due to be held, if found necessary, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

