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*To be approved at*  
*next meeting*

**LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Remotely via Zoom.**  
**The Purpose of this meeting is to deal with statutory**  
**or urgent business during the current crisis.**

**Members present:**

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| 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 Clive Stott               | CS  |
| Cllr Steve Cannella            | SC  |
| Cllr Denis Cruse               | DC  |

**In attendance:**

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| Tracey Dodd    | Clerk/RFO            |    |
| Sarah Hamilton | KCC                  | SH |
| Tim Cornick    | Non-voting member    | TC |
| 1 x            | Member of the Public |    |

*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:**

Correspondences from the Public were read to the Council and concerns from a member of the public were expressed regarding the new signage in the village, light pollution and invasion to privacy. Cllr Sarah Hamilton from KCC who was present has taken all comments and will investigate including the wooden post by the War Memorial. A site visit will take place when circumstances allow.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Dawn Beeby

**3. Declaration of Interest:**

There were none.

**4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

Minutes approved.

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

**5. Updates from those minutes.**

Item 13 should read Common Land.

**6. Accounts:**

Payments over £500.00 since the last meeting

£500.00 - Public toilets (Feb 2021)

£1029.32 - Grass cutting

£500.00 - Public toilets (March 2021)

**7. Planning:**

No questions were raised. Further talks with the Principal Conservation Officer at TWBC have taken place to apply for Article 4 Direction. This is a statement made under the Town and Country Planning Acts, specifically the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 which hopefully will provide added protection for our Conservation Areas.

**8. Common Land:**

Our Tree Warden has inspected the Chequers Field and various Common Land areas. A report for safety works was presented to the Council. Cllr Smith to instruct True Plan for exact clarification of where the boundary between the car park and the Chequers pub adjoins our recently purchased field. Documentation has been completed regarding the transfer of the Field which will be held by Trustees Lamberhurst Playing Fields Association (LPFA). Works to cut back part of the bramble that surrounds the edge of the playing field has been agreed. Cllr Uren to obtain upto 3 quotes for the cost of this work. A Tree Management Policy was submitted for consideration.

The Quotation from Landscape Services for 2021 was also presented for consideration and Approved.

**9. Call for Capital Projects:**

Possible grants could be available to local Parish Councils for Capital Projects. LPC has submitted an interest. This would include renovations to the Village Hall and possibly a Sports Pavilion.

**10. Electrical Charging Points:**

Government are encouraging applicants for £20 million fund to increase the number of electric vehicle charge points in Villages and Towns. The Public Houses in the Village and at Hook Green to be consulted.

**11. Parish Council Elections:**

These are due to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 after being postponed in 2020.

Notifications will be displayed in the Noticeboard on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**12. Annual Parish Meeting:**

The meeting will be postponed until a later date, when hopefully circumstances will allow this to go ahead. Agreed unanimously. Items for the meeting were considered including a guest speaker from the National Trust.

**13. Broadband for the Village Hall:**

Quotes have been obtained by the Hall Committee and were circulated among the Council. The Council will contribute £250.00 - £300.00 towards this Project per year. It was decided this would not go ahead until we have a firm date of re- opening the Hall. Agreed unanimously.

**14. Handwritten historic minutes and account books:**

These will be kept with Cllr Uren for the present with a view to having them scanned and deposited at County Achieve. Agreed unanimously.

**15. Matters of Urgency at the Chairman's Discretion:**

A £300.00 donation will be given to Air Ambulance. Agreed unanimously.

Having moved out of the parish of Lamberhurst, Councillor Francis will not be standing at the upcoming election. The Chairman therefore thanked Councillor Francis for his many years of service and particularly his role as RFO.

Meeting Closed 21.10

TC, SH and 1 member of the Public left the meeting.

**The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 following the Parish Council Elections.**