

LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Lamberhurst War Memorial Hall (*Side Hall*)
At 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th July 2019

A 15 minute session is set aside at the commencement of the meeting to enable members of the public attending to make points or put forward questions regarding items on the Agenda.

Members Present	Cllr John Uren - Chair	JU
	Cllr Denis Cruse	DC
	Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
	Cllr Sam Nicholls	SN
	Cllr Steve Canella	SC
	Cllr John Francis	JF
	Cllr Clive Stott	CS
	Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB
In Attendance	Parish Clerk – Barbara Uren	BU
	Minutes Secretary – John Mottershead	JM
	Borough Councillor – Linda Hall	LH
	County Councillor - Sarah Hamilton	SH
	6 members of the public at this meeting including Graham White – Neighbourhood Planning Chair	

1 Public Questions

A resident introduced himself from Lamberhurst Quarter. He stated that this was the first time he'd attended a PC meeting. He spoke about observations he's made in the 10 years he's lived in the Parish. He remembers the area was very tidy when he came here but it is now in a bit of a state.

He also asked about planning permission that he believes has gone through for mobile homes.

JU – Asked if he could put his concerns in an e-mail to the clerk as there is only 15 minutes set aside for the public to ask questions or comment preferably about item on the agenda.

BU – Advised an enquirer of the official bodies responsible for maintenance of verges and asked for questions such as these to be sent to the Clerk in the first instance and she will do her best to answer them.

A question regarding notices for Council meetings was raised and it was explained that the date of the next meeting is always on the bottom of every Agenda put in the notice boards and available on the Village Website. He was asked to also email the clerk with his request for a list of dates.

Brewer Street parking issues: Another lady brought up the subject of parking in the village. She is a resident of Brewer Street and is concerned about lack of parking in the narrowest part of the street. She suggested some possible parking areas that she hoped the PC might look into.

JU – Asked if the lady could put down her concerns in an e-mail and send them in to the clerk. He mentioned that a considerable amount of work had gone into the Neighbourhood Plan on the subject of parking. If anyone has concerns or issues these can be included in the document shortly to be put out for consultation. If they would care to contribute.

GW – Noted the upcoming consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Another member of the public asked if the Council could please talk to the owners of the parking area in Brewer Street on their behalf, following the receipt of a letter, with regard to permissions for parking on what is now their land being withdrawn. As he has been parking in a particular place for over 20 years he believes he may have acquired a legal entitlement to park there.

DB – Replied to the members of public (who she knew), saying that she also lived in Brewer Street and would promote their concerns.

DC – Stated that in his recollection, the Land Registry transfer for the whole of the development under discussion specified that the land was for the use of the houses then being built.

LH – Offered to contact the planning department at TWBC to see if there were any documents for the 1973 Brewer Street development in the archives.
A question was asked regarding the boundary of the Brewer Street Allotments and whether the allotment holders would be allowed to install a chestnut pale fence and hedge. He was asked to email the Clerk with the request.

David Knight – Introduced himself as a neighbouring Parish Councillor from Goudhurst.

Linda Hall, Borough Councillor, gave her report and informed those present that TWBC's Local Plan was ready for consultation and they are looking to book the War Memorial Hall in Lamberhurst for an exhibition in September and that Planning Officers would be present. Please watch out for further information.

Sarah Hamilton, County Councillor, gave her report and added some information regarding grants to run bus services CS & SC volunteered to look into the matter with advice from SH.

2 Apologies for absence:

DHB – On Holiday

3 Declaration of interests: There were none.

4 To approve minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) held on 14th May 2019

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Unanimously approved

5 Matters arising from those minutes: There were none.

Report from GW regarding the NP progress – brought forward from item 10

GW asked that everybody takes the time to read through the Consultation Document and offer constructive feedback during the consultation period. It will be primarily available online; but with printed copies accessible from the Parish office and at meetings to be held in the Memorial Hall.

The Borough Cllr suggested that sustainability has to be a key theme throughout the plan.

6 Accounts:

The RFO – Presented the first quarterly accounts of the year plus the quarters list of payments with balances from the accounts; and highlighted exceptional items. Invited questions. (There were none). Accounts were approved.

7 Common Land & Allotments:

: Tree Safety Survey: See correspondence 1. below - **Agreed**

: Bonfires/parking: The allotments representative has drafted a note regarding bonfires.

DC – Asked if the material being burned in bonfires is compostable?

: street furniture repairs: JU & BU An inventory has been made of the items of street furniture that the PC are responsible for; and what needs doing to each.

Suggestions are welcome for an odd-job person to carry out the necessary repairs.

RS to recommend

DC – Stated that we have the funds available to employ a professional to do this work.

JU – Mentioned that there is a Common Land walkabout on Sunday 21st July at 10:30 and all are welcome

8 Correspondence:

1. Common Land Tree Safety Audit £2,365 + VAT– AGREED

2. War Memorial Assessment – Free estimate to be provided. - AGREED

3. The RFO has looked at the Bayham Bowls Club accounts. The Council may be prepared to give a grant if they can request it for a specific purpose.

4. Bonfires – Clerk to draft letter to allotment holders once Allotment Rep notes were received

Parking – Covered in Public Question Time: DB – Suggested a 'restricted width' sign for Brewer Street to raise awareness of the problems in the street and would find out what the minimum for Fire Engine access is.

5. Passed to the Council's Insurers

6. Two letter from children concerned that the old bike track is overgrown - The clerk will reply to the children's letters with a formal letter explaining the current situation.

Information: 2 x letters - Noted

9 Planning: List attached

No questions arising.

10 Representative/Sub Group Reports: Bewl Water: HIP:
Buses/Transport: Police: Hall:
Highways: Footpaths:
Events: Website: Business: Housing:
Neighbourhood Plan:
MP Liaison: KALC:
Parish Chairman: School:

Hall: DC – Noted what a good job had been made of the Memorial Hall doors.
Website: DB – Provided some feedback on the progress of the new website; and asked everyone to have a look at it and give their comments.

11 Highway Improvement Plan:

RS will supply a draft copy to SN - Initial meeting with a Kent Highways Representative has been arranged.

12 Matters of urgency at Chairman's discretion:

NONE

Meeting closed 21.45