

LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes for the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held in Lamberhurst War Memorial Hall (*Side Hall*)
At 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th March 2019

Members Present	Cllr Denis Cruse	DC
	Cllr John Uren	JU
	Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
	Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
	Cllr John Francis	JF
	Cllr Clive Stott	CS
	Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB

In Attendance	Parish Clerk – Barbara Uren	BU
	Sarah Hamilton – County Cllr	SH
	Minutes Secretary – John Mottershead	JM
	4 members of the public at this meeting	

Questions from the public: -

Concern from a member of the public regarding development in Brewer Street

DC – Can only comment on the applications received by the council. Stated the position of the Parish Council on reviewing planning applications. There is nothing the PC can do until there is a planning proposal in front of them.

The member of the public commented that there are a number of rumours flying around regarding development in Brewer Street.

DB – Stated that she would have an interest in any development in Brewer Street; and pointed out that the public can come along and have their say at any meeting the council has.

Another member of the public asked if it was an appropriate time to ask about facilities for slightly older children in the Parish.

SN – Addressed this as an issue covered by the 'Neighbourhood Plan'.

A discussion was held regarding possible ways to promote activities in the Parish.

A further question was asked about the progress of traffic calming in the village.

DC – Talked about the work we have done to-date on this matter.

Stated that we continue to pressure Kent Highways to address these issues.

1. Apologies for absence: DHB

2. Declarations of interest:

In accordance with the Current Members' Code of Conduct in respect of items on this agenda.

3 To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2019

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Page 3 – Delete the word 'training' from item 10

Proposed SN Seconded JU

All approved

4 Matters Arising from those minutes.

Page 1 – None

Page 2 – The 'Clocktower' has now been sold to a resident of the village.

DC - Has the issue with UK Power Networks been resolved? Confirmed.

Page 3 - None

5 Accounts:

Nothing very important to report. Some payments itemised by RFO. Has missed the deadline for claiming back VAT for the year. Noted that two years' VAT will have to be claimed next time.

6 Common Land & Allotments:

***Bench, Sign on V. Green, Beacon
Street furniture clean & repair***

The Common Land group need to identify the extent of the work required and report back to the Parish Council.

DC – Does the council think it would be a good idea to align the Parish Notice boards? Agreed. DC – Asked the Common Land group to consider the funding needed for this.

DB – Mentioned that Harveys intend to tarmac the track leading to the Elephant's Head. BU thought that it would be a good idea to contact them about this.

DC – Asked when the water is turned back on in the allotments? JU – Replied usually the end of March.

A short discussion was had regarding the upkeep of the track at the side of the surgery.

7 Correspondence:

List attached

A specific mention of the upcoming cycle race will need to be made in the Parish Magazine. These races have the potential to cause significant disruption to traffic in the area.

8 Planning:

List attached

There has been a report into the development at Lamberhurst Manor. It now appears that Kent Highways are getting involved.

9 Representative/Sub Group Reports:

Bowl Water:

Buses/Transport: There is a regular joint transport board meeting. Anyone wishing to raise issues should bring them up at these meetings.

Police:

Hall: Offer to renew the licence should be approved.
DC – Asked the RFO if it would be reasonable for us to act as an 'overdraft' for the hall committee until their grants are obtained?
JU – Stated that they would not be likely to need the loan facility before August; and it would be in the region of £8000
DC – Asked the council if they would be prepared to approve this? All agreed.

Highways: Kent Highways are starting a campaign to raise awareness of speeding in the county.

Footpaths:

DB: Keep Britain Tidy - Great British Spring Clean starting March 22nd

Three areas of focus that DB would like to highlight.

- **Reducing Waste**
- **Respecting Wildlife**
- **Collecting Litter**

DC – Are the PC happy to allow DB to spend up to £200 on printing of related public information leaflets? All Agreed

Events:

Website: DB – Has found someone who will maintain the Parish Website. It is a lady who has some experience in maintaining other websites. The person is a resident of Lamberhurst Quarter. DC invited this person to come along to the public meeting.

Business:

Housing:

MP Liaison:

KALC: A suggestion was raised by a neighbouring parish that we may want to jointly propose 20-30 units of affordable housing.
The advice from KALC on housing, was that we would need to have completed an assessment if we want to propose development areas for housing. We would need to be able to defend any assessment that is undertaken.

Parish Chairman:

School:

10 Neighbourhood Plan: *Update*

The next phase of the Plan is the allocation of sites for development. There are pros and cons as to whether we allocate our own sites or not.

11 Parish Notice Boards: *To consider relocation*

Discussed under item 6

12 Matters of urgency at Chairman's discretion:

The Bayham Abbey ruins will open to the public on the 1st April; and remain open until 31st October.

DB asked if time could be spared for the public to vote on the entrants to the photo competition at the Annual Meeting.

DC asked for specific mention in the Parish Magazine; that there will be a presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan, and judging of the photo contest at the APM on April 9th.

13. Exempt Items (if any): *It is proposed that pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Govt Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act.*

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 8pm

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**The Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 14th May
2019 at 7.30pm**

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