



LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Locking Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Meeting opened: 7pm

Meeting closed: 20.12pm

Present: Councillors: P Jones (Chairman) J Keate (Vice Chairman), W Bearsby, L Mason, P Lacey, Mrs W Ashdown, M Tremlett, J Roberts

Also, in attendance:

The Clerk

2 Members of the public

From NSC: Sam Byers, David Peacock, Naomi Addicote, Sally Varely, Jonathan d Este-Hoare

From Kier: Thomas Hall, Stephen Nicholls, Kate Ellis

MATTERS FOR DECISION

C416 To receive Apologies for absence and to approve reasons where appropriate

Cllr A Hetherington– Approved

Cllr ap Rees – Approved

C417 To receive Declarations of Interest by PCllrs and to consider any written applications dispensations: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

C418 To receive and hear any person who wishes to address the Council, upon prior notice being received. None received.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

C419 Presentation to LPC by NSC and Kier re Winterstoke Hundred Academy including Q&A

Chairman welcomed colleagues from NSC and Kier to the meeting.

Mr Byers from NSC give an introduction with regards to the aims and objectives. A very informative power point presentation commenced (copy to be circulated), which included the Kickstart Placement Scheme. It was noted that this was the 1st of several presentations/meeting going out to Parish Councils, stakeholders, other schools and community groups. Online consultation going live sometime in April, there would also be a paper format. During Q&A Councillors raised the following questions (briefly, not verbatim)

Q1 Why is this not a stand-alone school rather than attached to another?

A. The secondary school was not big enough to be stand-alone school. The 4 other secondary schools in the area were consulted and were happy for this to be an extension to the 5th school (Winterstoke Hundred). This decision was made by the Regional Schools Commissioner and not determined by the Local Authority.

Q2 How does this sit with Weston College?

A. It will be a standard secondary school only difference is it with have a 6th form

Q3 It seems to be mainly vocational education learning?

A. It will be a standard secondary school for 11-19years old offering exactly the same as offered by other schools but will have an academy room offering vocational education.

Q4 Car movement and parking

A. NSC keen to discourage cars, still looking at car parking. Cabot keen to speak to communities for their views and take these into consideration.

Q5 Archaeology Assessment trenches – there does not seem to be any significant finds reported.

A. Nothing on site or playing fields, did find something on middle field on border of Mosslands – do not know exactly what this – will need to review report.

Q6 Sustainability – would the building (not main build) be available to local people for other activities.

A. Yes, it's hoped this would be the case.

Q7 LPC are trying to offer facilities in the Parish, particularly on the Playing Field, we are interested in what facilities are going to be available to the whole Parish. Would Parishioners have priority regarding bookings etc.

A. MUGA, sports field, playing field with pitches, running track will be open to all – further investigation re outside school times. With regards to priority for bookings etc., this would need to be checked/investigated. Cabot runs Hans Price Academy so has experience working with the community and used to public using the facilities.

Q8 Has the design taken into account COVID i.e. separation etc.

A. The design shows large open spaces, good air circulation, good for 'bubbles' and will be managed as well as they can.

Q9 We welcome the new school and the extended use to the community but with these new community facilities there is concern re impact on The Radio Wing and the Parish Hall as this will be direct competition to the existing community facilities

A. The Community facilities would not be available during the school day.

Q10 When is the school due to open?

A. Sept 2023 will see the first intake of children but for now the main focus is getting the design.

Q11 LPC have their own 5 year plan for the Parish, we would like to know what type of facilities are being planned.

A. LPC need to speak to Cabot outside of a formal meeting process to discuss further.

Q12 Flooding, are you aware that you are building on a flood plane, rhynes are already struggling? – Can you assure LPC that the build will not impact on our communities.

A. During the design process, flooding risk assessment and scrutiny will be completed, will look at attenuation etc.

NSC Planning will be very strict and looking closely at the drainage, be assured NSC colleagues in planning will be looking very closely at the application.

The Chairman thanked all for their time and the presentation

There being no further business the meeting Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm.

Signed (Chairman).....

Date.....

The next meeting of Locking Parish Council will be at 7pm held via Zoom on Thursday 1st April 2021