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Minutes of a Meeting of Locking Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd February 2023 **at 7.00 pm at Locking Parish Hall**

Meeting opened: 7pm

Meeting closed: 9.46pm

Present: Councillors: P Jones (Chairman), J Keates (Vice Chairman), P Lacey, W Ashdown, L Clark, J Carter, E ap Rees, C Prosser, W Bearsby

Also, in attendance: District Cllrs M Solomon and T Porter

MATTERS FOR DECISION

355) To receive Apologies for absence and to approve reasons where appropriate.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mason, Cllr Tremlett - Approved

356) To receive Declarations of Interest by PCllrs and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

None

357) The Chairman welcomed Police and Crime Commissioner Mr Mark Shelford, together with PS 4285 Matthew Shaqer, PC Ben Whitby, and PCSO`s Kayley Anderson and Michael Benfield to the meeting.

Notes of the PCC`s presentation, along with the answers to questions asked via the Chairman can be seen in Appendix 1.

The Chairman thanked the PCC and his team for the presentation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

358) To receive and hear any person who wishes to address the Council, upon prior notice being received.

- a) Unitary Cllr Mike Solomon`s reported back on the current situation with regard to the absence of public transport. The way forward for Locking Parish appears to be via either of two `dial a ride` type services. Issues like validity of concessions and volunteer drivers are amongst those being considered. Details are being worked out. The Clerk has replied to the NSC with regard to the early briefing paper. Example operations relating to Churchill and Langford minibus Society are included. Please see also item (10)

Cllr Terry Porter updated the meeting with respect to the potential upgrades to the Spinney. A meeting was held that included the NSC trees officer (K Lynch), and public rights of way officer (Elaine Bowman).

Who owns the land? – A document from Mr N Bartlett has been copied and forwarded to the group. The `safer routes to school (and the Doctors) issue was again projected forward. Cllr Porter emphasized the need to reduce the time scale in view of the immediate need.

- b) Police Report – The January Beat report is noted.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

359) Minutes:

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 January 2023 was agree and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 05/01/2023 (previously circulated), be taken as read, agreed as being a true and correct record and as a consequence, signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

360) Finances:

- a) To receive and approve receipts and payments from 1st January 2023 to 31 January 2023
Agreed and signed by Cllr Keate.
- b) To receive and note the Bank Reconciliation for 3rd January 2023
Agreed and signed by Cllr Keate
- c) To receive and agree any Grant applications: NIL
- d) To approve the following expenditure: Vision ICT Website 2hr Training Course £75.00 plus VAT for Admin Assistant.: Agreed.
- d) To receive a request from the Clerk to purchase the following: SLCC Clerk's Manual 2023 £47.50
SLCC Minute Takings £14.95: Agreed.

361) Chairman's Report: See Attachment 2

362) Regular Reports: To receive and note the following regular reports:

a) CPRE

Committee meeting 12th Jan. Nothing directly relevant to locking, although a) we are monitoring discussions on further mitigation works along the proposed route of the Banwell Bypass b) Georgie Bigg, our chair will chat to Steve Bridger about the loss of the 125 – Steve having been our link Councillor (and CPRE member) prior to his becoming Leader of the Council. I also reported that I had lodged an object to the proposed housing development in The Bury.

CPRE at district and national level is concentrating on preparing a response to the Government consultation on its proposals for updating the National Planning Policy Framework. The consultation ends on March 2nd.

Councillors will be aware of the media coverage of various aspects of Government proposals – although these seem to change regularly – but they underline the likely importance of an up to date neighbourhood plan. I will keep Council updated on these matters, as our next CPRE committee is not until 27th April.

Cliff Dumbell

b) Locking Parklands Stakeholders

None submitted

c) Locking Primary School

Still distributing food parcels – update expected at half term.

d) St Modwen

None submitted

363) Planning (applications can be viewed via North Somerset Council Planning Applications website):

22/P/3007/NMA 3 Mendip Road Locking – Non material amendment to application 22/P/1754/FUH (Proposed demolition and replacement of the existing single storey flat roof detached garage with a two storey side extension to create additional living space). The design no longer incorporates a 150mm step down into the proposed extension and will now be flush with the existing property. Due to this the cill heights of the external doors at both the front and rear elevations have increased by 150mm and the window at the front of the extension has increased by 80mm.

Non material amendment - Noted

364) Churchill & Langford Mini bus Society

The Chairman met with Mr Smallwood – see also item 4(a) District Councillor. The materials from the Churchill and Langford scheme were looked at in more detail. After considerable discussion, including possible scenarios, it was decided that even though time is limited,

(3 months away) It would be helpful to gain parishioners views on the proposals – this would also give us an opportunity to gauge the likeliness of volunteers (drivers / admin) coming

forward.

It was suggested that this could be done via Facebook, our website and leaflet drop. It was noted that a second (dial a ride option) from DRT , may be available by April.

A decision to postpone our commitment was made in order to gather further information.

365) The Triangle – To discuss the recent activities by 1st Locking Scouts Leadership Team at The Triangle – Old Banwell Road.

Papers, including a copy of the current Lease Agreement were distributed prior to the meeting. Discussion rapidly established a view that the works were significantly out of scale with the stated Objectives. How much soil?

Failure to discuss works with the land owner means that the works are unauthorised.

Environment Agency regulations may have been breached.

It has not been possible for LPC to see a waste exemption form which was live at the time of tipping.

The Council values the contribution to the community made by the scouts, and are very disappointed that we end up in this situation.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Council will write to the Scouts, giving them 30 days to evolve a plan for resolving these problems. In the absence of a resolution, the Council will arrange for soil to be removed, at your expense.

366) New Parking Restrictions – to receive response from North Somerset Council Principal Engineer Neighbourhood Traffic and Road Safety to Council's request for parking restrictions at Manor Gardens and junction Elm Tree Road/Old Banwell Road/Grenville Avenue Locking. After some discussion, the proposal at Manor Gardens was accepted. The proposal for the junction of Elm Tree Road / Old Banwell road was also agreed, although Council thought that a small extension to the proposed run would be considerably more effective. (see appendix 3)

367) The Spinney – Update covered in item 4A / 2. There is a clear need, expressed by District Councillor Terry Porter, and Paul Jones our Chairman to keep this issue to the fore. This is especially so as we approach the opening of the new Parklands surgery.

368) King Charles III Coronation – to discuss the following:

a) Hold a stakeholder meeting to discuss ideas for events -- Agreed

a. LPC to lead on any events? – following our successful `Jubilee Picnic at Old Banwell Road`, it was suggested that a similar event be proposed?

b. Subject to the above - Volunteers from Council to lead or attend any stakeholders' meetings arranged for events - Depends on chosen dates.

369) Office Laptop – Due to the age and limited performance of the current laptop, a quote for the purchase of a replacement was considered. The need for this purchase was explained: All Agreed

370) Public consultations now live (x2) - Place & Movement Framework plus Active Travel Action Plans – Closing date for responses (personal or corporate) 10am 20 February 23

371) Clerk's Report, Correspondence & Items for next Agenda:

(Please note that the Council is unable to make any formal decisions under this item).

To receive the Clerk's report, note any correspondence received since the last meeting that is not an item on the Agenda and note items for the next Agenda.

a) Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Link from s Munn now received. Cllrs Tremlett and Prosser To represent LPC

b) Road traffic closure. 20th March – The Orchard – Wessex Water: Noted

There being no further business the meeting Chairman closed the meeting at 9.46pm.

Signed (Chairman).....Date.....

The next meeting of Locking Parish Council will be on 2 March 2023 7.30pm

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

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