



LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of a Meeting of Locking Parish Council held on Thursday 5th January 2017 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking

Meeting opened: 7:30pm

Meeting closed: 9.40pm

Present: Councillors: Bill Bearsby (Chairman), Mike Cooper (Vice Chairman) Peter Lacey, Elfan Ap Rees, Wendy Ashdown, Clive Blinco, Paul Fowler, John Keate, Shaun Washington & Margaret Cooper.

Also in attendance: The Clerk and 3 MOP

MATTERS FOR DECISION

- C160) To receive Apologies for absence and to approve reasons where appropriate.**
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr C. Dumbell, Cllr L. Mason and Cllr M. Taylor
- C161) To receive Declarations of Interest by PCllrs and to consider any written applications for dispensations.** None received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- C162) To receive and hear any person who wishes to address the Council, upon prior notice being received:** A report was received from Douglas Lindsay(MOP) regarding a Neighbourhood Plan who gave a report on meeting held on 5th December. He suggested we look at what is involved. We need figures of costs involved and possible grants we could receive. We also need to prepare cost benefits analysis. We should get a small working group together. We also want to know if there is a need for such a plan. Cllr Ap Rees stated that NP adds weight with Government especially on planning issues. Having a NP is different is from Parish Plan.
- a) District Cllr/Liaison Officer Report – No report received.
- b) St Modwen/GVA – An electronic report was received and circulated previously.
Main Points are as follows:- “ Nothing new to report on planning since last month. NSC are progressing with North South Link application for determination shortly”.
- c) Police report – PCSO Aisha Mitchell was unable to attend due to illness. A report was received which was circulated before the meeting. Village crimes reported were 4. PCSO Aisha will spend more time walking within the village as the beat surgery was not well attended in the past.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

- C163) Minutes:**
To receive and confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st December 2016.
- RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1/12/16 (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. With the amendment regarding drug dealing in Oaktree Park change to suspected drug dealing in Laney's Drove C140.
- C164) Finances:**
a) To receive and approve monthly expenditure for December 2016

RESOLVED: That the monthly expenditure be authorised. *(signed by Cllr Clive Blinco.)*

- b) To receive and note the Bank Reconciliation for November 2016 – **NOTED** *(signed by Cllr Clive Blinco.)*
- c) To receive and agree any Grant applications. None received.
- d) To agree ESTIMATES for Council, Hall & Park & Estates committees. Council Estimates agreed and signed by Cllr Mr M Cooper.
- e) To consider and agree Projects for FY 17/18.

RESOLVED:

The following projects were Proposed and seconded.

CARRIED:

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| Lift Parish Hall Floor | £4.5k |
| Parking Feasibility Study | £0.5k |
| Toddlers Area Fencing | £6.0k |
| Street Lighting (10 units) | £10.0k |

- f) To agree Precept for FY 17/18.

RESOLVED: Proposed and seconded that a Precept of £77k be agreed. **CARRIED.**

Cllr Elfan Ap Rees agreed to check the housing numbers with NSC as there seems to be a discrepancy because of the new developments.

C165) Regular Reports: To receive and note the following regular reports:

- a) **ALCA:** Nothing to report
- b) **CPRE:** A report was received from Cllr Cliff Dumbell and circulated "We have finalised various responses to NSC consultations which have been circulated. Next meeting 16th January 2017.
- c) **PC Committees and working parties:** Locking Parklands next meeting is to be held on 18th January.
- d) **Winterstoke and Locking Parklands Stakeholders:** Next Locking Parklands meeting 18/01/2017.

C166) Planning:

- a) **Elm Grove Nursery** – To receive any updates with regard to the proposed development and agree any appropriate action: No update received.
- b) **Playing Field** – A letter was sent to FC Locking asking for conditions to be met regarding the Lease agreement.
- c) **Other Planning:** Appeal by the Locking Service Station Garage Ref. 15/P/2420/F. Proposal by Executive Committee to object and send letter of objections.

C167) Parish / Neighbourhood Plan: A report was received from a meeting held on the 5th December at WSM Town Hall which was attended by Cllr Mason and two MOP. Mrs C Dring (NSC) emphasised that a Neighbourhood Plan was a land use plan and not a Parish Plan that the project be Parish Council led, and that Neighbourhood Plans involved considerable manhours and took 18 to 24 months to complete.

Locking Parish attendees recommended that:

1. LPC commissions a sufficient, but relatively simple, Project Initiation Document (PID) that explains the rationale for the NP.
2. And passes a resolution:
 - a. Adopting the PID thereby initiating the NP project.
 - b. Committing LPC to its completion.

Cllr Ap Rees recommended a NP as it holds more weight with the Government especially where planning is concerned.

Cllr Mike Cooper stated that the costs could be as much as £30K with the need to have a solicitor and barrister involved.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and seconded that LPC proceed with the PID with two volunteers from LPC, Cllr Les Mason and Cllr Mike Cooper.

C168) IT Issues, Website & Internet Access: Update. An order has been raised to upgrade the Broadband to Fibre and also for the new computer. When complete the new website will be ordered.

C169) LPC owned street lights: Update It was agreed that 10 units would be replaced in F/Y 17/18 at a cost of Approx. £10,000

C170) Spinney: Update. A report was received from NSC stating that any new structure across a Public Right of Way must have a firm legal basis for its existence. NSC have received no reported problems at this location. Any barrier would need to facilitate agricultural access and NSC grass cutting equipment. If LPC can collate and forward their information with regards to the need for a structure and are willing to meet the costs, then we will approach the landowners and endeavour to obtain their agreement. It was suggested that a NO CYCLING sign be erected. It was agreed to leave at present.

C171) Parish Hall Lighting: Update: Cllr Mike Cooper agreed to obtain costing.

C172) Parish Hall Future: Update: It was agreed to transfer to Hall & Park Agenda for next meeting. And bring back to full council in February.

C173) Training: Update: It was agreed that a Good Councillor Course should take place in the Parish Hall on the 23rd February. All councillors are advised to attend. Also an invite will be sent to Councillors from Hutton, Kewstoke and Banwell.

C174) Slippery pavements and wheelchair users: Cllr P Lacey raised concerns about the build up of moss in and around Fairacre Close and Plumbly Crescent and the potential dangers to wheelchair users.

RESOLVED: Proposed and seconded that the Clerk should write a letter to the Housing Association asking them to address this problem. **CARRIED:**

C175) Clerk's Report, Correspondence & Items for next Agenda: To receive the Clerk's report and note any correspondence received since the last meeting that is not on the Agenda.

PART II

C176) Exclusion of the press and public: *(The Council is recommended to resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the agenda item/s below by reason of the confidential nature of the item/s of business to be transacted, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)*

C177 FC Locking: To review current situation and take any appropriate action required at this stage.

After consideration of the situation, it was decided a letter to be sent to Richard Analey Chairman of FC Locking.

There being no further business the meeting Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date.....

The next meeting of Locking Parish Council will be at 7:30pm in Locking Parish Hall on Thursday 2nd February 2017.

