



# LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL



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**Minutes of a Meeting of Locking Parish Council's Extraordinary Estates Committee held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 at Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking**

Meeting opened: 7:30pm

Meeting closed: 8:25pm

**Present: - Cllrs: - Paul Fowler (Chairman), Bill Bearsby (Vice-Chairman), Cliff Dumbell, John Keate, Peter Lacey & Ex-Officio Mike Cooper & Paul Jones.**

Also in attendance: N Flint (Office Assistant)  
Members of the Public (MOP) - 1

## MATTERS FOR DECISION

- E13) To receive Apologies for absence and approve reasons where appropriate.**  
None received.
- E14) To receive Declarations of Interest by Cllrs and to consider any written applications for dispensations –**  
None received

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- E15) To receive and hear any person who wishes to address the committee –**  
The Chairman moved agenda item 9 so that the member of the public could discuss their ideas & proposals for the Coronation Garden.  
Various suggestions were put forward & this is recorded in Minute Nos (E22)

## MATTERS FOR DECISION

- E16) Minutes of Meeting:** To confirm the Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 (previously circulated), be taken as read, agreed as being a true and correct record, and as a consequence, signed by the Chairman.

**E17) Finance:**

- a) To approve the bi-monthly expenditure (22/06/18 to 23/08/18)

**RESOLVED:** The bi-monthly expenditure report was approved.

- b) To note the budgetary control report (01/04/18 to 23/08/18) **NOTED**

**E18) Reports:** To receive brief reports (if available (and take any actions if required)) from:

- a) Parish Orderly – Report received: the traffic weight limit sign on Elm Tree Road is obscured by overgrown bushes/trees.

**Clerk to chase NSC**

b) Dog Bin Coordinator – Nothing to report.

**E19) Overseers: To receive reports for the following:**

■Playing Field/The Triangle – It was agreed that this area was extremely overgrown & untidy & needed urgent attention. One possible solution was seeding and Cllr. Paul Fowler will investigate various anchor type mats prior to quotations for reseeding being obtained. It was decided that LPC would carry out the work with FC Locking then maintaining it.  
Wild Flower borders were suggested & quotations are to be obtained.

\*PROWS - Overhanging branches at Leafy Way to be removed as road sign cannot be seen.

**Clerk to chase NSC as a matter of urgency.**

■Allotments –An allotment holder has asked if the parish council would clear the top of his allotment which has debris from when the footpath was cleared. It was felt that it was the allotment holders responsibility as this was already evident when the plot was taken over.

**Clerk to write to the allotment holder advising of this.**

There has been a request from allotment holders for more water troughs to be installed. However, council advises that the issue is not the number of water troughs but the pressure of water feeding the troughs which has been affected by the extreme hot weather. No further action is necessary.

It was also suggested that the Allotment Holders might like to form their own association and take over the running of the allotments at a later date.

**Clerk to investigate necessary requirements.**

■Open Spaces – The Bury has improved.  
'No Right-Hand Turn' sign at the top of The Bury is totally obscured which is leading to drivers going the wrong way. This is now becoming dangerous

**Clerk to chase NSC as a matter of urgency & to ask what their official policy & time scale is for making good overgrown vegetation on signs that are obscured by it & ask for a copy of it.**

**E20) Allotments Paths:** Update. There has been good feedback from the allotment holders' regarding the stone footpaths

It was recommended that these paths could be tarmacked in the future & quotes are to be sought for this possibility.

**E21) Overgrown Vegetation:** Update. The Clerk is to chase NSC urgently with regard to the overhanging branches at Leafy Way, The Bury & Bottom of Elm Tree Road which leads to A371. LPC is to contact NSC (Senior Officer) with regards to what their policy is on vegetation. LPC should be more active in this role to resolve ourselves.

**E22) Coronation Garden: To discuss and decide on improvements required.** Update. Report with suggestions/ideas was received from a member of the public who is happy to work with the council to improve this area.

It was felt that the area needed tidying up and made good before it can have the visual impact that council would like:

It was proposed that the Clerk gets quotes to clear the brambles & move the fence line back

**This was Agreed.**

In order to water the plants, access is needed to water. It was proposed that the parishioner looking after the planting of Coronation garden discusses the possibility of a water butt with the church warden, as the nearest access to water is outside the church hall. It was also suggested the inclusion of the pre-school children to water the plants as a project.

**This was Agreed with 1 abstention.**

The purchase of plants up to a value of £300.00 was agreed from the Chairman's Allowance subject to receipts being sent to the parish office.

**This was Agreed.**

The Parish Council were very appreciative of this work being undertaken by a parishioner.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Signed (Chairman).....

Date .....

**The next meeting of the Locking Parish Council Estates Committee will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 pm in Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue.**