



LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** held at **The Village Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking** on **Thursday 16th May 2019** at **6:30pm**

The meeting was chaired by Cllr John Keate, LPC Vice Chairman

Present: 2 members of Locking Parish Council, Unitary Cllr M Solomon & 5 members of the Public, the Clerk and retiring Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Jones, Cllr Ashdown, Cllr L Mason, Mr M Cooper, Mrs M Cooper, Locking Green W.I., Locking Scouts, Unitary Cllr Terry, PCSO Benfield, Rev. Anne Wilkins

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on 26/04/2018.

The minutes for the Parish Meeting held on the 26th April 2018 had been displayed on the notice boards since March and copies were circulated within the Hall. The Minutes were **AGREED** by all present and signed as a correct record of that meeting

3. Police Report

A report was received from PCSO Mike Benfield and circulated.

4. Community Organisations

1ST Locking Scout Group

What a year for the group with over 140 young people meeting each week in Locking village.

The beavers making dens to growing giant pumpkins and seeing the grow to having a big camp with 35 beavers having fun.

The cubs are having an amazing program with lots of badges awarded and have been on 5 camp this year from one night to weeks away.

The scout a year to remember 20 of them staying on Flat holm for a weekend to wining the district raft race.

We have a very good outdoor space what we use 3 or 4 times a week all year round.

The summer Fate was nice weather a lot of people out in till the football started.

Santa float was out for 4nights this year going around the villages and lots of children came out to see Santa. The Easter bunny hunt went very well with over 400 people walking around the village

We are all ways looking for people to help with in the group from Leaders each week to people on the committee to help run the group.

Hope to see you at this year's village fate on the 13th July

Parklands Educate Together Primary

The school opened in September with a small group of Pre-school, Reception and Y1 pupils and three members of staff: Steve (Headteacher), Nicole (class-teacher) and Claire (teaching assistant). Since this time, the school has grown each term and we currently have 31 children on roll. We have employed more staff including a part-time admin assistant and some 1 to 1 teaching assistants. Most of our children come from the Locking Parklands development but we have attracted some families from further afield who like our child-centred and ethical ethos.

With new Reception, Pre-school and Y1 pupils joining in September 2019, our numbers will increase to about 50. Because of this growth, we need another temporary building. The preparation work for this is being completed at the moment and the building is arriving in the May half-term break. This building will have two additional classrooms and will be the home for our Pre-school and Reception classes in September. We will also have additional outside play space. We have recruited two new teachers and an additional teaching assistant to work with the children in September and we expect pupil numbers to continue rising.

Work on our permanent site project on Larkhill Road is well under way now with the main focus on preparing the land for the building itself. This phase of the works is due to be started in July/August. The target completion date is May 2020 and we are hoping to move in to the school in June. The permanent building is being built by Wilmott Dixon who have managed many school projects in North Somerset. The school will have capacity for 450 pupils (two form entry plus a Pre-school) as well as a large field, multi-use gaming area (MUGA) and a small wood which we will be using for Forest School activities.

St Augustine's Church Locking 2019

It has been another good year with many highlights and encouragements. St Augustine's are continuing to do new things and also we are seeing new people join us. We are continuing to build on our community involvement. We are blessed with a church where people are involved in different aspects of the church life, though we could always do with more help.

Highlights of this year have been:-

Men's breakfasts for the whole community. We have up to 32 men gathered together for a full cooked breakfast. These are from both the church and the community. There is a wonderful atmosphere with lots of chatting going on. All men are welcome.

It has been good to build even greater links with **Locking School**. Linked to the tower project children have been in church, on village tours, made videos and done history work and quizzes. This has been headed up by Simon Begent, aided by Mary and Eddie French and Gillian Jones. We have also gifted the school with a water butt last year and plants for their garden this year at the Education Sunday service which Jo Jones attended.

It has also been great to have Ray Pilgrim this year as our **children's worker**. Ray leads the after-school club along with church volunteers which up to 26 children attend. He also led a successful Easter holiday club.

WW1 Commemoration weekend The whole weekend was a very special time with the display in the green lounge, which people contributed to. Thank you to Simon Begent for the film he made, which was shown at the service and in the display. It was good to have the 'There but not there' soldier on the bench. This was sourced from the school. The school brought decorated poppies to the centre and Amanda Fowler decorated the Memorial Garden with poppies.

Over 80 people attended the **WW1 Community tea** – mostly from outside the church. It was a wonderful afternoon with entertainment from the Parkland Singers. We had lots of e-mails and phone calls from people to give their appreciation and thanks. Thank you to the Parish Council for their grant that enabled us to provide a free tea.

This year we ran an **Alpha course** which 16 people attended. One course member said it was brilliant. The group is continuing to meet to do a Christianity Explored Course. It is hoped that several of the group will be baptised this year and others make a re-commitment.

There was a good up-take for **Find the Star** – 21 homes from the parish. The weather on the weekend it took place was terrible – but we did see people in cars and we had good e-mails back. Every person got a thank you certificate. We will be doing this again this year and praying for better weather.

Shoebox Appeal – this year we involved groups in the community – ARK, School, Locking Seniors, the Village Hall Pre-school and collected 92 boxes. Thank you.

The Big Event It is wonderful to be able to say that the work on the tower and bells is virtually complete and it is good to hear the bells ringing out again. We had a good day on 6th April when we celebrated the end of the project with a service, lunch, hand bell ringing and tower tours. It was a real community event enjoyed by the many who attended.

St Augustine's is your church and for the whole community. Our doors are open 4 days a week and we are an open community ready to welcome all. We are here to care and support everyone in the parish regardless of whether they attend or not. *Revd Anne Wilkins – Rector of Hutton and Locking May 201*

Locking Seniors.

Locking Senior Club has had yet another successful year, with membership rising to 32, with room for more.

Since January, we have had a slide show on 'the nooks and crannies of the City of Bath'.

A wonderful talk and demonstration from a charity called 'Wizzybugs', which runs a loan scheme for electric powered wheelchairs, designed for children under the age of 5.

James Vincent entertained us by playing the keyboard and singing.

A brilliant Ukulele band, came from Burnham on Sea's U3A group and played for us, they then donated their fee to 'School in a Bag', which are sent out to African countries.

At our last meeting a singing group called 'Reflections' entertained with songs from the shows.

We have a full programme planned for the rest of the year which will end on 18th December with our annual Christmas Dinner at the Beachlands Hotel.

Locking Green WI

Locking Green WI has had a full programme of events over the last year. Our talks have ranged from Bee Keeping, Weston Hospice, Birnbeck Regeneration Trust, Avon Fire & Rescue, travelling to Australia by in the 1850's and a wonderful talk by Simon Begent on the history of Locking Church and the Village. We hosted a Group Meeting in October and some members participated in the Belly Dancing after expert tuition. We attended a Group Meeting hosted by Sandford W.I. and enjoyed indoor curling.

We have taken part in village events – serving cream teas at the fete and helping with catering for commemorative service for the ending of World War 1. Our Christmas meal was at the Coach House and several members attended the Avon Federation Carol Service at St Mary Radcliffe church.

It is with regret because of dwindling numbers in membership, it looks very likely that after 55 years we will have to close down at the end of the year.

Locking Parklands Community Interest Group

This last year has been another busy one here at Locking Parklands.

The development is undergoing a growth spurt – Phase 3 is almost completed, with tagged on additional Phase 3A which was to be commercial development but has been changed into residential with four-storey apartment block and a short rank of town houses. Thus, creating another area of high-density dwelling, which of course automatically bring with it, more parking issues.

Phase 12 is well underway – with completion due by end of November. This is a set up of mainly executive houses of 4-5 bedrooms, on the site of the old tennis courts, behind the Lombardy Poplar trees. One of the trees came down in storm Freya in March causing damage to one property and a car on Farnborough Road. Fortunately, no persons were injured. As a result, investigative works have taken place by St Modwen, and initial removal of dead wood has taken place. A planning application needs to go in for fuller remedial works to be carried out on these landmark trees. It is hoped that appropriate maintenance works will ensure continued life for a long time to come, but if some are to be felled then we will continue to push for HE/St Modwen to ensure rapid and suitable replacement specimen's in order to keep the existing avenue looking attractive.

Works have begun on the Nth/Sth link and the new Primary School – whilst both being welcomed and essential, it beggar's belief that all these works have been timed simultaneously. It is therefore hoped and will be raised with CIC, that better forward planning is considered for any forthcoming phases by SMH and approved by NSC. Also, even though most go through on Reserved matters, there should be greater consideration given to some kind of 'secondary consultation procedure' being included for future applications. Outline approval was granted 8 years ago – much

has changed at Parklands – not just the environment, but now has people within it and NSC has a responsibility and moral obligation to take the views of residents into

consideration for any new phases popping up, and especially those deviating from original specs. Commercial buildings becoming residential – building up and not out – apartment blocks without lifts. Surely, there should be questions being asked and appropriate remedies literally built into plans. Parklands is supposed to have life-time homes.

There is considerable disruption and inconvenience to residents. There is the inevitable dust, dirt and noise together with road closures/diversions, as well as persistent non-residents continuing to drive in to walk their dogs, which also cause obstructions with inconsiderate and often unsafe parking.

Changes are moving at a pace, but the inclusion of infrastructure does not, e.g. retail outlets, health service, library etc. Traffic management, access and safety is a great concern which needs to be looked at seriously by the planners.

The CIC has a new Director – David Moore (St Modwen) and we also have four additional Resident Representatives to the Shadow Board, so we hope to be able to bring forward some new initiatives for residents across the development and for parish neighbours to join in. the board meets regularly making every effort to bring resident viewpoint to the fore and continue to endeavour to build a harmonious community, where all can feel included.

Parklands Singers continues to thrive, enabling residents from all areas of the Locking Community to join in. the groups have preformed at various community events and for charity-based organisations. We also held our annual McMillan event in September, as well as our Christmas Social in December, somewhat scaled down, but enjoyable, nevertheless. A raffle was held and funds donated to Children in Need.

We are in the process of updating our Website and email address – enquiries@lpcic.co.uk the old address is set up to forward messages automatically to the new until 15 June 2019.

The Radio Wing – continues to be in regular use with varied activities Pilates, children's groups, community church, ballet lessons, Sing & Sign sessions etc., and ad hoc activities – meetings, training sessions, and only recently we held Weston Hospice Care Easter Fayre. We have also provided the space for indoor PE lessons for Parklands Primary School until the permanent building is ready. It is very pleasing to see some new Hirers booking as well as a continuation of ad hoc and party hires. We were happy to see a visit from Locking Primary School to visit the 'Monument', see an display/exhibition together with a talk from Simon Begent on the historical connections and tales from RAF life at Locking. Thank to the efforts of ~Simon, earlier this year saw the installation of the 'RAF Locking History' Boards at the venue which had been funded through Heritage and Lottery money in support of the Parish Church. They are very attractive and informative walk down memory lane – if any would like to see them, then please contact Jo Roberts. Jo Roberts, Shadow Board LP CIC May 2019

5. Locking Parish Council Chairman's report 2019 –

- Another council year has concluded and since the 2018 Annual Parish Assembly Clive Blinco resigned from the council, the council thank Clive for his contribution to the community. The then council co-opted Cllr Paul Withers.
- This was an election year for Local Councils and the following Cllrs did not stand for re-election: Elfan Ap Rees, Margaret Cooper, Mike Cooper, Cliff Dumbell, Martin Taylor and Shaun Washington, On behalf of Locking Parish Council thank for your many years of service to the Parish of Locking. In particular Mike Cooper for his times as Chairman of the council
- However, there are now 8 vacancies on the council. Being a councillor enables one to serve the community. Planning, Highways, Community Safety, Street lighting, Allotments, and Community centres are some of the issues your council deal with. Please speak to our Clerk after this meeting if you are interested in becoming a Councillor.
- Our Clerk Colm Doherty retired at the end of April and he is succeeded by Dawn Tremlett. Thank you, Colm for your time as Clerk and we wish you well for the future.
- Your Council has considered all planning applications submitted for the Parish of Locking to ensure that the applications are for the benefit of the community and oppose those that are detrimental to the well-being of residents.

- The August meeting of the council attracted 68 members of the public for the item dealing with the proposed development by Gladman Developments Ltd to build many houses on the former Elm Grove Nursery. After listening to concerns from members of the public the representatives of the company left the meeting with the message; no houses.
- Locking Parklands, the North/South Link Road; construction has commenced and at the A371 end of the link road a temporary crossing is in place along with a 30/40mph speed limit.
- Enhancement of the park has continued with the installation of some adult exercise equipment.
- Our Parish Orderly of many years, Kelvin Clark has resigned from the post; the council thank Kelvin for his many years of service,
- A project has commenced to look at the future of the Parish (A Neighbourhood Plan). Therefore, if you want contribute to the Plan for future of the Parish of Locking; please contact the Parish Clerk on 820786 for more information.
- Running Locking Parish Council is all about team work, Cllrs, Clerk and staff

Un-audited accounts for Financial Year 2018/19 – the un-audited accounts for the Financial Year 2018/19 were presented and agreed subject to audit.

Estimates for Financial Year 2019/20 – the estimates for 2019/20 were accepted.

8. Elector’s Participation

A member of the Public advised that the coastal path between Brean Down and Clevedon is almost up and running they awaiting signposts/gates.

There is a cycle path from West Wick/Colm Farm through to Clevedon

Unitary Cllr Mike Solomon – introduced himself as the Cllr for Hutton, Locking and Bleadon. He advised that the new District Council administration have the intention of being more inclusive towards Parish Councils and the Public and to get them more involved in local issues.

Cllr Keate asked about the ‘Village/Parish Voice’ as it seemed to have died off. Cllr Solomon responded that it was intended by the new administration to involve Parish Councils a lot more.

A member of the Public advised that he had reported to North Somerset Council the untidy state of the grass verges in and around the Parish. He also commented upon the amount of dust/stone chipping etc., due to the amount of development work surrounding the Parish and how it was having a detrimental impact. The cycle path on A371 didn’t appeared to have been swept since the work started. It was discussed at length but generally felt that it was part of the redevelopment of Weston and the impact on residents had not been considered.

Chairman advised that the Parish Council would also make comments to North Somerset Council regarding the poor state of the verges, along with the recent infill of holes recently dug out at the Gas Works, and the poor state of the footpath/cycle paths.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting – 7:20pm

Signed
Chairman

Date