

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 5 DECEMBER 2019, 7PM**

**IN THE WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**MINUTES**

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| **Present**: | Councillors: Mrs J Ford (Chairman), Mrs H Freeman, Mr P Blundell, Mr R Oglesby, Mr S Coxhead, Ms L Gough and Mr M May. |  |
| **Also present** | Mrs K Elston (Clerk), Mr J Cox (until 7.50pm), Mr S Herniman (until 7.50 pm) and Mr C Bonney (until 7.50pm). |  |
| **19/20/0138** | **Apologies for absence**   * Mr A Morton, Mr D Muns and Mr R Scott – these were accepted. |  |
| **19/20/139** | **Declaration of interests**   * There were none. |  |
| **19/20/140** | **Planning – Notified and Decisions**   * **19/10245/VAR Dauntsey’s School, High Street, West Lavington,**   **Devizes SN10 4HE** – variation of condition 2 of planning permission  **K/42974** (change of use from agricultural land to use of playing fields  and outdoor sports facilities) to allow for different surface material for  outdoor sports track, with proposed landscaping to reduce visual  impact (resubmission of refused application 18/11759/VAR) – three  members of the public spoke about their concerns for the proposed  application which was summarised by the points that it contravened  the Neighbourhood Plan, Wiltshire Council Core Strategy and was  not radically different to the previously refused application.  Councillors discussed the application and were in agreement with  the members in the public gallery. Councillors were very clear  that they support having this facility in the village and were keen to  work with the school to support this application. But the objections  would mirror the ones raised by the public, along with removing the  majority of the railings, increased and improvements to the proposed  planting and a commitment from the school that when the  surface needs replacing the colour becomes green. Councillors voted  to object to the planning application in its present but expressed a  a willingness to talk to the school to seek further proposals:  ***Proposed: Mr S Coxhead***  ***Seconded: Mrs H Freeman***  ***5 Councillors in Agreement***  ***2 against (1 Mr R Oglesby)***  ***1950*** Mr Cox, Mr Herniman and Mr Bonney left the meeting. |  |
| **19/20/141** | **The Minutes of the last meetings of the council 07/11/19 and Matters Arising**   * Councillors agreed they were a true and accurate record. Chairman   signed them.   * Matters arising:   Dauntsey’s School Christmas Lunch – Mr May, Mrs Ford and Mrs  Freeman attended along with 40-50 residents with the parish. They  reported it was a delicious Christmas lunch and councillors wanted to  record their thanks to the school and Gaile Bishop for organising.  The school have advised they would like to put on another event in  the summer for the village.   * Blackdog Crossroads – this location has been discussed at the most   recent CATG meeting with a view to making the crossroads safer. A  proposal put forward was to close the small road between the A360  and Worton Road. Market Lavington have advised that they would  oppose closing this road but would support making it one way. |  |
| **19/20/142** | **Chairman’s announcements**   * Community Policing Teams – there has been a notification from   Wiltshire Police to advise that they have reviewed their Community  Policing Teams and there will be an increase from 7 to 8 teams  across Wiltshire from 01.12.19. Information to be sent to councillors  and placed on website.   * Temporary road closure at lower road at Erlestoke on 15.01.20.   Clerk will place on website and noticeboard.   * Vandalism – there have been reports from the community of cars   driving on the recreation ground. It is very important that the  community report these incidents to 101 as it builds up a picture of  what is happening. A reminder that CCTV camera can be used  as a source of evidence when the parish council are approached by  the police to view footage. The policy is clear that it is there to  collate information after an event not to provide monitoring. Need to  remind the community in News and Views of the importance of  reporting through to 101.   * Dauntsey’s School governors – Chair of Governors, Lucy Walsh   Waring has written to the clerk to advise that the governors are in  the process of revising their School’s Articles of Association which  includes the right of nomination from the parish council to be  removed. In it’s place will be the intention to form a closer but  more informal relationship with the parish and to this  end councillors have been invited to visit the school on 25th  February 2020 at 1530 and 12th June 2020 at 1530   * Letter from Claire Perry (MP) – letter received to advise that Claire   will not be standing in the forthcoming election but wanted to  thank West Lavington Parish Council for all that they do for the  community.   * Great British Spring Clean – this has been announced for 2020 from   20th March to 13th April. Mr Coxhead will provide further information  at the next meeting.   * West Lavington Village Hall event on Saturday 14th December – this   Is a thank you from the Village Hall. | **KE**  **KE**  **JF**  **SC** |
| **10/20/143** | **Public Participation**   * See Minute 140 above. |  |
| **19/20/144** | **Wiltshire Councillor’s Report**   * Mr Richard Gamble had sent his apologies. |  |
| **19/20/145** | **Finance**   * Precept considerations – these were distributed prior to the meeting   and show comparisons between a 0% increase, a 1%, 2% and 3%  increase. A 1% increase would result in an increase of 0.65p per  annum for Band D tax payers and 2% would result in an increase  of £1.31 per annum. Mr May proposed a 2% rise and the final  decision will be made at the January meeting.  Clerk advised councillors to look carefully at the figures and    consider carefully how to allocate the funds where they have  flexibility e.g. repairs, playgrounds maintenance, grants etc. Will  need to remember that there are a number of liabilities like the  playground and repairs that can be required after inspections.   * Village Hall update – the clerk has received an email from the   footballers who use the Recreation Ground who are concerned  that they will not have changing facilities going forward. This has  been passed onto Mr May who has responded to the footballers in  the context of the proposed building work.   * Disbursements   **Cheque Number Payee £**  SO Chris Hardwick (website) 28.00  SO Charlton Baker 12.50  SO Clerk Office payment 25.90  1706 Royal British Legion 25.00  1707 S Coxhead (equipment) 199.89  1708 WALC (training fee) 248.10  1709 Kaye Elston (clerk salary) 291.80  1710 H Sainsbury 60.00  1711 Mark Goddard 864.00  1712 Peter Blundell (repairs) 50.78   * Finance Request for NHP printing – agreed to purchase 5 copies of   the final plan at a cost of £21 per copy. Total cost £105.   * Emergency Planning equipment purchase – Mr Coxhead has   purchased equipment in the sum of £199.89 (net £175.85).   * Bank signatories – clerk confirmed that the forms signed at the last   meeting have been submitted to Lloyds Bank. |  |
| **19/20/146** | **Planning**  **Applications to consider**   * See Minute 140 * **19/11374/TPO Strawberry Lee, 27 White Street, West**   **Lavington, Devizes SN10 4LW** – Remove secondary limb  Overhanging Cherry Tree from Ash Tree (T1), Fell 1 Cherry Tree.  No objections.  **Decisions made at Wiltshire Council**   * **19/09823/TCA 88 High Street, Littleton Panell, Devizes**   **SN10 4EU** – Twisted Willow (T1) – target reduce height by 3  Meters and reduce in canopy by 2 meters. All cuts back to  Appropriate pruning points. **Agreed**  **19/09969/TCA 15 Church Street, West Lavington, Devizes**  **SN10 4LD** – Ash trees x 6 – Fell. **Agreed.**  **19/10040/TCA Parsonage House, 11 All Saints Road, West**  **Lavington, Devizes SN10 4LT** – Robinia – Reduce limb over  Tennis court by 30%, Apple Tree – Fell, Holly Tree – Reduce by  20%, Willow Trees x 2 – Pollard to height of previous cuts.  **Agreed.** |  |
| **19/20/147** | **Committees and Working Groups**   * Councillor Training on 13.11.19 – councillors felt this the session   was useful.   * Corporate Planning – Action Plan sent out prior to the meeting   and councillors need to work through. |  |
| **19/20/148** | **Website amends – achieving process and review**   * Update with finalised minutes |  |
| **19/20/149** | **Receipt of Working Groups and project reports**   * Footpaths – report sent to councillors prior to the meeting. Request   for parish steward to clear the pavements.   * Risk Committee – review of the Risk Register in relation to a   document sent through by Mr Morton. Further revision to take place.   * Playgrounds – unfortunately the new litter bin has not yet been   Installed and therefore Mr Blundell will chase the contractor again.  repairs to steps at the Recreation Ground – clerk has instructed  contractor but he has advised that it would be best to complete the  work in March when it is less cold and wet. Councillors discussed as  they have had restricted use for several months. Therefore, new  signs will be put up and also a notice will be put on the website.   * Remembrance Wood – the clerk has received a response from the   MOD and there is an agreement to enter into negotiations again.  Councillors felt the fee of £350 per annum is too much and were in  agreement that £10 would be more appropriate, with no reviews  during the lease agreement. The size of the plot is 1425 square  metres.   * Cleaning of the war memorial – clerk is awaiting quotes. * CCTV – see Minute 142 above. | **PB**  **KE** |
| **19/20/150** | **Confirmation of publicity/press items to include website and News and Views**   * News and Views – steps at Recreation Ground, parish councillor   vacancy and purchases of emergency planning equipment. | **JF** |
| **19/20/151** | **Area Board**   * Next date is 12.01.20. and Mr May will be attending. |  |
| **19/20/152** | **Date of next parish council meeting**   * **9th January 2020 at 1900 in the hall not the Giles Room.** |  |

*Meeting closed at 2145*

Signed……………………………………………………………………………..09 January 2020