

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**29 APRIL 2021 at 1900**

**HELD VIRTUALLY**

**(**Local Authorities (Coronavirus) Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings (England) Regulation effective 04.04.2020

**MINUTES**

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| **Present**: | Councillors: Mrs J Ford (Chairman), Mr D Muns, Mr P Blundell and Mr R Oglesby. |  |
| **Also present** | Mrs K Elston (Clerk), Peter West, and Councillor Richard Gamble (until 2017). |  |
| **20/21/182** | **Apologies for absence**   * Mr R Scott, Mr Coxhead, Ms L Gough and Mr A Morton |  |
| **20/21/183** | **Declaration of interests**   * There were none. |  |
| **20/21/184** | **Minutes of the last meeting 01.04.21 and matters arising**   * Minutes of the last meeting agreed to be an accurate   record.   * Matters arising:   Minute 20/21/177 - wording for notice at War Memorial needs to be  agreed by councillors before being put in place. Mr Blundell has  spoken to the Vicar at All Saints who has advised she will ask the  Diocese for permission to put the sign in place. |  |
| **20/21/185** | **Chairman’s Announcements**   * There were none. |  |
| **20/21/186** | **Corona Virus update**   * Plans for parish council meeting after 07.05.2021 – the   Regulations brought in last year to permit councils to meet  virtually comes to an end on 7 May. Therefore, parish councils  are expected to revert to the original legislation The Local  Government Act 1972. A recent court case has confirmed that this  Legislation does not allow for remote meetings. The Risk  Committee has met to discuss the risks and how the parish  Council will mitigate these when returning to face-to-face  meetings.  A Risk Assessment has been completed for a meeting to be held  in the Village Hall in the main hall as the Giles Room would not  enable the 2 metre social distancing to be in place. But this poses  a problem in terms of any public attendance which is being  encouraged to be in the virtual space. Although it is possible to  link the meeting and have a laptop in place in the hall it affects  the audio severely and public participation in this way would not  be a good experience. Public participation has been good through  the last year and the council have seen an increase in public  participation through the virtual facilities. The spacing required in  the hall would result in councillors having to shout for remote  listeners to be able to be heard but this increases the risk of  spreading Covid. An enquiry was made to Dauntsey’s School to  establish if they had any available space but they do not have.  There are two councillors who are unable to attend face to face  meetings until the recommendations for the clinically extremely  vulnerable have been lifted in June. West Lavington Parish  Council is disappointed that this Regulation to meet remotely  could not be extended to June.  As this is election year the council need to hold their Annual Parish  Council meeting within 14 days of councillors taking up their  office. Initially the next meeting had been planned for 13 May but  councillors agreed to move this to 20 May and will follow the  recommendations from WALC that it can just be very short to  address the business necessary. This will also need to  include planning applications, one of which will be the Lavington  Lane development. Clerk will check the availability of the Village  Hall for 20 May.   * Emergency phone to support residents – Mr Coxhead still has the   phone and is responding to any enquiries.   * Annual Parish Meeting – this will need to take place before the 1st   June. Date to be agreed. | **KE** |
| **20/21/187** | **Public Participation**   * Public present virtually but did not wish to contribute at this point. |  |
| **20/21/188** | **Wiltshire Councillor Report**   * A360 has been closed today between West Lavington and   Devizes. This was an urgent notification and the impacts would  have been felt on many people and organisations.   * Lavington Lane development – the revised proposal includes a   light controlled pedestrian crossing.   * Review of Wiltshire Council local plan – the requirement for 50   houses in West Lavington under the plan matches the proposed  development in Lavington Lane. If that development does not go  ahead then other sites proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan could  be returned to for consideration. |  |
| **20/21/189** | **Planning**  **Applications to consider**   * **21/02092/LBC Newminster Cottage, 53 High Street, Littleton**   **Panell, Devizes SN10 4ES** – Replace single glazed french  doors and frame on the rear of the property. **Councillors had**  **no objections and would encourage improvements to listed**  **buildings**.   * **21/02157/FUL 78 High Street, Littleton Panell, Devizes SN10**   **4ES** – Retrospective temporary use of part of the dwelling from  residential use to holiday let until 04.09.2021, after which it will  return to use as a private residential dwelling. Let out will be 2  bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom. Off street parking  is provided. **No objections.**   * **PL/2021/03426 48 High Street, Littleton Panell, Devizes SN10**   **4ES** – Conifer (T1) – Reduce height by 3 months to reduce wind  loading, Conifer (T2) – Reduce height by 3 metres to reduce wind  loading, Conifer (T3) – Reduce height by 3 metres to reduce wind  loading. **Councillors were very concerned about the**  **proposals. They considered such a large percentage**  **reduction of the height of the trees in proportion to the**  **overall heights would be unsuited to these confers and**  **would have a considerable visual impact. Their concerns**  **extended to the stated wind loading requirement for the**  **reductions which they hoped, could be justified. Councillors**  **object to this application.**   * **20/10520/10526/FUL Wyneshore House, 2 White Street, West**   **Lavington, Devizes SN10 4LW** – Convert a Games Room to a 1  bedroom apartment, 2 garage doors to the existing car port and  erect a new with 2 car ports, a garage and store/workshop,  including all other associated works. These are amended plans  from a previous application and the council have previously made  comments.  **Planning Decisions**   * **20/00861/FUL 23 Church Street, West Lavington, Devizes**   **SN10 4LD** – Single storey side and rear extension. **Approved**  **with conditions**.   * **20/07734/FUL 15-19 High Street, West Lavington, Devizes**   **SN10 4HQ**. Retrospective planning permission for the change of  use of the ground floor of 15-19 High Street, West Lavington, from  a shop (Class E), to a Sui Generis use, to allow for hot food  takeaway to be served from inside the premises. **Approved with**  **conditions**.   * **21/00215/FUL 76 High Street, Littleton Panell, Devizes SN10**   **4EU** – Removal of the conservatory and existing roof.  Replacement with a full width, shallow pitch roof (across the  existing bungalow and flat roofed extensions). Addition of open  porch. Cladding to side elevations with larch. Replacement  windows and doors. **Approved with conditions**.    **Planning Monitoring**   * Lavington Lane development – Outline Planning permission has   been submitted and the date for comments to be received has  been extended to 14.05.2021 but this will now need to be  extended to 21.05.2021. Councillor Richard Gamble agreed to  request this.   * Signage at the shop on the High Street – clerk has received   notification from Wiltshire Council enforcement team to advise  that one of the large signs has already been removed. The  owner has also advised that he has decided not to apply for  planning permission for the other one and it will also be removed. | **RG** |
| **20/21/190** | **Finance**   * Precept receipt – clerk advised receipt of the first instalment in   the sumof £15 944.50.   * End of Year accounts – final statement circulated to councillors and   the clerk will prepare all the documents to be submitted to the  internal auditor.   * Wiltshire Search and Rescue donation request – letter has been   received requesting a donation. Councillors agreed to donate £50.  ***Proposed: Mr P Blundell***  ***Seconded: Mr D Muns***  ***All councillors in agreement***   * Disbursements:   **Cheque Number Payee £**  SO Chris Hardwick (website) 20.00  SO Charlton Baker (payroll fees) 12.50  SO Clerk Office payment 25.90  SO H Sainsbury (refuse collection) 60.00  DD Hills Waste 47.21  1811 Kaye Elston (clerk salary) 300.03  1812 Wiltshire Search and Rescue (grant) 50.00 |  |
| **20/21/191** | **Receipt of Working Groups and project reports**   * Footpaths Report – an email has been received on the website from   a resident complaining about the amount of dog excrement on the  footpaths and the request to put more bins in place for dog owners  to use. Clerk has responded to advise that there are already bins  in place at the Recreation Ground which the parish council pays to  have emptied. Councillors have put this in place at the Recreation  Ground as a large number of people use the facilities including  children. The resident has requested more bins to be put in place  on footpaths but there would be a financial cost to this and it is also  challenging to find someone who will carry out this work.  Councillors are clear that dog owners need to take responsibility for  their dogs and take the waste home as it is not a good use of public  funds to provide more bins for a small section of the community.  Mrs Ford will repeat the previous messages in the next edition of  News and Views.  Painting of steps onto Lavington Lane – there has been an offer  from the community to paint the steps onto Lavington Lane which  is on Footpath 44. It was agreed to go back to the offer and  encourage this activity, asking them to approach local businesses  for paint and then come back to the parish council if necessary.  Booklet of walks – Lynne and Paul Raynor have offered to produce  a booklet of the walks in the parish and potentially one could be  featured in month in News and Views. Councillors were very  supportive of this.  Notices for MOD Land – Mrs Ford has been in contact with the  MOD and they are going to add more publicity and videos to  websites/Twitter/Facebook explaining how dangerous it could be to  wander onto the firing ranges..   * Playground Group update – further quotes have been received for   the repairs required for the basket swing. Councillors agreed to  accept the quote from Proludic in the sum of £375 plus labour to fit.  ***Proposed: Mrs J Ford***  ***Seconded: Mr P Blundell***  ***All councillors present in agreement***  Clerk to instruct Proludic to complete the work.   * Clothing Bin in Village Hall carpark update – councillors are in   agreement that this needs to be removed as the charity status of  organisation is not clear and also permission was not sought to  place it in the carpark. It has not been possible to arrange this with  the charity and therefore councillors agreed to approach a local  business to ascertain if they could remove.   * Highways Update – member of the community has noticed standing   water on Lavington Lane which was reported to Wessex Water.  further investigation proved this to be a blocked gully and has now  been reported to Wiltshire Council who advised that the resident  report it to their local parish council as it was not a priority. This  had been advised by the Chair to the parish steward.  Crossings on High Street and Lavington Lane – these crossing  need the yellow tarmac to be repainted/maintained as they are no  longer distinctive. The cost of each one will be approximately  £1000. Clerk to approach CATG funding initially.   * Village Hall update – Mr May (Chair of the Village Hall) has   contacted Mrs Ford to advise that the hall will begin to open up  again, in line with the government’s roadmap. Their reconstitution  is also progressing and they will keep the parish council up to date  with any progress.   * Fibre Broadband – for residents to have the best possible   connection the fibre needs to come straight from the exchange to  the house. There are three options which Mr Muns explained to  councillors and the agreement was that the best way forward is to  consider a Community Fibre Partnership. Easterton Parish Council  currently are taking this forward and councillors were in agreement  for Mr Muns to contact them to consider the options.   * Remembrance Avenue – Mr Blundell advised that there is an   opportunity to consider sowing a patch of land running down  through the Avenue with wild flowers. Mr Blundell will seek expert  advice on how to approach this.   * Drainage at West Lavington Recreation Ground – Mr Blundell and   Mrs Ford have followed up another company to look at improving  Drainage. The quotes have been sent out to councillors and  following a discussion, it was agreed to instruct the contractor to  complete the slicing work. Slicing will cost £1950 plus VAT and the  clerk will instruct the contractor.  **Proposed: Mr R Oglesby**  ***Seconded: Mr D Muns***  ***All councillors present in agreement***   * Goalposts at West Lavington Recreation Ground – resident has   advised that children are climbing on the top of the goals and this is  dangerous. Clerk has confirmed that the goalposts belong to one of  local football clubs and this issue has been raised before. But the  parish council can contact the school and ask them to advise  parents that they need to supervise their children when in the park  as ultimately parents need to be responsible for their safety. | **KE**  **KE**  **KE**  **JF**  **DM**  **KE**  **KE** |
| **20/21/192** | **Local Issue updates**   * Hedges House – there has been good contact with the residents   and there is less pressure being applied to them now in terms of  them finding alternative accommodation. Aster have not applied  For planning permission to redevelop the site yet.   * Duck Street parking – local resident had requested a meeting with   CATG and highway engineer to explore any possible solution. This  has now been referred back to the local Wiltshire Councillor, who  currently is Richard Gamble. Clerk has made contact with the  owner of the care home who advised he is looking at the possibility  of extending the existing parking facilities. Clerk also confirmed  the potential alternatives followed up by the parish council in Duck  Street and White Street cannot be pursued. A car belonging to a  District Nurse has been damaged in Duck Street today whilst she  was visiting the care home. Councillors were in agreement to  return to CATG to look at what provision for parking could be put in  place for urgent and short-term visits.  ***Proposed: Mr P Blundell***  ***Seconded: Mr R Oglesby***  ***All councillors present in agreement***   * Blackdog Crossroads – a report from Highways has been prepared   and circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Comments will  need to be passed back to Market Lavington by the end of June.  Councillors were in agreement for Mrs Ford to speak to the Chairs  of the other parish councils involved in the consultation. | **KE**  **JF** |
| **20/21/193** | **Date of next parish council meeting**   * **20 May 2021 at 1945** |  |

*Meeting closed at 2136*

Signed…………………………………………………………………………20 May 2021