

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON**

**01 JULY 2021 at 1945**

**Held at the West Lavington Village Hall**

**MINUTES**

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| **Present**: | Councillors: Mrs J Ford (Chairman), Mr D Muns, Mr P Blundell, Mr R Gamble, Ms L Gough and Mr R Oglesby. |  |
| **Also present** | Mrs K Elston (Clerk) |  |
| **21/22/029** | **Apologies for absence**   * There were none as all councillors were present. |  |
| **21/22/030** | **Declaration of interests**   * There were none. |  |
| **21/22/031** | **Minutes of the last meeting held 03.06.2021 and 25.06.2021 Matters arising**   * Minutes of the meeting 03.06.2021 – these were agreed to be a   true and accurate record. Chairman signed them.   * Matters Arising 03.06.2021:   Church Wildflower survey - the survey has been completed and the  church are now putting together a plan for their next steps.  Hedges House – the criteria for registering as a Community Asset  has been reviewed and unfortunately it is not eligible.   * Minutes of the meeting 25.06.2021 – these were agreed to be a   true and accurate record. Chairman signed them. |  |
| **21/22/032** | **Election of Vice-chair**   * Proposal for Councillor Richard Gamble to be elected as Vice-chair   ***Proposed: Mrs J Ford***  ***Seconded: Ms L Gough***  ***All councillors in agreement*** |  |
| **21/22/033** | **Chairman’s Announcements**   * Defib at Village Hall – Dauntsey’s House (Residential Home) took   the defib for a resident that has now recovered. The defib was  returned after 24 hours but the caretaker at the Village Hall has  advised that it is now making a noise when the cover is opened.  Clerk to report to SWAST as it will need to be checked to ensure it  is functioning correctly.   * Blackdog Crossroads proposal – West Lavington have submitted   their proposal to Market Lavington. Mr Muns, in his role as  as Wiltshire Council councillor, has a meeting next  week with Highways to check progress. | **KE** |
| **21/22/034** | **Public Participation**   * There was none. |  |
| **21/22/035** | **Wiltshire Councillor Report (Mr D Muns)**   * Hedges House – Mr Muns has spoken the Regional Director for   Aster and has confirmed that there is no formal planning  application submitted, only a pre-application.Mr Muns reported  that they could not provide much information or detail. The  proposal would be to take the planning application to the Area  Committee and potentially the local MP will be advised as well.  Once Mr Muns has some more information, he will keep Kerry  Barratt, who is supporting the residents aware of any relevant  information.   * Boundary Commission – consultation out currently in relation to   redrawing parliamentary constituencies. The proposal is to  remove the Lavingtons from Devizes and allocate them to East  Wiltshire. Councillors do not feel this is a logical solution as they  have links with Devizes. Mr Muns is advising parish councillors to  contact Andrew Jack that West Lavington would like to remain in  the area they are currently in.   * Planning applications for tree work – Mr Muns has spoken to   planners at Wiltshire Council to follow up parish councillors  desire to request that applicants replant another tree for as a  replacement for the one they fell. Although this is not enforceable,  Wiltshire Council have agreed to add this into all future  applications. |  |
| **21/22/036** | **Planning**  **Applications to consider**   * **PL/2021/05204 33 High Street, Littleton Panell, Devizes**   **SN10 4EN** - Demolish existing conservatory, erect a slightly  larger storey extension, including all other associated works. **No**  **objections**.   * **PL/2021/05341 The Parish Barn, White Street, West**   **Lavington, Devizes SN10 4LW** – Erection of single-storey side  extension. **No objections**   * **PL/2021/03607 9 Cheverell Road, Littleton Panel, Devizes**   **SN10 4JH** – Erection of detached dwelling and garaging and  Construction of access. Councillors discussed at meeting on  03.06.2021 and submitted to Wiltshire Council that they were not  against the application but questioned how it aligned with the  Village Design Statement and if it was in keeping with BE2 in the  Neighbourhood Plan. Wiltshire Council have asked for further  Comments and councillors revisited the discussion with regard to  design. Councillors wish to record that this application is not in  accordance with the Village Design Statement and the adopted  Neighbourhood Plan. Although the property is not visible from  the road, if this planning application is to be approved, then it  should not be a precedent for any other application in the parish.   * **PL/2021/06510 Tumble woods, 5 Rickbarton, West Lavington,**   **Devizes SN10 4LU** – Conifer tree – fell. **No objection but with**  **advisory to replant another tree and to ensure that any**  **future applications are agreed before any other work**  **commences.**  **Planning Decisions**      . **PL/2021/04190 Beechfields, 1A White Street, West**  **Lavington, Devizes SN10 4LW** – T1 Beech tree overhanging  the main road. Remove the lower branches to crown lift to the  height just above the telephone cables. TG1 6 Beech stems  overhanging White Street. Reduce the first 5 down to hedge  height and remove the first main branch on the 6th stem. **No**  **Objections**.    **Planning Monitoring** .   * **Lavington Lane** – Chair has received email from Gaiger Brothers   to advise that they are selling the plot of land on Lavington Lane  as they have other projects and focusses currently. But they  have kept to their commitment to resolve the issue of the ransom  strip and have instructed their solicitor. West Lavington will now  approach their own solicitor. | **KE** |
| **21/22/037** | **Corona Virus update**   * Playgrounds equipment potentially re-opening after 21.07.2021 –   Mr Blundell has spoken to Devizes Town Council who have  advised that the parish council need to follow government  guidance. Therefore, it would potentially be possible to open up  the boarded and taped up pieces of equipment in the playground.  There have not been any objections raised by parents and  councillors agreed risk has not changed and therefore those  pieces of equipment will remain closed.   * Emergency Phone – Mrs Gough is holding the phone currently. |  |
| **21/22/038** | **Finance**   * Finance monitoring – monitoring sheets were sent out to   councillors prior to the meeting. At this stage of the year all  budget lines are within tolerance. Clerk advised that if projects  projects are considered later in the year then there are reserves  than can be used.   * Internal and External Audit arrangements – the internal audit was   discussed at the last meeting 25.06.2021.   * Disbursements   **Cheque Number Payee £**  1822 Kaye Elston (clerk salary) 300.03  1823 HMRC (PAYE) 599.20 |  |
| **21/22/039** | **Receipt of Working Groups and project reports**   * Footpaths – a request has just come through from Wiltshire   Council for gully maps as they are going to come and maintain  them. Mrs Ford is going to ask the parish steward to remove the  cones in the bus top in Littleton Pannell as although the  pavement is uneven there is not any work to remedy this.   * The weekly playground inspections have taken place. The repairs   and maintenance required for the bucket swing and zip wire has  been commissioned.   * Litterpick at the Recreation Ground – in consultation with the local   police there have been a small number of young people, who  have completed a litter pick as part of their programme.   * Clothing Bin – the previous one has gone and councillors have   agreed where to place a new one that will be requested from the  Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Awaiting a response from the Village  Hall. Clerk to follow up again with them.   * Highways – parking in Duck Street. The next CATG meeting is on   27.07.2021 and will discuss the application for Duck Street made  with the recommendation of road markings. A resident has also  written to the Chief Constable direct and received a response  which advises him to refer to his own local police officer.   * Village Hall – request from a hirer of the hall to place a bouncy   castle on the grass. Councillors agreed it could go at the back  section behind the hall and the parish needs assurance that the  company used has the right insurances and liability requirements.  Clerk to request.  Mr May (Chair of Village Hall) has sent through a letter advising  that the Village Hall may need support this year as the bookings  are lower than previous due to COVID. This will also need to  follow the grants policy and the parish council will need to see  some accounts.  Letter also received from the Village Hall regarding the new  proposed constitution and asking for agreement that there be  just two representatives put forward by the parish council.  Councillors were in agreement for only two as opposed to the  original four. Clerk to advise Village Hall.  ***Proposed: Mr R Gamble***  ***Seconded: Mrs L Gough***  ***All councillors in agreement***   * War Memorial extra inscription – the additional solder’s name was   added following a request from local historian and agreement by  the parish council. The clerk has been contacted by Salisbury  Diocese advising that permission should have been sought from  them alongside a fee of £300 to be able to make the inscription  as the war memorial is in the church grounds. Clerk has  responded by advising that the war memorial does not belong to  the church but the community but has been advised that  permission still needs to be obtained and, in this case,that would  be retrospective. The Diocese has instigated the application  paperwork but the matter now needs to be discussed at a  Parochial Church Council meeting. The vicar has been  contacted but no response has been received. Therefore  councillors feel the best approach would be through the clerk to  the PCC. Clerk to action. | **KE**  **KE**  **KE** |
| **21/22/040** | **Wiltshire Council Bus Enhancement Survey**   * The government has given funding to local councils and Wiltshire   Council has received £670 000. The survey is the opportunity  for people to be able to submit their views on what they would  like the money spent on. Councillors believe that a more direct  route to Salisbury for the No 2 service, via Stonehenge staying on  the A360 and avoiding Orcheston and the Berwick St James  diversion. Councillor feel this would be more attractive to  commuters and visitors for Stonehenge.  If councillors would like to submit their ideas, then this will need  to be done by 14 July. |  |
| **21/22/041** | **Parking at Village Hall for Scouts in September 2021**   * A request has been sent to the clerk from the scouts who are   based in Potterne. They are holding a big event on 25 September  and would like to use parking at the Village Hall so that they can  bus people back to Potterne. Initially they have asked about  parking in the carpark and on the field. Councillors do not want  parking on the grass and requested the clerk find out if the Village  Hall has any events on that date. | **KE** |
| **21/22/042** | **Commemorating the Queens Jubilee in 2022**   * Celebrating commemorating the Queens Jubilee in 2022 – Mr   Oglesby has requested a discussion about the possibility of  providing a memento of the event for primary school children in  the village. Initial discussion about spending precept money on  this and councillors were in agreement it should be explored. Mr  Oglesby will research prices and bring them back to the next  meeting. | **RO** |
| **21/22/043** | * Carparking at the Village Hall – there are a number of   organisations using the carpark including the school at drop off  and pickup times. In other areas schools pay to have the use of  the carpark which supports the Village Hall. After discussion it  was agreed to explore again the cost of extending the carpark by  getting prices to put matting on the grass. Mr Oglesby will  explore the costs and bring back to the next meeting. | **RO** |
| **21/22/044** | **Date of next parish council meeting**   * **02 September 2021 at 1900** |  |

*Meeting closed at*

Signed…………………………………………………………………………02 September 2021