

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON**

**07 OCTOBER 2021 at 1900**

**Held via Zoom as COVID-19 rates high in West Lavington and assessed as a risk to public health**

**MINUTES**

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| **Present**: | Councillors: Mrs J Ford (Chairman), Mr D Muns, Mr R Gamble, Mr P Blundell and Mr R Oglesby. |  |
| **Also present** | Mrs K Elston (Clerk) and Mr P West |  |
| **21/22/067** | **Apologies for absence**   * Mrs L Gough – these were accepted. |  |
| **21/22/068** | **Declaration of interests**   * There were none. |  |
| **21/22/069** | **Minutes of the last meetings held 02.09.2021 and Matters arising**   * Minutes of the meeting – these were agreed to be a true and   accurate record. Chairman to sign them at the next meeting.   * Matters Arising - all covered on the agenda |  |
| **21/22/070** | **Co-opting new parish councillor – Peter West**   * Mr Peter West expressed an interest in becoming a parish   Councillor and has submitted a CV which has been circulated to  parish councillors. Councillors were in agreement to co-opt Mr  West as a parish councillor.  ***Proposed: Mrs J Ford***  ***Seconded: Mr R Gamble***  ***All councillors present in agreement***  Chair welcomed Mr West to the council and clerk will arrange for  email to be set up and other information to be sent to MrWest | **KE** |
| **21/22/071** | **Chairman’s Announcements**   * Scarecrow trail – this event held by Dauntseys Academy   Primary School was well attended and successful.   * Bonfires – during this time coming up to November 5 more   bonfires are likely to built and lit by the community. Reminder to  community of how to have a bonfire safely. Mrs Ford will submit  information for News and Views and Mr Muns will ensure the  information on the website is visible in a prominent place.   * Wiltshire Life Awards – councillors would like to consider   putting Kerry Barratt, who has supported the residents of Hedges  House forward. Mrs Ford and Clerk to make nomination. | **JF/DM**  **JF/KE** |
| **21/22/072** | **Public Participation**   * A member of the public attending has expressed his concern over   the planning consultation that has taken place for Hedges House. A  written response has been shared with the parish council which  highlights the potential losses to the community when the current  housing provision is removed from the village. Councillors also  expressed their concerns as members of the community who  are on a low income would have to move out of the village. |  |
| **21/22/073** | **Wiltshire Councillor Report (Mr D Muns)**   * Speed enforcement – Councillor Muns advised that he would like   to see Wiltshire Police do more in the local communities to reduce  speed. He has met with the police to discuss and they have  explained they are very under resourced and their focus has to be  on areas where there are the most serious concerns. Community  Speed data collected by the villages would recommend where the  target areas could be. It would be possible for autospeed watch  linked to a police station and then letters could be automatically  generated. Philip Wilkinson, the Police and Crime Commissioner  has agreed to relook at this option. There are currently two  Community Speed Officers for the whole of the county with the  possibility to expand this but they will need to pay for themselves.   * Blackdog Crossroads – Highways asked Atkins to draft a Project   Plan and it has addressed the main issues of speed and visibility  on the main road. The plans put forward is to realign the junction  and put in extra signage and improve the road surface.   * Climate Strategy – Wiltshire Council have issued a draft climate   Strategy and they are looking for feedback. Recommendation that  parish councils look at the strategy.   * Rural crime – there has been a spate of vehicles passing through   the community from other areas and then some of them left burnt  out. The Speedwatch group of volunteers in the community are  just about to restart.. |  |
| **21/22/074** | **Planning**  **Applications to consider**   * **PL/2021/08514 Dauntsey’s School, High Street, West**   **Lavington, Devizes SN10 4HE** – New entrance gates to existing  North entrance to Dauntsey’s School. **No objections.**   * **PL/2021/06694 Garage site at The Spinney, West Lavington,**   **Devizes SN10 4HP** – Demolition of garage blocks and erection of  a pair of semi-detached houses. **No objection**.   * **PL/2021/09575 137 High Street, Littleton Panell, Devizes SN10**   **4EU** – Silver Birch x 3 reduce crown by 30% to bring down to a  safe size. Remove dead and damaged branches. **No objections.**   * **PL/2021/09288 59 High Street, Littleton Panell, Devizes**   **SN10 4ES** – Willow and Holly (A) Fell. Not being replaced as  existing Pear Tree and Ash Tree will retain tree cover. Apple Tree  (B) – Fell as dead and not replaced as overshadowed by Ash to  Front. Apple Tree (C) – Fell as dangerous. Replant with one apple  tree in the same position. Apple Tree (D) – Fell as dangerous.  Replant with one apple tree in the same position. **No objection**   * **PL/2021/09531 Providence House, 31 High Street, West**   **Lavington, Devizes SN10 4HQ –** Spruce Tree – Fell to the  ground. **No objection but request to replant.**  **Planning Monitoring**   * **20/09350/OUT Outline Planning Permission – Land of**   **Lavington Lane, West Lavington, Devizes** – Outline application  for residential development (50 dwellings) including Access for  consideration. **Approve with conditions**   * **NHP Update** – previous members of the Steering Group are   currently being contacted to ascertain if they would like to be part  of the reformed group. There has been changes in government  legislation and the recommendation is to revisit the NHP to  review.   * **ENF/2021/00766 Dauntsey House, 9 Church Street, West**   **Lavington, Devizes SN10 4LB** – update from Wiltshire  Council to advise that Dauntsey House are now going to apply  for permission to erect the sign.   * **Hedges House planning permission** – the residents had two   incidents last week, one where the boiler broke down and the  residents were several days without hot water and heating. Also  an intruder got into the premises and Aster are now putting in place  security until the end of October.  Sue Newson (member of the community) has sent her  comments direct to Aster.  The public consultation has taken place and the parish council will  now submit their comments. The main concern of the parish  council in relation to the development is the loss of semi-  independent dwellings in the village. Low paid residents when they  retire will have not choice but to move outside of the village.  Councillors other concern is the way residents have been treated  by Aster initially by lack of consideration and care for vulnerable  people and delays in rectifying problems with the building’s heating,  security etc. Security patrols have now been arranged by Aster to  reassure remaining residents.   * **Ransom Strip** – the solicitor has been instructed and the clerk and   Mrs Ford have been chasing him to complete the documents  necessary. The seller’s solicitor now wants completion as soon as  possible. Clerk to check in with solicitor. | **KE** |
| **21/22/075** | **Corona Virus update**   * The emergency phone remains on pause. |  |
| **21/22/076** | **Highways Update**   * **Duck Street** – the owner of Dauntsey House has responded to the   Clerk and advised they do not want yellow lines and currently  still working on additional parking. Mr Muns will speak to owner  direct.   * Blackdog Crossroads – see 21/22/073 above. | **DM** |
| **21/22/077** | **Finance**   * Finance monitoring – monitoring sheets were sent out to   councillors prior to the meeting.   * Internal and External Audit arrangements – report has been   returned and there are no exceptions to report.   * Streetscene – a grant request has been made in the sum of   £500. Councillors were in agreement.  **Proposed: Mrs J Ford**  **Seconded: Mr R Oglesby**  **All councillors present in agreement**  Councillors expressed their thanks for how lovely the villages look  due to the work Streetscene carried out. Clerk to write letter of  thanks to them.   * Repairs to WLAV14 – quotes have been received and councillors   prefer the one with the wooden posts. Councillors in agreement  to accept the quote in the sum of £700 + VAT. Clerk to  commission contractor.   * Precept 2021/22 second instalment – received in the sum of   £15 944.50.   * Remembrance Sunday – clerk to order two wreaths, one for the   war memorial and one for the Remembrance Avenue. Mr  Blundell will lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.   * Disbursements   **Cheque Number Payee £**  1826 Batt Broadbent 750.00  1827 PFK Littlejohn LLP 240.00  1828 HMRC 599.60  1829 Kaye Elston (clerk salary) 300.03  1830 Mark Goddard (grass) 972.00  1831 Julia Ford (printing) 23.75  1832 Streetscene (grant) 500.00 | **KE**  **KE**  **KE** |
| **21/22/078** | **Receipt of Working Groups and project reports**   * Footpaths – report was distributed to councillors prior to the   meeting.   * Playgrounds Group update – report sent by Mr Blundell to   councillors prior to the meeting. Quotes being obtained for  matting and clerk is chasing contractor to complete the first  part of the drainage work at the Recreation Ground. Agreement  for second part in spring to be placed on the next agenda.  Mr Blundell proposed purchasing sheathing to go around the  trees planted at Memorial Avenue. Councillors in agreement for  Mr Blundell to spend up to £50 for sheathing.   * Clothing bin at Village Hall – this has been ordered and awaiting   delivery.   * West Lavington Village Hall update – report presented by Mr   Gamble. Public meeting to be held on 21.10.2021 to put forward  the proposal to change the constitution. If approved the aim is to  transfer over in January 2022. Clerk has approached solicitor for  a quote to prepare the legal work required of the parish council.   * War Memorial Faculty Request update – further documents have   been completed and a public notice is currently being displayed  at the church. After a period of time the Diocese will advise of  the next steps to acquire full approval to add the name to the War  Memorial.   * Telephone Kiosk in Rutts Lane – a member of the community has   asked if the kiosk can receive a refresh of paint. Clerk has  spoken to previous councillor who may be able to source a  contractor willing to take on the work. Specialist paint will also  need to be purchased. Update at next meeting.   * Defib cabinets – after further contact with British Telecom it has   been determined that a local electrician can change the cabinet  for the defib located in the kiosk on Rutts Lane. | **KE**  **PB** |
| **21/22/079** | **Commemorating the Queens Jubilee in 2022**   * Beacons – following email from Wiltshire Council the MOD and   local landowners have been approached. There is not too much  enthusiasm at this stage due to the time of year and potential fire  risk. To be discussed nearer the time.   * Commemoration Mugs – further information required in terms of   of design. Mr Blundell to support Mr Oglesby with this project. | **RO/PB** |
| **21/22/080** | **Date of next parish council meeting**   * **04 November 2021 at 1900** |  |

*Meeting closed at 2110*

Signed…………………………………………………………………………04 November 2021