

LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the PC meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 10th July 2018

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

Members Present	Cllr Denis Cruse	DC
	Cllr John Uren	JU
	Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
	Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
	Cllr David Hurst-Brown	DHB
	Cllr John Francis	JF
	Cllr Clive Stott	CS
	Cllr Steve Cannella	SC

In Attendance	Parish Clerk – Barbara Uren Dawn Beeby Graham White Sarah Hamilton – County Cllr	BU DB GW SHam
	Minutes Secretary – John Mottershead 4 x Members of the public	JM

Meeting commenced at 7:48 pm

1 Co-Option to fill Councillor Vacancy

3 candidates applied for co-option to the council and had been interviewed prior to the meeting.

Mrs Dawn Beeby was appointed by unanimous vote.

The Chairman welcomed DB to the council and invited her to sit at the council table.

Meeting adjourned whilst DB signed formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Meeting resumed at 19:55

2 Apologies for absence: Cllr Rolf Smith

3 Declarations of interest: *In accordance with the Current Members' Code of Conduct in respect of items on this agenda.*

There were none.

4 To approve minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May

Errors and amendments – there were none.
CS proposed approval – Seconded by SC – All approved.

5 Matters Arising from those minutes.

Page 3 DC referred to clock tower but there have been no new developments.

Height barrier has been erected in the car park.
Proposal for test LED street light to be erected at the entrance to the car park.

Page 4 Item 9 – JF noted that Parish Councils are exempted from requirements in the new act and so do not need to appoint a DPO. JF proposes we use the services of the Local Council Public Advisory Service (LCPAS), but not as data protection officer. The Council approved letting them know that they will not be the formal DPO.

Page 5 None

Page 6 Bench referred to later in meeting

6 Accounts:

RFO referred to circulated LPC accounts which were noted.
DC thanked JF for his work

7 Common Land & Allotments:

Trees at the Gravel Pit

JU – mentioned a request from residents regarding height of trees.
Letter included in correspondence to be covered later.

DC – We have the responsibility and the power to deal with dangerous trees. We can permit individuals to carry out cosmetic tree work at their own expense.

SN – Individual work should be part of the overall NP and not seen in isolation.

JU – Suggested writing to the residents and outlining our plans.

DC – Asked SN to draft a response for the clerk.

JU – There is an issue with the lower tap on the Brewer Street allotments and asked if anyone had contact details for a plumber who may be willing to mend the standpipe.

SN – Had details and would pass them to the Clerk.

SN – Advised that we have a Sussex Lund grant towards land maintenance.

8 Correspondence:

Gala lights

DC – Noted that the two decorated trees are well received at Christmas. Quotation received for additional lights on the oak tree. The Chairman sked for comments and opinions from the council.

JF – We have money in hand to cover this.

SN – Mentioned a Christmas tree that Lamberhurst used to have and might be interested to re-introduce.

DC – Suggested discussing this at the September meeting.

DHB – How much are we paying for maintenance of the lights?

DC – Asked for a vote in favour of additional lights on the oak tree.

Motion was carried unanimously.

9 Planning:

8 houses in the Fair Field

DC – Asked GW for input from his position as NP chairman

GW – There has been approx. 10% response to survey to date. The suggestion so far is that we need more starter homes, and homes should be sympathetic with their surroundings. People are also concerned with access to the any new developments.

DC – Stated that the TW Environmental Officer recommends that the application be turned down due to its proximity to the sewage beds.

SN – Explained the difference between 'rural exception sites' and 'affordable housing sites'.

DHB – Referred to another adjacent application that he felt should be considered in relation to this one.

DC – Summed up. Mix of housing not what the parish requires. The access is considered unsuitable for this type of development. He then asked if there were any other points to include in our planning reply.

SN - Asked for wildlife to be included. Also mentioned that run-off would flood the playing field in bad weather.

DC- We are not opposed to development per se; but this proposal is not suitable. After further discussion, the Chairman asked what the Council thinks of the suitability of the site.

SC – No worse, or no better than anywhere else. Access is appalling.

JU – All tradesmen who might work on this development would have to park on the road during the construction. If there was better access it might be suitable.

DHB and JF agreed with JU.

CS & DB – It might be suitable for the right type of development.

DC – Welcomed S H County Councillor and asked her to find out an item of policy on highways and developments. The developer was told he had to limit development to 8 houses as it is an un-adopted road. Is this correct?

JU – Asked if we want our response called in?

SH – There is a means by which we can instruct a developer that they will be liable if there is any detriment to our land (i.e. flooding, etc.). It may be worth considering whether we insist KCC involve their flooding expert and his team.

DC – Will formulate a response for the clerk.

Other applications had been received – no questions arose.

DC – Anyone with concerns on any of the items on the planning list should forward them to JU.

DC – Thanked the planning group for their work.

10 Representative/Sub Group Reports:

Playground Group:

Bewl Water:

Buses/Transport:

TWBC Transport Forum 12th July 18:30 at the Town Hall

Police:

Hall: E-mail received from Hall Secretary: Update and thanks for the Council's continued support for the small hall floor project.

Highways: SH – Aware of problems with speed limits and signage.

Speedwatch: SN – About one and a half years since campaign started.

39 pending convictions so far. Equipment is not viable to be moved.

Requests money for poster campaign in the village.

DC – Are we in favour of the campaign and associated costs (£360)?

All agreed.

DC – Asked SHam if there are any other matters to bring to our attention.

Footpaths:

Events:

Website:

Business:

Housing:

Neighbourhood Plan: See separate item.

MP Liaison:

KALC:

Parish Chairmen:

11 Neighbourhood Plan:

Update

GW – A lot has happened since last meeting. Survey went out at the end of June. Deadline 21st July. Gender balance is 50/50 which is encouraging. Plan to have four village meetings. The whole process is about engagement. The output from the meeting will form the basis of our plan. We need as many returns as possible for the survey to be representative. Regular reminders should go onto social media.

DB – Will put more information out on Facebook.

DC – Thanked GW for his work to date.

DB – Asked if we could put some information out on 'Nextdoor'.

12 Bench at Pearse Place:

DC – Design of original bench no longer available. Suggest we install similar bench to the one already on the playing fields. Asked for council's views.

JU – Happy for bench to be installed a.s.a.p. as he has spent some time on this.

DC – Do we agree to the purchase and installation of a new bench?

All agreed.

13. 'Battles Over' – A Nations Tribute: Celebrations in hand

14. Data Protection: Reported on meeting held with the Chairman and Clerk to list data held and draft documents etc

JF – Nothing that we have to adopt as a council immediately. Will produce an e-mail to go to all councillors.

DC – We have started work on this and it is not being ignored.

15. Adoption of updated Model Standing Orders:

DC – Any questions for the clerk (there were none).

DC – Are we prepared to accept these? All voted in favour.

16. Matters of urgency at Chairman's discretion:

At this point DC thanked Sarah Hamilton and members of the public for attending.

17. Exempt Items (if any): *It is proposed that pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Govt Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act.*

Meeting Closed 22.00