

**LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held in Lamberhurst War Memorial Hall (*Side Hall*)**  
**At 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

<b>Members Present</b>	Cllr Denis Cruse	DC
	Cllr John Uren	JU
	Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
	Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
	Cllr David Hurst-Brown	DHB
	Cllr Clive Stott	CS
	Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB
	Cllr Steve Cannella	SC

<b>In Attendance</b>	Parish Clerk – Barbara Uren	BU
	Edmund Hastie – County Cllr	EH
	Minutes Secretary – John Mottershead	JM
	1 x Member of the public	

**1 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies from John Francis

**2 Declarations of interest:**

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

DC – Declared an interest in Chequers Inn planning application.

**3 To approve minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Page 3 – Delete DHB 'another site' line

Spelling mistake – Chairman 'sked'

Approval of Minutes – CS Proposed SN Seconded

#### 4 Matters arising from those minutes.

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DC – Has standpipe on Brewer Street Allotments been fixed?

Clerk – Yes. *Thanks extended to allotment holders for managing the repair.*

Page 2 – Village Clock - No further news. DC - Are we putting pressure on the receivers to sort things out? JU – It is in hand.

Page 3 – Sussex Lund Grant Brief update from SN.

DC – Asked about Gala Lights.

Clerk - Replied that it was in hand.

Page 4 - Speedwatch

SN – More people have joined the speed-watch group. We have been able to adjust the speed limit monitoring equipment so it can be used on both 30mph, and 40 mph roads.

SN has asked the PCSO if he would attend to discuss pavement parking. There has been no reply in 4 months. DC asked SN to once again request a visit from the PCSO, and copy him in on the request. He will take the matter further if there is no response.

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DC - Has the bench been installed in Pearse Place? Done; *Name plate to be replaced by CS*

#### **DC - Welcomed Borough Cllr EH**

EH - Commented that a road-sign with orange backing has more impact as it indicates a serious accident has occurred.

Went on to report that a contractor has been appointed for the civic complex development. This contractor came in under budget.

A levy has been proposed on waste bins which it is expected will bring in £700K per year. DC commented on the likely reduction in the CAV for which the Parish partly pays.

DHB – Will any new contractor take bottles at the doorstep as well as general rubbish?

EH – That is the intention

EH - Asked the Parish Council if there was any feedback from the planning meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> with officers of TWBC.

SN – They were very co-operative and came in with a positive discussion. They seemed to be hearing what we were saying.

DHB – They did however, unfortunately, spend a lot of time on the preamble.

SN – Asked to make a point about geographical information systems. Stated that they did not seem very willing to offer the services of their own team. We would need specific details in order to submit suitable information. EH asked SN if we could raise that point in an e-mail to them.

DHB – Understands that development applications that have already been made; are outside the number for housing allocations. Is that the case?

EH – Hopes that the number of windfall sites is taken off the requirement for the total allocation.

DC – Asked EH to press for the inclusion of windfall sites in our overall number (i.e. if we need to build a certain number of houses, can we count the ones currently being built).

EH – 'A couple of hundred quid' will be available for LPC use from his sponsored bike ride.

DB – Would EH like to attend upcoming Neighbourhood Plan meetings?

EH – Doubts he could add much in the way of expertise but would be happy to attend if invited.

DC – Thanked EH for his report.

- 5** **Accounts:** In the absence of the RFO The Clerk requested for approval for:
- a) Dog Gloves for the dispensers @ £118.26 - *Approved.*
  - b) Invoice for printing in relation to the NP @ £449 - *Approved.*
  - c) Invoice for new floor in the Small Hall @ £3183.30 - *Approved.*
  - d) Proposal to continue outsourcing payroll services to Lyndeyer Francis Ferguson now that they are charging @ £90.00 per quarter? - *Approved.*
- 6** **Common Land & Allotments:** *July Common Land Exempt Items added as Appendix 1 now that decisions have been made and minutes approved.*  
Discussed under correspondence
- 7** **Correspondence:**
- 1. Expenditure of £103.99 + £7.00 p&p for latest edition of Charles Arnold Baker: Local Council Administration - *Approved.*
  - 2. War Memorial Restoration and Cleaning – *Noted*
  - 3. Community Resilience Workshop – *DB volunteered to attend.*
  - 4. SE Water Open Day – *DC recommends this visit.*

5. Email appeal re Council decision not to grant vehicular access across Common Land. *The Council stands by its decision and relies on Common Land Law not to grant access where it is not necessary. The Council is duty bound to protect Common Land from encroachment, however small, for the benefit of future generations. Clerk to formulate a reply*

6. Prospect & Mons Cotts Parking Area: Request to approve resurfacing of the area.

*CL Group approve in principle and await confirmation of agreement between residents.*

- 7. Elephants Head:** Verbal enquiry from new tenant regarding mending of potholes on access track. Common Land Group to meet with the Landlord and investigate the issues. Clerk to research history and advise.

**8 Planning:**  
***List attached***

Noted

**9 Representative/Sub Group Reports:**

Playground Group: Item to be removed from future agendas.

Bowl Water:

Buses/Transport:

Police:

Hall: DC - Is money needed from the Parish Council for doors?  
This needs to be on the agenda for the November meeting.

Highways: A brief unofficial discussion was had relating to speed-watch; but this will need to be an agenda item for the next meeting. DC asked Clerk to add this.

Footpaths: The Clerk was instructed to report the unsafe surface and works adjoining PROW WT353 on Chapel Bank to KCC.

Events: Website: Business: Housing: Neighbourhood Plan:  
MP Liaison: KALC:

Local Board: Item to be removed from future agendas.

Parish Chairman: School:

**10 Neighbourhood Plan:**

DHB – Read out a brief report from Graham White detailing the progress.

DC – Asked for the details of all upcoming NP meetings to be passed on to councillors with a view to as many of them attending as possible.

**11 Battles Over – A Nations Tribute:**

DC – This is under the auspices of the British Legion. The council has offered their support.

JU – Gave a brief overview of proceedings; and then talked to the council about the lighting of the Beacon. There will be some small costs to the Parish.

DC – What do you think might be the maximum amount that the council could approve? Do you think £500 would cover it?

DC – Proposed that the council approves a grant of up to £500 for costs involved. *Approved.*

**12 Data Protection:**

DC – Asked for it to be Minuted that we officially un-appoint the DPO.

DC - Proposed that we do so. *Approved.*

**13. Matters of urgency at Chairman’s discretion:**

There were none.

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Meeting closed at 21:38