



LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th October 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: (Chairman) Cllr Dart, Cllr Weller (Vice Chair), Cllr Breeds, Cllr Cook, Cllr Crozier, Cllr Watts (WDC) and Cllr Bennett (ESCC)

2 Members of the public present

1. PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public offered but declined the opportunity to raise any other matters.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hallam and Cllr Poore

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th SEPTEMBER 2019.

The minutes were agreed and signed accordingly

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

*ESCC – Cllr Bennett spoke briefly on his report that was previously circulated to all members
Cllr Bennett left the meeting*

WDC – Cllr Watts discussed various points bullet pointed below:

- *Noise Pollution -The letter he received from the Parish Council was forwarded to the head of Environmental Services at both Wealden and Rother District Council. This will be investigated and the findings reported to Parish Council. If no report is received within two weeks Cllr Watts will chase this matter up. Members thanked Cllr Watts for his quick response and Cllr Weller for her excellent letter.*
- *Local Plan – No report has been received as yet and no update has been given by Wealden District Council.*
- *Cllr Dart commented about the outstanding planning applications. Cllr Watts explained the recent meetings were cancelled due to Planning applications needing further assessments.*
- *Next week there is a cabinet meeting to discuss pay increases for staff*
- *Biffa contract has shown significant improvements in waste collection*
- *Verge cutting coordination is improving but needs further work.*
- *Climate change statement is to be realised*
- *Economic review of all industrial estates will take place and their contribution to the local community assessed*

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans

None

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

- c) *None*
- d) **Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals**
WD/2019/1687/f – refused decision noted

- e) **To note approved responses to applications and appeals approved by email.**
WD/2019/0983/F - BRICKHURST POTTERY, BRICKHURST LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6DD
Description: DEMOLITION OF DWELLING AND POTTERY BUILDING AND ERECTION
OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING WITH NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS TO HIGHWAY

These planning applications were ratified. Please see Parish comments on the agenda or by visiting Wealden District Council Website.

- f) **Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.**
 - **Chelwood Pound Lane – The Clerk will request an update from the Wealden enforcement department. Clerk to action**

7. Outstanding Matters

- Pelham field insurance claim – *Members noted the decision that this claim was dismissed. The Clerk will ask the solicitor for the judge’s actual decision. Clerk to action*

2 Members of the public left the meeting

- 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet**
 - **October Payments- The payments agreed and signed accordingly**

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

9.1 - Village Maintenance – *Members were made aware the footpath at the edge of Brickhurst pond has become dangerous. The Clerk will report the footpath to the highways right of way department. The pond area due to recent works from ESCC needs a further tidy which was agreed to be done by the local contractor.*
Members agreed in principle to replace the bins. Further information of style and colour will be circulated for agreement at the next meeting.

9.2– Playground Maintenance – *Members discussed the quotes received and agreed to accept the quote of £263.00 to carry out the required repairs. The Clerk will contact the contractor to complete the work. Members are also mindful of the cost of the maintenance for the playground, this needs to be closely monitored.*

9.3 – Tree Warden/Vert Woods – *Members discussed the circulated policy and agreed the policy needs to be adjusted to relate to the needs of Laughton Parish Council. The Clerk will make the suggested adjustments and circulate for members to review and comment. This will be brought to the next council meeting for consideration.*

9.5 – Speed Issues on the B2124 – *Members agreed they would meet with a representative from ESCC tomorrow and report the discussion and further actions required arising from this meeting at the next council meeting. The Clerk will email the report once completed to ESCC.*

9.6 – Verge Cutting – *Members agreed the Clerk should ask ESCC for a map of the areas they cut. This will be circulated for members to assess and see if any additional areas are required and report back at the next council meeting.*

9.7 – Financial regulations – *To be reviewed at the next council meeting*

9.8 – Pelham Field – *No Update*

ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

10. – **Noise pollution** – *The letter has been sent and awaiting responses*

10.1 – Christmas Festivities – *No update at present*

10.2 - *A letter had been sent by South East Water to residents detailing the major works to be undertaken in Laughton next year.*

11 - CORRESPONDENCE

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- The Wealden Parish Bulletin
- Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation

These were noted by members

11.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- Email received from Mrs Poore

These were noted by member

12- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

None

The meeting closed at 8.26pm