



## LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



### Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

No Members of the public present

#### **1. PUBLIC SESSION**

*None*

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

*Apologies were received from Cllr Watts*

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

*Cllr Poore declared an interest in Planning application WD/2019/0983/F*

#### **4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019.**

*The Minutes were agreed and signed accordingly*

#### **5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS**

*ESCC Report – Cllr Bennett reported the council are currently in purdah. At the next cabinet meeting the budget will be discussed but due to the period of purdah nothing further to report at the moment.*

*Cllr Dart discussed the meeting members had with Ian Johnson from ESCC and informed Cllr Bennett that the highways department are aware of the issues on B2124 and improvements are going to be implemented before the end of the financial year. Cllr Bennett will speak to Ian Johnson and report back to members at the next meeting.*

*Cllr Bennett left the meeting*

*WDC – No report*

#### **6. PLANNING,**

##### **a) Plans**

##### **WD/2019/1996/F - WELLANDS, POUND LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BE**

Create cantilevered porch over main entrance. Create a sun room with bi-fold patio doors onto a new decking area on the east elevation. Extend the existing veranda around the south and east elevations to meet up with proposed decking. Construct a subterranean double garage to the south east of the property with associated steps leading up to the proposed decking.

*Laughton Parish Council members support the application*

##### **WD/2019/2281/F TOLLGATE COTTAGE, BRICKHURST LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6DD**

Proposed two storey rear extension

*Laughton Parish Council members support the application*

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

##### **WD/2019/2292/LB – THE COACH HOUSE, THE OLD VICARAGE, CHURCH LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6AH – Structural alterations**

*Laughton Parish Council support the application as long as the conservation officer approves.*

- c) **Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals (For further information please visit the Wealden District council website under the planning section)**

*Cllr Poore left the room before the following was discussed as he had declared an interest in the application*

**WD/2019/0983/F – Withdrawn**

*Members noted a Freedom of Information request was carried out regarding this planning application. The clerk had additional hours and increased work load due to this as advice was also sought from SLCC.*

*Members also noted Cllr Crozier confirmed she had not commented on nor was involved in the Parish Council comments on this application.*

*Cllr Poore returned to the meeting*

**WD/2019/1702/F – Approve**

**WD/2019/1094/F – Approve**

**WD/2019/1878/LDE - Issue**

- d) **To note approved responses to applications and appeals approved by email.**

*None*

- e) **Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.**

- **Chelwood Pound Lane** – *The clerk informed members of the email response received from the planning department. Members asked the clerk to email a further response regarding the outstanding planning application. Cllr Dart and Cllr Crozier will create a response for circulating and agreeing.*

**7. 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

- **November Payments** – *The November payments were agreed and signed accordingly. Members asked the clerk to continue to chase the outstanding pothole invoices.*
- **Grant application from Ripe and Chalvington Parochial Church Council** – *Members agreed a grant payment of £400 as a contribution towards the parish magazine. Members did not agree to support the grant application for work on a churchyard gate in Ripe and the clerk will inform the Ripe and Chalvington Parochial Church Council by letter.*
- **Agree and review reserves** – *Members discussed the reserves and agreed to transfer an additional £8000 for road safety items and emergency tree work. Clerk to action*  
*Cllr Crozier requested it be minuted that she did not agree to transfer the sum of £8,000 to reserves.*
- **Agree next year Budget 20/21** – *Members reviewed the previously circulated budget and agreed a few alterations and additions. With these alterations the budget was agreed in principle, subject to the tax code base which is received in December. Once this has been received the budget will be agreed by email.*

**8. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES**

- 8.1 - Village Maintenance** – *Members agreed a Derby standard litter bin with a pyramid top. The colour holly bush green subject to the agreement with Wealden District Council. The clerk will contact WDC and confirm the bin is compatible for emptying by the contractors. Once this has*

*been agreed the clerk will also agree for positioning of the bins and the licences are altered accordingly. The expenditure will be taken from the CiL monies. Cllr Dart will discuss the positioning of the bin with shop. A report will be given at the next council meeting.*

**8.2 – Playground Maintenance** – Members noted the work on the fence and stumps has been completed.

**8.3 – Tree Warden/Vert Woods** – *Members agreed the policy needed further adaption to be revised at the January meeting.*

**8.4 – Speed Issues on the B2124** - *Cllr Dart circulated a report from the meeting and members agreed the actions from this. A meeting is to be arranged with the highway steward to show him the footpaths which need the overgrowth removed. Cllr Hallam agreed to meet with the highway steward, the clerk will arrange this.*

**8.5 – Verge Cutting** – *The clerk previously circulated a map received from ESCC showing the verges that are cut. Members agreed to monitor the grass cutting in more detail next year but at the moment to continue with option 1 from ESCC, two standard cuts a year.*

**8.6 – Financial regulations** – *The clerk previously circulated the financial regulations with recommendations for members to review. Members agreed to adopt the financial regulations with the adjustments.*

**8.7 – Pelham Field** – *The clerk received an email from ESCC, members discussed the email and agreed to reply informing ESCC that Councillors are currently compiling a list of all the issues which they think will need to be addressed and obtain quotes for legal advice and new documentation. As soon as this has been received, they will contact the representative.*

**8.8** – *Members had no response to give to the email from the Independent Remuneration Panel.*

**8.9** – *To discuss actioning a good neighbourhood scheme initiative – This will be brought to the January meeting for discussion.*

## **9. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING**

**9.1 – Noise pollution** – *The clerk will chase a response from the Head of Environmental Services*

**9.2 – Christmas Festivities** – *The Christmas event will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, the clerk will advertise details on the website.*

**9.3 - Footpaths** – *Cllr Weller will send an updated report to the clerk.*

**9.4 - Noise Complaint** - *This covered under item 9.1*

**9.5 - Water** – *The replacement of pipes is planned to be in March.*

## **10 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- General election resources
- PCSO Model Will Look to Increase Local Engagement Across Sussex
- New Rural Crime PCSO for Sussex Police
- News from Nus Ghani MP 01.11.19
- Deer Aware Campaign

**Members noted the correspondence.**

**10.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published**

- Temporary Road Closure email
- Parish bulletin Wealden Police Engagement newsletter
- AiRs Media workshop
- Letter from Countryman's - Grass Cutting
- Invitation to comment on the revised statement of community involvement for Lewes District Council

**Members noted the correspondence.**

**11- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION**

*Cllr Dart, Crozier and Weller reported the bridle way at Shortgate Lane has been dug up and resurfaced. This has been reported to ESCC highways. The councillors are looking into this further.*

*If a Meeting is required in December the clerk will inform members by email this will be brought forward to the 11<sup>th</sup> December.*

*Meeting closed at 21.23pm*