



LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th January 2020 at 7pm.

Present: (Chairman) Cllr Dart, Cllr Weller (Vice Chair), Cllr Breeds, Cllr Cook, Cllr Crozier, Cllr Poore, Cllr Bennett (East Sussex County Council) and Cllr Watts (Wealden District Council)

1 Member of the public present

1. PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public spoke in regards to the pothole repairs carried out in August relating to his property. They felt they were not informed correctly with regard to the work and asked in future to perhaps make sure all correspondence has been received.

Members apologised and would look at their system for future process. A reduction was given as a goodwill gesture.

The member of the public left the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hallam

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20th NOVEMBER 2019.

The Minutes were agreed and signed accordingly

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC Report - Cllr Bennett informed members a message has been sent to Ian Johnson for a progress update regarding the road and safety review to be carried out at Laughton. Cllr Bennett is awaiting a response.

Currently the budget is being discussed and for the first time in 10 years no new reductions are required. The treasury management are investigating investments and how to invest.

Cllr Dart enquired after attending a planning meeting why are they spending £32 million on the A22.

Cllr Watts entered the meeting

Cllr Bennett explained the expenditure is related to the new housing development and comes from this source Section 106 expenditure.

WDC Report – Cllr Watts reported the Local Plan has been rejected by the Planning Inspector. Meetings have been held in relation to this decision. At present the previous procedures and documents are to be used in association with guidelines in relation to planning applications. Work has commenced on a new plan which may take up to 2 years. Some planning applications may be re submitted. A frequently asked questions sheet has been sent to members, any further or specific questions please email the Clerk who will forward them on to the Cllr Watts. Cllr Watts will keep members as informed as possible at each stage of the decisions.

Cllr Bennett left the meeting

Members discussed the comments addressed and were concerned over the infrastructure in relation to new developments.

Cllr Watts has asked for greater connectivity with the parishes and the planning meetings hopefully will be continued to be involve and inform each parish.

Cllr Weller asked if having a Local Neighbourhood Plan would be beneficial to Laughton. Cllr Watts explained this is a very time consuming and can be expensive project. It also does have benefits but he suggested it was important to look thoroughly into it before beginning a plan, as the local plan will change which will result in changes to NH Plans.

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2019/2585/F - LULHAMS COTTAGE, DARP LANE, RIPE, BN8 6BB. CONVERSION OF GARAGE INTO ANNEXE AND SINGLE STOREY PITCHED ROOF SIDE EXTENSION

Laughton Parish Council has no objections

WD/2019/2444/F- WILVERLY, LEWES ROAD, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BN, EXTENSION, ALTERATION & CONVERSION OF EXISTING GARAGE TO FORM ADDITIONAL HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION. DEMOLITION OF EXISTING PORCH AND ERECTION OF OPEN PORCH.

Laughton Parish Council has no objections

WD/2018/2577/F - CHANGE OF USE FROM THREE YEAR LICENCE FOR A TEMPORARY WORKERS' DWELLING TO SERVE THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF THE HOLDING TO PERMANENT DWELLING. THE CHERRY PIE FARM, THE BROYLE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6ES

Laughton Parish Council members agreed changes to the local plan have not altered their previous comments and they remain the same.

b) To consider any planning applications which had been received after the agenda has been published.

None

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2019/2281/F - Refused

WD/2018/2135/F – Approved

WD/2019/1996/F - Approved

WD/2019/2152/F – Approved

Members noted these decisions

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

WD/2019/2152/F – HOME FARM, LEWES ROAD, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BQ Description: REAR SIDE EXTENSION LINK BUILDING AT GROUND LEVEL, OPEN FRONT PORCH ADDITION WITH RELOCATION OF FRONT DOOR. RELOCATION OF BASEMENT ACCESS AND A ROOF TERRACE TO THE SOUTH OF PROPERTY. RELOCATE SITE ACCESS WITH LANDSCAPING WORKS, MINOR EXTERNAL DECORATIVE CHANGES, EXTERNAL GLAZING AMENDMENTS AND INTERNAL CHANGES TO GROUND & FIRST FLOOR TO SUIT.

Laughton Parish Council recommends approval as the addition to the footprint is modest. However, some members have the following concerns because of the impact on the street scene close to listed buildings and the Archaeological Notification Area:

-the elements of the new glazing and roof terrace which will be visible from the road

-loss of the original farm wall in order to form the new gateway to the drive

-the appearance of the urbanising 1.8m high close board fence in the absence of a condition to maintain the rural hedge

-the unknown impact of the proposed patio on the archaeology which may or may not be present below.

WD/2019/2390/LDE CHURCH FARM, CHURCH LANE, LAUGHTON A GLAZED LINK CONNECTING MAIN HOUSE TO NEARBY BARN. – Laughton Parish Council had no further information

Members approved these responses

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 emailed planning for an update report and is awaiting a response.**

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

• December and January Payments – *These payments were approved.*

• Outstanding invoices - *One invoice has been paid and the clerk is awaiting a response from ESCC for the other invoice.*

• **SETTING OF THE PRECEPT – Members discussed the previous circulated budget figures for 2020-2021. All members agreed a precept of £15,770. This will be a slight increase to parishioners of 79p per Band D household.**

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

8.1 - Village Maintenance – *The Clerk reported a licence is required to move the bin by the bus stop a short distance. Members agreed for the Clerk to purchase a licence at a cost of £57.20. Cllr Dart is waiting for a response from the Laughton Village Shop Association to agree the bin to continue to be placed on their land.*

8.2– Playground Maintenance – *Nothing to report to date*

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

8.4 – Speed Issues on the B2124 – *A meeting is being arranged with Cllr Hallam and the highway steward. Dates are currently being agreed. An update will be given at the next full council meeting.*

Cllr Cook reported the work scheduled at Cow lane was not carried out. The highways department installed signs on the lane but then removed them without completing any work. The clerk will email highways to investigate.

8.5 – Meeting dates – *All members agreed to change the date of the February meeting to the 12th February. All other dates were agreed. These are published on the noticeboard and website.*

8.6 – Pelham Field – *Cllr Dart discussed the previously circulated report.*

Cllr Crozier informed members she believed ESCC and the school were in breach of the licence agreement and should abide by the 1997 agreement. She strongly felt no fence and access gate should be installed around the Pelham field and no further action should be taken.

Cllr Crozier left the meeting at 20.43pm

Members discussed the previous circulated papers and agreed certain procedures should be adhered to. The Clerk will write to Lord Chichester to inform him of the ESCC and school proposal and to ask if this is compatible with the terms of his gift. The Clerk will also write to the school and ESCC informing them of the members decision. The Clerk will obtain 3 quotes based on the document produced to bring to the full council meeting. All members agreed this action

8.7 – Mucky Weekender – *Cllr Weller is attending a licence committee meeting in a personal capacity to give herviews on the previous event. A response from a letter sent in October to the licensing committee is still outstanding. The Clerk has chased this and Cllr Watts has been looking into this further. A report will be given at the next full council meeting.*

8.8 – Good Neighbourhood scheme – *This is presently on going and will be looked into further at the next full council meeting.*

9. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

9.1 – Christmas Festivities – *The event was successful and noted.*

9.2 - Footpaths - *No further updates*

9.3 - Water - Update on the recent progress - *No further updates*

9.4 - Local plan - *The result of the inspector was noted*

10 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Sussex Foundation report
- Request to support the Local Electricity Bill
- Wealden Collection calendar
- Funding for Sussex Lund grant
- Consultation: Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments

- VE Day 75 Celebrations

Members noted the correspondence

10.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- Cllr Bennet Climate change email
- Bridleway response from planning

Members noted the correspondence

11- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Cook reported the current rate of burglaries has been increasing. Please be careful and report any crimes to the police.

Meeting closed 21.22pm