



LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



ADOPTED Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th February 2021 at 7pm. Meeting held virtually. This virtual meeting is allowed under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England & Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: (Chair) Cllr Dart, (Vice Chair) Cllr Weller, Cllr Breeds, Cllr Crozier, Cllr Hallam, Cllr Poore and Cllr Young and Cllr Bennett (East Sussex County Council)

5 members of the public present

Minutes

1. Public Session

A planning agent spoke in regard to planning application WD/2021/0137 and discussed how the location and appearance have been considered so it is in cohesion to the locality.

Cllr Dart asked the agent if the pool and gym would be used solely for the private use of the applicant. The agent confirmed they facilities would be for the private enjoyment of the owners.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received by Cllr Watts (Wealden District Council)

3. To accept the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2021,

All members agreed these minutes and they will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity, abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.

4. Declarations of interest. To receive notices of declarations, personal and prejudicial, in respect of items on this agenda.

Cllr Poore declared an interest in the planning application WD/2020/2688/F as the applicants are his neighbours.

5. Members to agree confidential items on the agenda for the exclusion of the press and members of the public.

None

6. East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council reports

ESCC – Cllr Bennett previously circulated a report for members. This will be published on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Dart enquired whether the elections are still going ahead. Cllr Bennett explained they are at the moment and they are currently assessing how to carry them out safely, there will be variations to the normal procedures due to the pandemic.

WDC- *Cllr Watts' report was circulated to members prior to the meeting*

Cllr Bennett left the meeting

7. Planning and licence applications

a) Plans

WD/2020/2664/F- CHURCH FARM, CHURCH LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6AH

Description: EXTEND EXISTING SAND SCHOOL.

Laughton Parish Council recommended approval of this application

WD/2020/2688/F -COLBRANS FARM, COW LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BZ

Description: NEW AGRICULTURAL HAY BARN

Laughton Parish Council recommended approval of this application

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

WD/2020/0137/F – SPENCES FARM, COMMON LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BX – Extension to existing dwelling to provide building for a pool and gym with additional external terraced area.

Members agreed to discuss this planning application by email to allow members sufficient time to review the application and relevant documents.

c) Planning applications refused, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2020/1568/F- Approved

Members noted this planning response

d) To note approved responses to applications and appeals approved by email – (These responses can be found on the Wealden District Council website or by request to the clerk.)

None

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

- Bluebell Caravan Park-new lawful development proposal WD/2020/2643/LDP – Members discussed the lawful development proposed and agreed Cllr Dart would draft a response which will be circulated for additional comments and final agreement.

f) Licence applications received before or after the agenda has been published.

None

8. Financial Matters – Authorisation of payments of accounts –To approve accounts for payment – (a schedule of receipts & payments will be presented at the meeting) – list of payments on separate sheet.

- February Payments - *These payments were agreed*
- Budget – *Members reviewed and agreed the current budget to date*

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

9.1.- Village Maintenance – *Fingerpost repair – The fingerpost post repair is still outstanding this has been due to the current weather conditions.*

- Ditches/Flooding – *Ditches/Flooding – Cllr Weller reported back on the recent increase in flooding. In order to decide the best way to improve the flow of water away from bottlenecks we need to find out as much as possible about the routes the water should be following. To this end the Clerk has already obtained the fresh water pipe maps of the area (at no cost). Cllr Weller proposed that the Parish Council pay for the foul and surface water maps (cost £60) so that it can ensure that efforts to improve the flow of water can be effectively directed. This proposal was agreed.*

Cllr Poore left the meeting due to broadband difficulties

9.2.- Playground Maintenance – *The playground tarmac quote was discussed and members felt this was a little expensive and unclear as to which areas it referred to. The Clerk will ask the contractor for more clarification and report to members by email.*

9.3.- Speed Related Issues/concerns in Laughton & B2124 - *Members agreed that Cllr Hallam would draft a letter to be sent to the companies whose large commercial vehicles used the B2124 on a regular basis. This would be circulated to everyone before being sent out.*

Cllr Poore re-entered the meeting

9.4 – Christmas Festivities – *A report was circulated before the meeting and members discussed the proposals.*

Standing orders were suspended

A member of the Christmas working party showed aerial photos of the position the extra lights were proposed.

Standing orders resumed.

Members approved the extended lights subject to ESCC licences if required. The Clerk will clarify whether a licence is required and report to the Christmas working party.

Members collectively gave a vote of thanks to the Christmas working party and the clerk read a letter of thanks from a member of the public.

9.5 – Discuss the actions required for a Parish Assembly – *Members agreed to decide at the March's full Council meeting on actions regarding the Parish Assembly.*

10. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

10.1- Elm Close Footpath -Members agreed Cllr Crozier will draft a letter for the resident who raised this matter and will circulate it for agreement.

10.2- Census 2021 – This was noted by members

10.3 - Free Helpline - This was noted by members

10.4- Notice of Decision - The Roebuck Inn- Members noted the Parish Council's successful application to list the Roebuck Pub as an *Asset of Community Value*. This will last for five years and will need to be reviewed before expiry in February 2026.

Members noted a new leaseholder for the pub and expressed their support for the success of the new venture.

10.5- Rampion 2 launches first consultation on initial proposals Visit our website www.rampion2.com to view further information about the project

Members noted this consultation and can take part individually if they wish to do so.

10.6- District Leisure Provision Survey- To take part, go

to: <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/consultations/wealden-community-leisure-review/>

Members noted this consultation and can take part individually if they wish to do so

10.7 - Sussex Day – Members asked for the poem to be recirculated, the Clerk will action this.

11 - CORRESPONDENCE - All correspondence will be circulated and noted at the meetings

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

- Community Hub Updates

- ESCC Updates

-News from Nus Ghani MP - Update on Vaccine Rollout in Wealden

-Briefing Note from Sussex Police

-Grey Matters Newsletter

-News from Nus Ghani MP - 29.1.2021

-Local Testing Site confirmed for part of South Road Carpark, Hailsham. BN27 2DQ

-East Sussex Funding News - February 2021

-East Sussex Covid vaccination stakeholder briefing

These correspondences were noted

11.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published –

- Email from resident regarding Serco

-Email from MP Nus Ghani

These correspondences were noted

12- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Dart reported that she has attended a Planning cluster meeting and will circulate notes to all members.

The Clerk reported she has a week of training next week through webinars.

Meeting closed at 8:18pm