



LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st July at 7pm.

Present: (Chairman) Cllr Dart, Cllr Breeds (Vice chair), Cllr Hallam and Cllr Young

4 Members of the public present

County Councillor Bennett was also in attendance

1. Public Session

A member of the public spoke in relation to agenda item 10, Dangerous traffic on Shortgate Lane, a report was circulated to members. They explained the previous agreement and explained one survey may not deliver the required information. Instead, they would like to organise two speed survey locations and asked the Parish Council to contribute to half of the costs, which is a small increase to the previously agreed cost of one survey.

The applicant and agent spoke in favour of planning application WD/2021/1311/F and explained the recent changes implemented to accommodate the comments from Wealden District Council, Parish Council and Neighbours. The applicant assured all present that the pool would only ever be used for his family and friends.

Councillors asked questions.

Cllr Bennett left the meeting at 19.12pm

Cllr Hallam entered the meeting at 19.13pm

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Poore, District Councillor Watts and Cllr Crozier. Due to the increase in Covid related cases she did not wish to return to face to face meetings.

These were noted by members.

3. To accept the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021,

The minutes were agreed and signed accordingly

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

Cllr Dart has a personal interest in agenda item 10.

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

Members agreed agenda item 14 to be a confidential item and exclude press and members of the public.

6. East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council reports

Cllr Bennett previously sent a report which was circulated and noted by members.

Cllr Watts previously sent a report which was circulated and noted by members.

7. Planning and licence applications

a) Plans

WD/2021/1311/F- SPENCES FARM, COMMON LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BX. Change of use of land to residential to allow for the construction of extension to existing dwelling to provide a building for a pool.

Laughton Parish Council approve of the application subject to lighting levels being suitably controlled as to not cause light pollution to the surrounding area.

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

WD/2021/1426/F - HOME FARM BUNGALOW, LEWES ROAD, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BQ- REPLACEMENT OF ATTACHED GARAGE TO SIDE.

Laughton Parish Council have no objections to this application

WD/2021/7022/AD – This planning application was noted by members

c) Planning applications refused, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2021/0219/F – Approve

WD/2020/0771/F -Approve

WD/2021/0093/F – Approve

WD/2021/0984/F -Approve

WD/2020/2664/F – Approve

WD/20202633/F -Approve

WD/2021/0275/F – Approve

WD/2020/2617/FR – Approve

WD/2019/0001/LDP -Appeal decision dismissed

WD/2021/0578/F - Approve

These planning decisions were noted by members.

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.)

WD/2021/0578/F
WD/2021/0746/FR
WD/2021/0984/F
WD/2020/2633/F
WD/2021/0984/F

These were noted by members

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

-To note potential enforcement issues brought to the attention of the parish council.

A councillor is currently awaiting a response from Wealden District Council Enforcement department. They will report back at the next full council meeting.

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

None

10 Dangerous traffic on Shortgate Lane

A report was previously circulated to members by a member of the public, this was discussed by members.

Members agreed to fund the cost of two speed surveys subject to clear advice being received from East Sussex Traffic and Safety Manager Ian Johnson for the siting and the correct type of survey to undertake.

Members also agreed they would like to move forward with the Community Speed Watch and work alongside the members of public who have volunteered.

The Clerk will also investigate to see when the safety works agreed by ESCC on the B2124 between Ringmer and Golden Cross are to be completed.

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.

- July Payments – *These were approved by members*
- To agree Bank reconciliations April 2021
- To agree Bank reconciliations May 2021
- To agree Bank reconciliations June 2021

Members approved the bank reconciliations for April, May and June.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

9.1 -Village Maintenance – Ditches/Flooding update

A small report was circulated by the Clerk. ESCC Highways department have agreed to clear the ditches the week beginning the 2nd August and then the drains and further ditches in September.

Members agreed to email the Clerk when this is completed as she will chase if there is any delay.

The flooding and blocked drains are an ongoing issue that needs further investigation to find a solution. Members will gain evidence and continue to report areas to ESCC Highways department. It is hoped if enough evidence is gathered, they will relook at the areas of concern.

9.2 -Pelham field west boundary tidy up – *Members agreed to the cost of the tidy up the of fields boundaries.*

9.3 -Play Areas -*Members ratified the cost of regular litter bin emptying.*

*- **Playground Repairs** – Members agreed the playground repairs and the cost to tidy up the bush by the bus shelter.*

*- **Clerk to update progress of play areas** – The Clerk informed members the Chair and herself met with a playground contractor who is preparing the designs and cost of the playgrounds. This should be received ready to discuss at the September council meeting.*

9.4-Village gateways- *The western gateway was being maintained by volunteers Peter and Christine Waring for many years and they kept them looking lovely. Members are very grateful for the time and contribution they have given the community. However, they are unable to continue. Members agreed to assess the condition of the planters and gateways via email before deciding to ask the community if someone else was willing to volunteer to maintain the planters.*

9.5- Dog/Litter Bin and signage – *Due to a few concerns raised by residents the Clerk looked into the installation and cost of an extra dog or litter bin. Members discussed the costs and as it is a large expenditure, they decided to look at alternative options.*

Members agreed for signs to be placed in the field asking for residents to pick up their rubbish and dog waste. Cllr Hallam agreed to inform school parents of the issue. This will be reassessed in September to see if any improvements have been made.

9.6 – Christmas lights – *The Clerk informed members after discussion with the Christmas festivity committee they are reevaluating the idea to light the additional trees on The Green due to Costs. They will report back in the September meeting with the updated ideas.*

11. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

11.1 -To note Pelham field legal advice to Parish Council.

This was noted by members

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

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

- Looking back at the Rural Crime Team's first year
- Joint Action Group (JAG)
- News from Nus Ghani MP
- Wealden Bulletin June 2021
- ESCC - The next three weeks are crucial
- Celebrating Sussex Day, plus the latest news
- Rural Crime update
- Fortnightly Lookahead road closure - <https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/roadworks>
- Sussex PCC newsletter 9th July 2021

These were noted by members

12.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published –

- News from Nus Ghani MP
- Media release 042: East Sussex Councils meet with Planning Minister
- North Wealden Clerks - Crowborough Police Station Briefing

These were noted by members

13- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Dart attended a Cluster Planning meeting and gave a brief outline, she will circulate a more detailed report

14 – Staffing Decision – To approve the clerk's appraisal and actions associated

Members noted the appraisal and agreed the remuneration proposal.

Meeting Closed at 8.48pm