

**LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2014
AT LAUGHTON PARISH HALL**

Present: Cllr Jacqueline Breeds (JB), Cllr Alex Carey (AC) Cllr Mike Cook (MC), Cllr Miranda Dart (MD) and Vice Chair Cllr Julie Gill (JG)

Also present Clerk Mrs. Karen Crowhurst (KC)

Also in attendance

Cllr Dashwood-Morris (BDM) Wealden District Council

5 members of the public

Item	Subject	Action by
LP/14/01	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies received from: Cllr Burbridge, Cllr Williams and ESCC Cllr Bennett.	
LP/14/02	<u>To accept the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 4th December 2013</u> Resolved - to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 th December 2013. This was proposed by Cllr Dart and seconded by Cllr Gill. The minutes were then signed by the Parish Council Vice Chair.	
LP/14/03	<u>Dispensations and any declarations of interest</u> The Clerk granted dispensation to Cllr Carey to be able to discuss and be involved with any decisions regarding matters relating to the Parish Hall. The dispensation was granted in response to a dispensation request sent by Cllr Carey. The dispensation will be in granted until the May 2014. Dispensations granted to other Members are still withstanding. No further declarations were declared.	
LP/14/04	<u>Questions and statements from Members of the Public, relating to matters on this public agenda</u> The members of the public were in attendance for agenda item 7 on the agenda and expressed they would like to address the Council when the item is considered.	
LP/14/05	<u>East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council reports</u> <u>Wealden District Council report:</u> Cllr Dashwood-Morris reported on the purpose of Wealden District Council Delivery and Site Allocations Plan. Cllr Dashwood-Morris was concerned that she had not seen Laughton on the list of Parishes to receive a presentation. Members informed Cllr Dashwood – Morris that the Officer will be making a presentation before the next Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm. Cllr Dashwood-Morris also reported on the car parking review and expressed that she would be happy to receive any comments and pass them on. Cllr Dashwood-Morris requested to contribute to other items on the agenda, which was duly granted.	
LP/14/06	<u>Planning</u> a) Plans WD/2013/2606/F LAUGHTON COTTAGE, BRICKHURST LANE, LAUGHTON BN8 6DD PROPOSED EXTENSION Comments and observations	

	<p>The Parish Council supports this application. Members would like to see that new materials used will match the existing.</p> <p>b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after the agenda has been published. None received.</p> <p>c) To ratify Addendum regarding planning application: WD/2013/1863/O LAND ADJACENT TO LAUGHTON MANOR, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BY ERECTION OF 2 NO: 4 BED HOUSES Tree survey and Phase 1 Ecology report received (Response submitted by email on 1st January 2014</p> <p>Resolved – To ratify the addendum as follows: Addendum to previous response dated 8th October 2013</p> <p>The Parish Council does not consider that the trees referred to in this application need to be felled; we would refer the officer to the report from Anthony Becvar (copy attached). The Council does not want to see any unnecessary removal of trees in Laughton.</p>	
<p>LP/14/07</p>	<p><u>Improvements to the Village Green</u> - To consider setting up a working party to make improvements to the centre of the village and village green. 7.47 Resolved to suspend orders to allow members of the public speak.</p> <p>MOP 1 Introduced himself and provided back ground and other information for improving the Village Green. The aim of the improvements is to make the village green more attractive and safer as well as slowing down passing traffic, as he is aware that the Parish Council is trying to work with ESCC to change the speed limit.</p> <p>MOP 2 Expressed concerns regarding the bend.</p> <p>MOP 3 Requested to know what the likely hood is of having a speed reduction? Cllr Dart advised that ESCC has reiterated that the 40mph speed limit imposed is appropriate.</p> <p>During this time, members of the public requested to know if a Working Group could be established with Cllr Burbridge being the Parish Council lead. The Vice Chair requested that the Clerk advise from the Parish Council perspective to meet legal requirements, which she duly did.</p> <p>7.55pm Resolved to reinstate orders</p> <p>After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Cook that the Parish Council would support an independent Working Group, who could then submit a proposal including the aims and objectives of the Working Group as well as any design and health and safety consideration for the Village Green and 0.4 acre field. Cllr Carey seconded the proposal and all unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>LP/14/08</p>	<p><u>The Buckle –spring edition</u> 8.10pm Cllr Dashwood-Morris left the meeting. After a short discussion regarding articles to be included it was resolved to delegate authority for content of The Buckle to the Clerk.</p>	<p>KC</p>
<p>LP/14/09</p>	<p><u>Parish Council Facebook – To consider the benefits of having a Parish Council Facebook account and agree any decisions arising from this item</u> Members considered the pros and cons for having Facebook and resolved not to proceed at this time. Members also considered better communication to parishioners and agreed that a community notice</p>	

	board on the Parish Council notice board could be tested for a period of 6 months.	
LP/14/10	<p><u>Crime initiative</u> – To decide whether the Parish Council should set up/lead and implement a Crime initiative scheme</p> <p>Members were in agreement that more information regarding any crimes and how to prevent them should be widely distributed to Parishioners. Members agreed to display information on the website community notice board when it is launched, it was also agreed to include the new website community notice board in the next edition of The Buckle newsletter.</p>	KC
LP/14/11	<p><u>Pelham Field</u> – update and actions</p> <p>Whilst this matter is still ongoing, it was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Head of the school to establish her understanding of any licence agreement in place between the school and Parish Council. Members raised concerns regarding the locking and unlocking of the gate. Members also requested the Clerk find out how the wildlife garden is progressing.</p>	KC
LP/14/12	<p><u>Play equipment</u> – update and actions</p> <p>This matter is still ongoing.</p>	
LP/14/13	<p><u>Review of Fingerposts</u></p> <p>It had been brought to Members attention that one of the fingerposts in the parish has been damaged. Members requested that the Clerk contact ESCC to see if a grant would be available as in previous years to repair and maintain all the fingerposts in the Parish.</p>	KC
LP/14/14	<p><u>Financial Matters</u></p> <p>a) To accept and ratify the budget headings and projections agreed at the November 2013 Budget meeting</p> <p>Resolved – To accept and ratify the budget headings and projections agreed at the November 2013 Budget meeting.</p> <p>b) To set the precept for Financial year 31st March 2014 – 31st March 2015</p> <p>Resolved - Further to the budget meeting and seeing the expenditure to set the precept for the financial year 2014 – 2015 at £12,900. The paperwork to be submitted to Wealden District Council was signed by the Clerk and Vice Chair Julie Gill.</p> <p>It was also agreed for the next financial year of 2015- 2016 to look at adjusting the precept taking into account the tax base set by Wealden.</p> <p>c) Grant applications/awards for financial year 31st March 2014 – 31st March 2015</p> <p>d) Laughton Parochial Church Council</p> <p>Resolved – to award the amount of £200.00 to Laughton Parochial Council. to award the amount of £300.00 to Laughton Ripe and Chalvington Magazine, to award the amount of £250.00 towards Wealden CAB, as in previous year.</p> <p>It was also resolved that due to the amount requested, the applications received by Laughton Cricket Club and the Laughton Parish Hall will be considered in April 2014 so that Members can look at the budget heading and monitor expenditure.</p> <p>e) To consider awarding grants or General Power of Competence payments to other organisations within the Parish that may have</p>	

been received after the deadline.

None received.

f) Orders for payment

Orders for payment January 2014				
Date	Category	Chq no	Payee	Amount
2/1/14	Clerk Salary	Bacs	K Crozier-Crowhurst	-£312.60
15/1/14	Administration Subscription	500306	Society of Local Councils	-£165.00
15/1/14	Christmas Lights	500308	Mr D Templeman	-£40.00
				-£517.60
Receipts				
5/11/13	Interest	Bacs	Co-op Current Account	£2.54
5/12/13	Interest	Bacs	Co-op Current Account	£2.25

Resolved – to accept Orders for Payment. This was proposed by Cllr Dart and seconded by Cllr Gill.

Members also noted income received

g) Bank reconciliation

Resolved – to accept the bank reconciliation. This was proposed by Cllr Carey and seconded by Cllr Cook. Cllr Gill then signed the reconciliation.

LP/14/15

Report from the Clerk

The Clerk had nothing to report as all matters are covered on the agenda.

LP/14/16

Reports from Councillors' – To note any written or verbal reports from Members of Laughton Parish Council

Members had nothing to report; they requested the Clerk respond to an email regarding solar energy.

LP/14/16

Urgent items and items for referral to next agenda

There being no further items, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 19th February 2014, 7.00pm at the Parish Hall.