



LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2016

Present: Cllr Alex Carey (Chairman), Cllr Miranda Dart (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Jackie Breeds, Cllr Mike Cook, and Cllr Chris Mortimer.

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Item no	Minutes	Action by
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
1.1	There were no apologies for absence.	
2.	DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS	
2.1	There were no declarations of members interests.	
3.	QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, RELATING TO MATTERS ON THIS PUBLIC AGENDA	
3.1	There were no questions and statements from members of the public.	
4.	RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK TO LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL	
4.1	Cllr Mortimer agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.	Cllr Mortimer
4.2	Cllr Carey read out a proposal from SSALC outlining the process and a proposed timetable for the recruitment of a new clerk. Members then discussed the entire procedure.	
4.3	Members agreed that Cllrs Carey, Dart and Mortimer would form the interview panel, with Cllr Breeds stand-by. Members agreed that 25 th May 2016 be the interview day.	
4.4	Cllr Dart agreed to be the LPC contact for SSALC.	
4.5	Cllr Dart read the present Clerks job description which members agreed was appropriate for the replacement, but agreed that SSALC should be consulted to confirm the description covered current transparency issues.	
4.6	Members resolved to employ SSALC to administer the process of employing the clerk. Cllr Dart agreed to assemble members questions for SSALC.	Cllr Dart
4.7	Members agreed to advertise the new position on the council website and in the village in conjunction with the job description going live on the SSALC website.	
4.8	Members discussed the clerks communications with the public and others - and how this would be covered in her absence. Members agreed that Cllr	

Carey would be the recipient of all correspondence – being one point of contact, therefore maintaining continuity. From this position Cllr Carey would delegate where necessary.

Cllr Carey

4.9 At 7:56pm Standing Orders were suspended - Cllr Carey asked the member of the public if they were interested in applying to be a councillor. There was a short discussion resulting in the member of the public showing continued interest in the role.

4.10 Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.01pm.

4.11 Members discussed and resolved to assemble a list of ‘handover’ tasks to be carried out by the Clerk in her remaining 3 weeks. Cllr Mortimer agreed to compile this.

**Cllr
Mortimer**

4.12 Cllr Dart suggested a handover meeting with the Clerk and members resolved this.

4.13 Members resolved that Cllr Cook would take charge of LPC bank accounts as an interim solution.

Cllr Cook

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 **a) WD/2016/0599/F and WD/2016/0600/LB Church Cottage, Church Lane, Laughton, BN8 6AH REAR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO EXISTING RESIDENTIAL DWELLING. Resubmission of WD/2015/0595/F and WD/2015/0596/LB**

5.2 **Comments and observations**

5.3 Laughton Parish Council supports both applications. The scale of the proposed extension is appropriate to the size of the existing dwelling whilst preserving the historic fabric of the listed building.

5.4 **b) WD/2016/0423/F Broomham Field Farm, Lewes Road, Laughton, BN8 6BN. ERECTION OF A FARROWING SHED, AGRICULTURAL BARN AND ASSOCIATED BARN AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.**

5.5 **Comments and observations**

5.6 Laughton Parish Council recommends refusal of this application.
The two storey barn is unnecessary and is exceedingly poorly located relative to its stated functional need as a fodder store for the farrowing barn.
There are fundamental concerns over the practicalities of keeping animal fodder at first floor level.
There is no requirement to keep paperwork on site and so an office is unnecessary.
The likely profit from 80 piglets a year does not justify the expenditure on the buildings.
With ancient woodland forming the majority of the site and Wealden clay the rest, the potential scale of the “farm” is naturally restricted so a successful enterprise is highly improbable.
The prevailing wind (south westerly) is going to cause issues with air borne smell to nearby dwellings on Broomham Lane i.e. the site is not suitable for a pig breeding business.

There is no provision for slurry management.

If the application is approved the Parish Council would want a condition which requires the removal of the barn and farrowing shed should agricultural production cease on the site. This is to safeguard the Low Weald landscape from creeping development into the countryside.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) To consider any correspondence after this agenda has been published.

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6.1

6.2

Cllr Mortimer discussed the 'Terms of reference for Working Groups' document received from the clerk. Members resolved that Cllr Mortimer review the document, submit to Council by email and that considering these guidelines for inclusion in Standing Orders be an agenda item at the next Council meeting.

**Cllr
Mortimer,
Dart and
Carey**

Cllr Carey moved the discussion to item number 10 on the agenda.

REPORTS (BY LEAVE) Not for decision.

6.3

10.0

10.1

Cllr Carey spoke of conversation he had with Mr Michael Slot – signatory of the deeds to Pelham Field – regarding the boundaries associated with Pelham Field. Cllr Carey stated for the record, and to clarify to the Parish - that the boundary of the playground on Pelham Field was the responsibility of East Sussex County Council. Cllr Carey also stated that the boundary to Pelham Field itself was merely a boundary and that Laughton Parish Council had no responsibility to keep it in any particular state or condition.

Cllr Carey then returned to item 7 on the agenda.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES - update

10.2

7.

7.1

At 9.07pm Standing Orders were suspended. Cllr Carey addressed the member of the public. There was a discussion with an interested member of the public who confirmed their interest in the role.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 9.15pm.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.2

8.

a) Any other Financial matters

No business

8.1

ACTION POINTS

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9.1

9.2

a) Any reports

Cllr Breeds discussed Planning Enforcement. Members listed unresolved issues in the Parish. Cllr Dart agreed to compile a list of concerns held by the Parish Council

Cllr Dart

Members discussed missing manhole covers outside both ends of Laughton

Cllr Cook

village – marked by traffic cones. Cllr Cook agreed to make enquiries and report back to the Council.

9.3

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.23pm. Date of the next meeting, 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th April at Laughton Parish Hall.