

LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th April 2016

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

Also in attendance: Karen Crowhurst – Clerk

Members of the Public - 0

Before the meeting commenced The Chairman opened with thanks to fellow Councillors filling the gap left by the former Clerk.

Item No	Minutes	Action by
1. 1.1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Dashwood-Morris WDC and Cllr Nick Bennett ESCC.	
2. 2.1	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS There were no declarations of Members' interests.	
3. 3.1	TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2016 It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th March 2016, as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Mortimer and seconded by Cllr Cook. The minutes were then signed by The Chairman.	

<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, RELATING TO MATTERS ON THIS PUBLIC AGENDA</p> <p>There were no questions or statements from members of the public.</p>	
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p>EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS</p> <p>There were no reports.</p>	
	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>a) Plans</p> <p>WD/2016/0308/F CLEAVERS FARM BARN, MILL LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6AJ DEMOLISH EXISTING PORTAL FRAME AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AND ERECT TWO VERNACULAR DWELLINGS IN LIEU OF CONVERSION UNDER PART Q OF THE GPDO.</p> <p>Comments and observations <i>Laughton Parish Council recommend refusal of this application.</i> <i>This application implies it is 'meeting the needs of local people' as described by the NPPF – this cannot be the case as these dwellings are of considerable scale, which would suggest they would be unaffordable to local people seeking a home.</i> <i>The Parish Council is deeply concerned about loss of agricultural premises that are still being used.</i></p>	

There is also concern that Cleavers Farm only relatively recently gained permission to extend its barn storage under WD/2012/0336/F. (This application is missing from the planning histories.) The Parish Council would therefore question when this permission was completed and brought into use.

WD/2016/0787/F HARBENS FARM, MILL LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6AJ
DEMOLITION OF INDOOR SWIMMING POOL ERECTION OF TWO STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION.

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Comments and observations

Laughton Parish Council supports this application. The proposed extensions match the existing house and appear to be of an appropriate scale.

- a) **To consider any planning applications that have been received after the agenda has been published**

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WD/2016/2490/F PARKSIDE FARM, SHORTGATE LANE, LAUGHTON,
CONVERSION OF REDUNDANT FARM BUILDING TO HOLIDAY LET.

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Comments and observations

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Laughton Parish Council recommend refusal of this application. The original building is not of a habitable size, even for a holiday let dwelling. The 2 car spaces – which are also part of this application – would take up a similar area as the habitation.

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If Wealden District Council approve this application LPC request the following:

- 1. The original access on the corner to Shortgate Lane and Common Lane be permanently closed.*
- 2. A condition tightly restricting yard or outside lights is put in place. This part of Laughton has no light pollution.*
- 3. A condition is placed to indicate sole use as holiday let.*

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WD/2016/0602/LB CHURCH COTTAGE, CHURCH LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6AH
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPLICATION FOR RELAYING EXISTING ROOF TILES TO ENTIRE ROOF.

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Comments and observations
Laughton Parish Council recommends approval. Relaying the existing roof with any replacement tiles required matching the existing ones will not harm the street scene.

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**HOME ON PLOTS 1 & 2,
BLUEBELL HOLIDAY PARK,
THE BROYLE, SHORTGATE,
BN8 6PH**

VARIATION OF CONDITION 2
OF K/1971/684 (EXTENSION
TO CARAVAN PARK TO
PROVIDE 15 ADDITIONAL
CARAVANS) IN ORDER TO
ALLOW 365 DAY USAGE FOR
ONE MOBILE HOME.

Comments and observations

*Laughton Parish Council
recommends refusal.*

*Allowing 365 day a year
occupation of plots 1 and 2
will not prevent the problems
alleged in the application as
it does not guarantee that
the site will have manned
security 24/7, 365 days a
year.*

**a) Planning
applications refused,
approved, referred,
withdrawn or
appeals**

**a) WD/2015/2268/F
OAKHURST,
SHORTGATE LANE,
LAUGHTON BN8 6DF
- Approved.**

**WD/2015/2631
CHURCH LANE – Refused**

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

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

	<p>Several enforcement matters were discussed and concerns raised would be passed onto Wealden District Council.</p> <p>a) Parish Council response to Wealden District Council's amendments to the Core Strategy</p> <p>Cllr Dart will write to WDC Planning Policy Team following our talk with Cllr Newton and Ms Briginshaw WDC Strategic Planning Manager, about the Core Strategy for Laughton.</p> <p>a) ELECTORAL REVIEW</p>	
6.21	<p>Laughton Parish Council agreed not to comment on the Electoral Review.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES WORKING GROUP</p>	
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7.1	<p>This has been tabled as an agenda item at the July PC meeting.</p>	
8.	<p>FASTER BROADBAND FOR LAUGHTON</p>	
8.1	<p>Stacy King from BT will be attending and commenting at the Annual Parish Meeting on Broadband.</p>	
9.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	
9.1	<p>Nothing received.</p>	
10.	<p>PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES</p>	
10.1	<p>Nothing to update</p>	

<p>11.</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>11.3</p> <p>11.4</p> <p>11.5</p> <p>11.6</p> <p>11.7</p> <p>11.8</p>	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>a) Payments and receipts – previously circulated</p> <p>Cheques signed: CM proposed orders as correct</p> <p>2nd JB Signed by Chairman</p> <p>a) Bank reconciliation Statements 61 & 62 – Previously circulated</p> <p>Bank Statements agreed as correct. CM 2nd by JB Signed by Chairman</p> <p>a) Grant applications</p> <p>Cllr Dart is responding to this.</p> <p>a) Any other Financial matters</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>12.</p> <p>12.1</p> <p>12.2</p> <p>12.3</p> <p>12.4</p>	<p>ACTION POINTS</p> <p>a) Annual Parish meeting</p> <p>Speakers contacted and refreshments have been organised.</p> <p>a) Electricity supply for the Village Centre</p> <p>This is to be raised with members of the public after the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	

<p>13.</p> <p>13.1</p>	<p>REPORTS (BY LEAVE) NOT FOR DECISION</p> <p>There were no reports by leave.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm. Date of next meeting. Wednesday 18th May 2016 at Laughton Parish Hall.</p>	