



LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly meeting of **Lavendon Parish Council** held at The Pavilion on **11th October 2022**

Present: -

- Steve Axtell (Chairman)
- Ann Kelcey (Cllr)
- Alex Mountcastle Cllr)
- Michelle Ramsden (Cllr)
- Louise O'Boyle (Cllr)
- Peter Geary (Ward Councillor)
- Mike Rutherford (Cllr)

Also Present: Reverend Richard Lake

Apologies: -

- Karyn Martinski (Cllr)
- Martino Ginepro (Cllr)
- Keith McClean (Ward Councillor)
- David Hosking (Ward Councillor)
- Arlene Ormston (PCSO)

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm

1. Introductions & Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2022 were agreed as accurate records and signed by the Chair as such.

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4 Public questions, comments, or representations

Reverend Richard Lake reported that the Baptist Church are looking to set up the following projects:

4.1 ‘Youth drop in’ once a week as a place young people (11-14yrs) can come together and get a snack and drinks. The aim is to get this up and running by the end of the year. The Church will be looking for Volunteers from around the village to help with the project.

4.2 A warm welcome space – From the start of November the Church will be opening up the chapel building as a warm welcome space for people to meet a couple of times a week with some activities provided. This will be free to access and light refreshments (i.e. tea/coffee etc.) will also be provided free of charge. The church would like to do more in terms of extending the opening times, providing simple meals but this would require additional funding.

Reverend Lake asked if the Parish Council would be able to support the warm space project in any way, through funding, promoting, help recruit volunteers etc. Cllr Axtell thanked Reverend Lake for making the Parish Council aware of the project and stated that the Parish Council’s would be happy to support the project where possible. Cllr Axtell went on to state that there could potentially be S106 or S137 funding available or possibly through the Community Foundation and that the Parish Council would be happy to help promote the project via its website.

AP1. Clerk to look into possibly for funding for the project.

5. Ward Councillors Report

Ward Councillor Peter Geary reported as follows:

5.1 41 Bus Service – From 30th October 2022, Stagecoach who runs the 41 bus services from Bedford to Northampton will be operating a reduce timetable. The Service which is subsidised by 3 Councils (Milton Keynes, Bedford, Northampton Council) is being returned to MKCC who are in the process of retendering the service and a decision is likely within the next few days.

5.2 Wheeled bins - The scheme is due to be rolled out in 2023 with the first collection expected in or around October 2023. Each household will have four bins. Black lid bin for waste that cannot be recycled; red lid for recycling paper and card; blue lid for recycling plastic, metals and glass and green lid bin for grass and food waste. Black and green bins will be collected weekly, and the red and blue bins will be collected alternate weeks. Bins must not be left at the front of a property. Most properties in Milton Keynes are suitable to receive wheeled bins. For those properties identified as not suitable to have wheeled bins, there will be alternative solutions. MKCC are offering “walkabouts” of local areas with waste teams and representatives from parish council.

AP2. Clerk to contract Penny Fletcher with a view to arranging a walkabout with the waste team.

AP3. Cllrs to provide Clerk with details of any properties that are unlikely to be able to accommodate the bins.

5.3 MKE - The A509 between Newport Pagnell and M1 and the double roundabout has been put on hold until March 2023 at the earliest.

- 5.4 MK Council budget for 2023/24** – The budget for the next financial year is starting to emerge and is likely to be out around the beginning of December. It was suggested the Councils should start putting together their budget for next year.

6. PCSO's Report

PCSO Arlene Ormston was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

Crime Report / Incidents from 07/07/2022 – 02/10/2022

6 x Antisocial Behaviour in the Community
3 x assault without injury
1 x assault with injury
1 x drug offences
1 x theft of digger
4 x concern for safety of person
1 x road traffic collision (single vehicle vs deer)
4 x suspicious person
1 x rave on farmer's field

Other issues arising in surrounding villages

Hare coursing on surrounding farms, Ravenstone, Sherington, Haversham, Clifton Reynes

7. Finance Report

- a. Payments and receipts for July - September 2022 were presented and approved.
- b. Purchases for approval – Monitor for Clerk. Agreed
- c. Scrutinising volunteer – Cllr Mick Rutherford
- d. AGAR approval agreed to submit return.

8. Clerk's Report

8.1 Old School

The insurance part of the claim relating to the internal decorations/repairs of the building is progressing. The Insurance company have recently put forward a settlement offer which if accepted would result in the claim being closed off, leading to uncertain surrounding any future claims were there to be any further structural issues with the building. Cllr Axtell reported that having recently commissioned a local building contractor to survey the building, the advice was that due to the extreme weather conditions experienced recently, we would need to wait until mid-summer 2023 before we could be sure there were no further structural issues. Ideally, we would be looking to keep the claim whilst accepting the settlement offer however, as the insurance company are unable to hold the claim open it is proposed that the settlement offer be accepted on the basis that the insurance company confirm in writing that that the Parish Council are fully insurance for the subsidence issue.

AP4. Clerk to advise the insurance company of our position on the matter.

8.2 Planning Applications

Previous applications - updates

- a. 22/01646/HOU - Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extension
At: 11 Addersley Mews Lavendon Milton Keynes MK46 4FH - **Approved**
- b. 22/01801/TPO -T3 (Common Walnut) - Reduce height of north stem/crown by 6m & lateral spread by 4m and reduce height of northwest facing primary branch by 5m protected by Milton Keynes Council Tree Preservation Order no. PS/540/15/59. At: Rose Cottage 7 High Street Lavendon Olney MK46 4EX – **Approved**
- c. 22/01687/LBC & 22/01709/HOU - Listed building & planning consent for a piled underpinning solution to support the three storey stone farmhouse. Due to the access restrictions, piled underpinning to be carried out externally to the property. At: Abbey Farm House Lavendon Grange Lavendon Olney MK46 4HL – **Approved**
- d. 22/01015/FUL -Amended planning application - Retention of a single storey front extension with lean-to porch, a surrounding 1.8mhigh fence with trellis, a lean-to against internal side of fence and a bin store at 57 New Row Northampton Road – **Awaiting approval**

8.3 Village Hall

The Clerk advised that following Cllr O’Boyle’s decision to step down as representative for the Village Hall, a new representative was needed. Cllr Mountcastle stated that she would be happy take over from Cllr O’Boyle.

AP5. Clerk to inform the Village Hall Committee of the new appointment.

9. Specific Agenda items

9.1 Resignation and election of new Councillor

Cllr O’Boyle advised that due to work commitments she would be stepping down as she felt she could no longer give the time necessary to the council but agreed to stay on until January 2023 to allow time for a replacement to be sought.

9.2 Illegal Parking

Cllr Kelcey asked if there was an update on the issue of illegal parking on the verge on Northampton Road and on the grass area on Olney Road. The Clerk advised that following advice from the PCSO, the issue had been reported to MKCC but had not yet received a response. Cllr Kelcey stated that recently there had been some improvement with regards to parking along the Northampton Road, cars were no longer parking on the verge but instead were now parking on the opposite side of the road.

AP6. Clerk to chase MKCC for a response.

9.1 S106 – Artwork

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a thumbnail sketch of a drawing created by a local artist to commemorate those that had lost their lives in the war. Cllrs were advised that the former Clerk had been in discussions with the artist concerned regarding the memorial which would to be funded through S106 and displayed on a wall in the village. After some discussion, it was felt that if there was S106 money available for artwork, it should be used as part of a wider project to commission artwork around the village.

9.4 Use of Floodlights

The Clerk reported that a request had been received for use of the outdoor floodlights and electrics one evening per week. The request had been made by a Personal Training Practitioner who currently uses the playing field for outdoor fitness sessions. The request was discussed at length, reservations were expressed surrounding possible complaints from residents, agreeing a price that reflected the actual cost of the electricity supplied, someone having to be available to switch the electrics on and off (inside the Pavilion) and the insurance implications for both the Council and the Training Practitioner. Following further discussion, it was agreed to allow the request on a three-month trial basis on the condition that both the Council and Practitioner having adequate insurance cover and the level of music to take account of residents living nearby. Cllr Mountcastle volunteered to switch the electrics on and off each evening.

AP7. Clerk to notify the Training Practitioner accordingly and to confirm with the Council's insurer that any such arrangement would be fully covered under the current policy.

9.5 Continued reduction of bus service affecting residents

Following on from Cllr Geary's report under 5.1 above regarding the reduction of bus services, Cllr Kelcey reported that there is a community bus service (The Villager Minibus) which is run and operated by volunteers. The current service runs every Thursday from Lavendon to Olney and From Lavendon to MK every 3rd Tuesday in the month. Anyone can access the service and bus passes are accepted on all routes. The Villager Minibus are open to discussions about increasing their service to Lavendon residents and Cllr Kelcey asked whether, in light of the continued reduction of bus services, this was worth pursuing. All agreed that this was a good idea and worth a discussion. It was also suggested that as a lot of residents use the doctor's surgery in Harrold and there is currently no bus service operating between the villages, there could potentially be a demand for the service to operate from Lavendon to Harrold.

AP8. Cllr Kelcey to canvas ideas and gauge interest.

10. Planning Applications

New applications -22/02384/HOU – Erection of a single storey front extension, single storey rear extension, two storey side extensions at 55 Langlands. There were no objections to this application from Councillors.

The meeting closed at 21:20

Next Monthly Meeting is to be held on **14th November 2022.**

Signed: Chairman

Dated: