



# LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Lavendon Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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**Present:** Cllrs Steve Axtell (Chairman), Ann Kelcey, Martino Ginepro, Karyn Martynski, Louise O'Boyle, Michelle Ramsden, Mick Rutherford, Jane Brushwood, Clerk, PCSO Arlene Ormston

**Ward Councillors:** Cllr McLean

0 members of public present

1. **Welcome and apologies for Absence** – The Chair welcomed those present at the first zoom meeting of the council, apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hosking and Geary.
2. **The minutes of the meeting** of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were confirmed and signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items** – none
4. **Public Question Time** – none present
5. **Ward Councillors Report** – some meetings have been held by Microsoft Teams but it does not work as good as zoom; two Development Control meetings have been held that way with public participation, the meetings will also be put on youtube, as with the next council meeting when Cllr Crook will stand down and Andrew Geary will take up the position.  
Collections are back up and running, household waste centres should open soon, WC's are concerned about the lack of organisation, the police will be involved in managing the traffic to them. Bedford recycling centres are running by appointment.  
Foodbanks are well supported and each of the Olney Wards have their own system in place.  
Highways work is being carried out, with less traffic on the roads it should be easier to manage.  
The HIF bid was hidden in the budget, it has not been signed off. It's hoped that with so much money having to be spent elsewhere at the moment, it won't go through at all.
6. **Finance Report** –
  - a. Payments and receipts during March and April 2020 were presented and approved.
  - b. clerk to transfer some money from the current to the savings account.
  - c. Scrutinising will resume when it is considered safe to do so.

## 7. Other Ongoing Issues:

PCSO Arlene Ormston in attendance reported that crime in general is down significantly. Shoplifting, theft from vehicles and speeding are up but not in Lavendon.

- a. **Landscaping** – the 2020 Best Kept Village competition has been cancelled due to coronavirus.
- b. **Planning** – there have been numerous complaints about the development opposite the cemetery; site workers parking has resulted in residents being unable to visit the cemetery, in addition to the groundworker being unable to access to mow, there is a terrible mess in and around there and noisy working on a Sunday, clerk to follow up again.
- c. **Cemetery** – some of the bricks in the footpath are dropping.
- e. **Allotments** – two new plots have been taken on with two viewings the following day (subsequently, only one of those enquiries was taken up as the other lived in Rushden so was not eligible). There are now 4 plots vacant.
- f. **The Old School** – the tree at the school is a concern, overhanging the pavement and obscuring vision to traffic, it was agreed to report it to MKC. They have opted to have a 3month rent payment holiday to be repaid over the next year.
- g. **NAG/Parish Forum** – KM reported that a forum will be held shortly.
- h. **Members Matters** – the last litter picking session had to be called off because of lockdown, it was suggested that a shout out suggesting anyone wanting to do a solo round could ask clerk to borrow the equipment but it would not be wise to encourage the group sessions again just yet. Although the village is not looking bad at the moment.

Arlene thanked the chairman for supporting her information on the website and social media.

Clerk reported that a resident had reported the children's roundabout wasn't working, although having tried it, it didn't seem too bad, another opinion is requested before reporting to MKC.

It was agreed to support the clerk to submit a request to MKC for a hedgehog sign to be erected at the top of Olney Road.

A call from the payback service advised that they would like to resume work if social distancing could be enforced.

## 8. For Information – the next Monthly Meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed: ..... Chairman

Dated: .....