



LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Lavendon Parish Council held on Monday 14th December 2020

Present: Cllrs Steve Axtell (Chairman), Ann Kelcey, Michelle Ramsden, Karyn Martynski, Lou O'Boyle
Jane Brushwood, Clerk

Ward Councillors: Cllr McLean

0 members of public present

1. **Welcome and apologies for Absence** – The Chair welcomed those present at the zoom meeting of the council, apologies for absence were received from Martino Ginepro, Mick Rutherford, David Hosking and Peter Geary.
2. **The minutes of the meeting** of 9th November 2020 were confirmed and signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items** – none
4. **Public Question Time** – none present
5. **Ward Councillors Report** – the budget is due to cabinet for scrutiny, nothing further to advise, it will be on MKC website.
WC's have progressed the Old School subsidence claim and MKC agreed it needs to move quickly, although they have not heard of a claim, clerk to chase our insurers. There is hope for a positive and definitive plan for the new year.
A resident has reported a bridge from the Olney Road development site to the field that the application was refused, Ann walked the temporary footpath to report that it looks like a substantial bridge with a culvert but not very wide for a road bridge, clerk to take pictures to send to WC's and planning.
6. **Finance Report** –
 - a. Payments and receipts during November 2020 were presented and approved.
 - b. new office lap top required
 - c. Scrutinising volunteer Steve

d. Budget and precept – the figures were presented with a view to little or no increase to the parish rates as it's been a tough year with redundancies in the village. Although the parish income is also reduced it's probably time to draw on reserves. Councillors were asked to scrutinise the suggested budget figures, call on clerk for any clarification if required in preparation of agreeing the precept requirement in January meeting.
Loan repayment – clerk to investigate an early repayment to save iro £600 interest payment.

7. Other Ongoing Issues:

- a. **Landscaping** – Martino and Darren have prepared the Community Orchard with planting on Saturday 19th December. No public response to assist, a call on facebook may help. Ann suggested we get information boards and tree markers, it was agreed, clerk to source.
- b. **Planning** – the Northampton Road application that was refused appears to be going ahead, clerk reported to enforcement. The issues that were reported to planning on the Stoneyard appear to have gone through enforcement to the developer, it was reported that they have been contacted to finish the job. Thanks to Keith for his contribution in concluding this.
- c. **Cemetery** – nothing to report
- d. **Pavilion** – nothing to report
- e. **Allotments** – just one plot remains
- f. **The Old School** – discussed under item 5
- g. **NAG/Parish Forum** – Parish Forum was attended by Steve and Ann, a summary to be sent to councillors but generally, the Working Together document is a lot of words for what, it's not factual enough and needs an SLA with timeframe for responses.
- h. **Members Matters** – clerk reported that Stoneyard residents borrowed some litter picking kit and collected 10 bags or rubbish from the verges beyond the village towards Bedford.

The last meeting of the year, it was hoped we'd be able to meet in person before too long. Thanks were given all round, in particular to Keith who has supported us on numerous topics this year.

8. **For Information** – the next Monthly Meeting is 11th January 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed: Chairman

Dated: