



LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Lavendon Parish Council held on Monday 8th March 2021

Present: Cllrs Steve Axtell (Chairman), Ann Kelcey, Michelle Ramsden, Mick Rutherford, Karyn Martynski
Jane Brushwood, Clerk

Ward Councillors: Cllr McLean

1 member 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 Louise O’Boyle, Martino Ginepro, Cllrs Geary and Hosking.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 8th February 2021 were confirmed and signed.

3. Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items – none

4. Public Question Time – one present, one email

Mr Davies attended the meeting to request an update on the flood prevention plans. Cllr McLean reported that the promised monthly meetings with MKC had failed to materialise in March, which was disappointing that we had no further detail to report. We had been informed that MKC have 6 months to respond. It was not clear if WSP had been formally engaged to yet or were only amending the old 2016 report. WC’s had suggested a sum of money be put into the 21/22 budget to cover these costs, but it had not been taken up. Concern was also raised as to what guarantees would be given that the same would happen again if the current staff were to leave.

A resident from Northampton Road emailed to report that the road outside her house was causing a detrimental effect to the structure of her house and sleepless nights for her family due to the noise created by the uneven road and lorries. Prior to this meeting, Cllr McLean had taken up the matter with MKC Highways and was keeping the resident informed. They have 10 days to response and 15 days to make recommendations.

5. Ward Councillors Report – Keith McLean reported that MKC budget meeting approved a 2.49% increase.

WC's requested that MKC purchase some flood prevention gel bags but this was rejected. Clerk to price up and report back to council for their decision.

The WC's budget awarded £200 to LPC towards the information board at the Dodds Hill Community Orchard, Cllr McLean was thanked for this.

MKE is going ahead, they just need to mitigate the impact on people as much as possible.

Old School subsidence, N Hannon replied that they would have a response by next week and would be approached with a view to implement the root barrier work on the school grounds during the Easter school holidays.

PCSO Pat Flynn is retiring at the end of March, Dave Huckle is her replacement, previously involved in training, is now back on the beat.

6. Finance Report –

- a. Payments and receipts during February 2021 were presented and approved.
- b. no purchases for approval requested.
- c. Scrutinising volunteer Steve, Mick volunteered for the following month.

7. Other Ongoing Issues:

a. Landscaping including Flooding – A request to pay for the removal of the Culvert off Soames Green resulted in looking at the exact location in relation to parish land, it covers a mere fraction of the job so it was not recommended that we contribute to this cost, additionally, nothing should be done before the result of the MKC report has been completed.

It was agreed to pay for the climbing course for Darren so any tree work can be safely completed by him. It is estimated that the cost will be covered within 1-2 years based on the work that has been identified as needing doing.

The Combined school forest teacher also works with the Olney scouts, who have made some bird and bat boxes and has kindly put them up in the copse.

b. Planning – The Harrold Road application has been withdrawn as the developer realised that the flooding issue was not sufficiently addressed.

c. Cemetery – the Lych gate needs attention, work is weather dependent.

d. Pavilion – nothing to report.

e. Allotments – nothing to report.

f. The Old School – the school have refused permission to allow the works to take place.

g. NAG/Parish Forum – the Parish Forum is due to take place 18th March, Steve and Ann are both available to attend.

h. Members Matters – Ann reported that a 15yr old boy needs to do 26 hours of work for his Duke of Edinburgh, he is keen to do litter picking in the village and has been given some equipment on loan.

The monthly litter picks will start at the end of April, this will coincide with the next relaxation of restrictions.

Keith reported that a young lady was doing the same in Emberton and that MKC have picked the A509 and A428. Clerk to write to MKC requesting other roads in the area be picked.

Michelle reported to MKC the fly tipping at Walkers Bridge Farm.

Mick reported that the pavement around the bus shelter is in need of resurfacing.

Clerk reported that the Ward Councillors grant of £200 towards the Community Orchard information board has been received, Keith was formally thanked.

The Best Kept Village competition has been cancelled.

RBL has requested that investigation into moving the War Memorial be pursued for the safety of those standing around it on Remembrance Sunday and for fear of it being demolished, as there is yet another repair job required on one of the bollards. It was suggested that a raised kerb be erected around it.

The demand response presentation is to take place 17th March, it is important to find out how they intend informing users. Bus 21 will not be coming to Lavendon so often.

8. For Information – the next Monthly Meeting is 12th April 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: Chairman

Dated: