



# LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Lavendon Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

**Ward Councillors:** Cllrs McLean and Hosking

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 Mick Rutherford and Cllr Geary.
- 2. The minutes of the meeting** of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were confirmed and signed.
- 3. Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items** – none
- 4. Public Question Time** – none present
- 5. Ward Councillors Report** – MKC has agreed to fund the root barrier to the tree in the school grounds, the head teacher has been instructed to allow the works to commence. It's a shame a meeting was not held months ago in order to resolve it sooner.  
Keith has struggled to get highways out to inspect the problem at Northampton Road, he will continue to pursue.  
Keith used DRT today to test the system, it has had some good write ups for the app but some still prefer to phone, this method is currently experiencing some problems. Anyone having problems are encouraged to contact Keith. DRT allows anyone to book a trip anywhere in the borough through a contracted service, if a ride is available on a routine service, they will be directed to this. AK reported that a resident who regularly took the bus into MK is now going to Bedford instead. Having to book every trip to and from is proving a faff.  
Flooding to be discussed at item 7a.  
From May meetings will be in person, any resident wishing to attend in person must book in advance.  
May elections, Keith will be seen out and about dropping leaflets.  
Lavendon councillors are all back in uncontested.

**6. Finance Report –**

- a. Payments and receipts during March 2021 were presented and approved.
- b. Purchases for approval requested: Sand bags and builder bags of sand, a bench for Soames Green, a skip for the allotment and roof repair for the shed at the Pavilion.
- c. Scrutinising volunteer Mick.

**7. Other Ongoing Issues:**

**a. Landscaping including Flooding** – the monthly “meeting” with MKC consisted of a phone call between clerk and Ashish Patel who has arranged to do a walkabout with clerk and Keith. Drain surveys will be conducted and a meeting arranged with affected residents to form part of the investigation, which is to be completed by the end of June.

The trees at the Community Orchard are causing some interest, the information board is ready for production.

**b. Planning** – nothing to report.

**c. Cemetery** – nothing to report.

**d. Pavilion** – nothing to report.

**e. Allotments** – all plots are now occupied, a skip was approved and costs sought for resurfacing the car park and additional taps, to be purchased using S106 monies.

**f. The Old School** – see item 5 above

**g. NAG/Parish Forum** – the Parish Forum took place 18<sup>th</sup> March, Steve and Ann both attended, if there are any changes to the NPPF, the planner is expected to send a briefing note. Child poverty was discussed, we’re unaware at LPC but the school and Baptist church liaise closely.

**h. Members Matters** – Ann reported that the litter picking sessions are starting April and the last Saturday of each month, there seems to be enthusiasm for it. The initial vision was to have litter picking champions per street.

Karen was asked about the activity at Dodds Hill with lots of cars being noisy, the resident needs to report it to 101, then the PCSO can act on it.

Keith reported that PCSO Pat Flynn retired and Dave Huckle has replaced her, Leanne Taylor is also joining the team. Approval has been provided for the police station on the site of the fire station in Newport Pagnell by 2022-2023.

**8. For Information** – the next Monthly Meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: ..... Chairman

Dated: .....