



LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Lavendon Parish Council held on Monday 14th June 2021

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr Hosking

0 members of public present

1. Welcome and apologies for Absence – The Chair welcomed those present, apologies for absence were received from, Mick Rutherford, Martino Ginepro, Cllrs McLean and Geary.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 10th May 2021 were confirmed and signed.

3. Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items – none

4. Public Question Time – none present

5. Ward Councillors Report – Cllr Hosking reported that Cllr McLean had been re-elected and that the status quo was maintained with Labour and Liberals joint control at MKC.

Flooding, the consultant's report will be published on the agenda of the Strategic Placemaking meeting 1st July, we may wish to speak at the meeting.

Stoneyard street signs have been installed but there is a light out and it doesn't appear on the MKC reporting system, clerk to investigate if the road has been adopted.

DRT, any complaints are being forwarded to Cllr McLean, it seems if the user doesn't have a smartphone to use the app then they are at a disadvantage, some users are preferring to travel to Bedford and Northampton instead. The timetable problem has been resolved. All these problems seem to confirm to residents their isolation in the village and the neglect from MKC.

MKC expansion, confirm previous objection as some appear to have gone missing.

6. Finance Report –

- a. Payments and receipts during May 2021 were presented and approved.
- b. Purchases for approval requested: none
- c. Scrutinising volunteer Karyn.
- d. the annual return was approved to be sent to the external auditor.

7. Other Ongoing Issues:

a. Landscaping including Flooding – the monthly “meeting” with MKC consisted of a phone call between clerk and Ashish Patel, they are waiting for the consultant to finalise the report and to be approved. They would like to arrange for the Northants CC Flood Mobile to attend an information event. The developer of the 14 house site is improving the flood plan outside their remit.

There have been some complaints from residents about the lack of verge side grass cutting. This has been deliberately left to encourage wildflowers and in accordance with our Biodiversity Policy, so it’s a matter of educating residents. This to be done via the website, the parish magazine and social media.

b. Planning – nothing to report.

c. Cemetery – nothing to report.

d. Pavilion – nothing to report.

e. Allotments – work to install the new taps to be sought.

f. The Old School – the root barrier has been installed, waiting for further monitoring before internal works to commence. Clerk to keep chasing.

g. NAG/Parish Forum – Steve and Ann to attend the Parish forum this week.

h. Members Matters – Ann reported that the litter picking attendance has been diminishing but it was agreed that a hi viz presence important, there is considerably less litter about but this is probably due to our DofE volunteer doing so well.

Michelle and Louise reported offers of fundraising for speed cameras but these are determined by TVP and will only be considered if there is a fatality. There have been numerous volunteers to contribute to the speedwatch task so forms to be completed and training to be organized.

The crime stats were sent from Arlene, 1 theft of vehicle in February, 1 drug offence in April and 1 antisocial behaviour in May.

Proposed new wheelie bins, clerk to request alternative options as there are concerns that this does not suit all.

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

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: Chairman

Dated: