



LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Lavendon Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2022

Present: Cllrs Steve Axtell (Chairman), Ann Kelcey, Martino Ginepro, Louise O'Boyle, Michelle Ramsden, Mick Rutherford, Karen Goss (EPC Clerk)

Ward Councillors: Cllr Hosking

No members of the public were present

1. **To elect a Chairman** and to receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office. It was proposed by Cllr Kelcey and seconded by Cllr O'Boyle that Cllr Axtell be appointed Chairman. Cllr Axtell accepted the nomination and continued the meeting as Chairman. The Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office to be carried forward to the next meeting. **Action: JB**
2. **To elect a Vice-Chairman** and to receive the Vice-Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office. It was proposed by Cllr Rutherford and seconded by Cllr O'Boyle that Cllr Kelcey be appointed Vice-Chairman. Cllr Kelcey accepted the nomination. The Vice-Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office to be carried forward to the next meeting. **Action: JB**
3. **To appoint representatives to organisations:**
 - School** – Cllr Ramsden
 - Village Hall Committee** – No representative appointed. **Action: LoB** to look into the possibility of changing the day of the meeting. Suggestion made for Cllrs to share the role.
 - Allotments** – Cllr Kelcey
 - Parishes Forum** – Cllrs Axtell and Kelcey
 - North East Rural Community Forum** – Cllr O'Boyle
 - Publicity** – Cllrs Axtell and Martinski
4. **Welcome and apologies for Absence** – The Chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Martinski and Ward Cllrs Geary and McLean.
5. **The minutes of the meeting** of 11th April 2022 were confirmed and signed.
6. **Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items** – none
7. **Public Question Time** – no members of the public were present.
8. **Ward Councillors Report** – Ward Councillor Hosking reported that Cllr Geary had held his seat at the recent election although there was not a great deal of change in the make-up of the Council with a continued Liberal Democratic/Labour leadership. A retrospective planning application for Lavendon had been filed for

some development on New Road (number 57). It was understood that planning enforcement had been to site and had given the land owner the choice of removing what they had put up or applying for retrospective planning permission. Ashish Patel, the officer from MKC looking at flooding in Lavendon might be attending the Annual Meeting on the 10th May. Ward Cllr Hosking stated that his report for the Annual Meeting would cover flooding, development in the village, The Glebe, MK Connect and the reduction in the bus service.

9. PCSO Report – PCSO Arlene Ormston sent a crime report of incidents between 7th April and 5th May as follows: 2 x antisocial behaviour (with neighbours – April 2022), 1 x theft of temporary traffic light, 1 x suspicious person/ vehicle, 1 x antisocial behaviour (with neighbours – May 2022)

10. Finance Report –

- a. Payments and receipts during April 2022 were presented and approved.
- b. Purchases for approval requested – none. It was noted that the cemetery gates were in need of repair together with the two water butts either side. **Action: MG** to obtain estimate.
- c. Scrutinising volunteer – **Action: M Rutherford**
- d. Accounts – To be carried forward to next month. **Action: M Ramsden** to have a look at the accounts and follow up with Jane.

11. Other Ongoing Issues:

a. Landscaping including Flooding – Cllr Ginepro reported that the dry weather had helped with any landscaping issues. It was noted that some soil had been dumped following a resident moving a fence at the rear of their property in Dodd's Hill. It was suggested speaking to the resident concerned. **Action: MG.** Flooding to be followed up with Ashish Patel at Annual Meeting.

b. Planning – Cllr Axtell reported that a Bailey Bridge would be erected on the new estate at The Glebe for a period of 32 weeks at the end of May/beginning of June to allow for ground works to take place. It was noted that the access would also be closed. It was agreed to look at the planning conditions regarding construction traffic. **Action: SA**

c. Cemetery – Cllr Kelcey reported that she had received a complaint regarding the landscaping of the cemetery. It was noted that it had been difficult to appoint a contractor to undertake the landscaping work. Cllr Ginepro had been in contact with someone in Olney. It was agreed that Cllr Kelcey would feed back to the resident that LPC were aware of the situation and were trying to do something and for Jane to look into obtaining the services of the Young Offenders. **Action: AK/JB**

d. Pavilion – nothing to report

e. Allotments – Cllr Kelcey reported that the allotments were all fine. There was one vacancy and three residents on the waiting list. Some of the allotments had been split into two to create other plots.

f. The Old School – Work on the old school was continuing although it was noted that there was an ongoing insurance claim. Cllr Ginepro commented that the new owner had revised the wrap around child care service with the hours being limited to 4.30pm rather than the previous 6pm. Cllr Ramsden stated that the issue was getting the commitment from parents to allow the school to provide the correct levels of staffing. It was agreed that Cllr Ginepro would speak to other parents and feedback to Cllr Ramsden to take this forward to the school. **Action: MG/M Ramsden**

g. Parish Forum – nothing to report.

h. North East Rural Community Forum – next meeting 22nd June at Weston Underwood.

i. S106 – This was an ongoing project with development on The Glebe. It was noted that S106 would only be released by the developer when 30% of the houses were built.

j. Members Matters – Annual Meeting – Cllr Axtell to open the meeting, followed by PCSO Arlene Ormston, a report from Ward Councillor Hosking and a flooding report from MKC (Ashish Patel). A discussion took place regarding the other presentations to be made by the Councillors.

Cllr Kelcey reported that she had undertaken a litter pick with volunteers across the whole of the village apart from Langlands.

Cllr Ramsden reported that a tree had been cut back by a resident whose property backed onto The Glebe although the tree was on land owned by MKC but as the landscaping had been devolved to LPC, it would be the parish council’s responsibility. **Action: MR to send the information to JB.**

Cllr O’Boyle reported that the nest swing in the playing field required repair. **Action: GP to report to MKC.**

Cllr Rutherford stated that residents had asked about the defibrillator recently. The EPC clerk stated that she would provide details of how to register the defibrillator with the South Central Ambulance Service. **Action: KG.**

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed: Chairman

Dated: