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MINUTES

11th December 2019

An Ordinary Meeting of the members of Lambourne Parish Council was held
On Wednesday 11th December 2019 in the Abridge Village Hall

In attendance: Cllr J Filby (Chair), Cllr D Hardy (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Price, Cllr D Moggridge, Cllr H Martin, Cllr M Drewe, Cllr P Martin, Cllr L Shreeve Cllr C Karbaron

Also In attendance: Tony Carter (Clerk to the Council) and one resident from Lambourne End.

Meeting opened at 7.48pm

19.180 Apologies for Absence

NONE

19.181 Declaration of Interest

NONE

19.182 Public Consultation

A resident from Lambourne End asked if there could be a right hand turn sign at the exit of Gallmans End Farm to stop the lorries from East London Textiles turning left. The Clerk will write and request this.

19.183 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of 20th November 2019 were AGREED. Cllr P Martin proposed and Cllr D Hardy seconded.

Cllr P Martin said that the amount of free parking spaces in Sawyers Chase was irrelevant as the issue was that a resident of New Farm Drive parks cars opposite the bungalows at the entrance. He said he had three complainants who were not happy about this.

Cllr J Filby reiterated that Sawyers Chase was a public road and that anybody could park there so this was not an issue. He mentioned that the three complainants had been told this by PC Andy Cooke when they brought this to his attention.

Cllr P Martin wanted it noted that he had asked that the Abridge Fireworks run the event according to Health and Safety regulations.

Cllr J Filby confirmed that this was the case with risk assessments etc. always carried out.



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19.184 Actions Taken From Minutes

The Clerk ran through the tasks he had carried out.

The Clerk will speak to EFDC about a site visit for the Market Place litter bin in January.

19.185 Planning

None

19.186 External Meeting Attendance

None.

19.187 Correspondence

The London Road Speed Survey was NOTED.

19.188 District / County Councillor Reports

None.

19.189 Highways Report

Cllr J Filby mentioned he had reported the pavement on Alderwood Drive to Highways and also discussed the pavement defect on Knights Walk. Highways confirmed that the Knights Walk issue had been visited by an inspector and it was considered Low Priority.

There was a short discussion about the state of the pavements and roads around the Parish.

19.190 Enforcement Officers Report

No new Enforcement matters

19.191 Parking on New Farm Drive on Fireworks Evening

Cllr P Martin said that he wanted the Fireworks Committee to bring their ideas for solving the problem of parking at the bottom of New Farm Drive to a Council meeting.

19.192 Defibrillators

Cllr M Drewe is liaising with the Headmaster of Lambourne School to get clearance to fit the Defibrillator.

19.193 Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr P Martin will work on the information received from Councillors and this will be added to the January Agenda.



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19.194 Budget for 2020 Precept

There was a discussion regards items on the Budget Sheet for the 2020 Precept.

The Council AGREED a precept of £39,482.

19.195 Trinity Church Abridge

Cllr J Filby confirmed that the Church was now for sale at a price from £600,000.

Cllr J Filby confirmed that the Diocese would look at a community project over the highest bidder.

The Clerk will write to the Diocese to ask that the Fascia remain and that community projects should be considered favourably.

It was AGREED that the Council would look at getting the property Listed and a site visit would be arranged via the estate agent.

19.196 Carbon Neutral Council

The Clerk presented details of how the Council could offset its Carbon Footprint. It was AGREED the Council would prefer to plant trees in the Parish to achieve this.

19.197 Highways Devolution Trial

There was a discussion about what types of work could be carried out and Cllr J Filby will speak to Highways regards this.

19.198 Christmas Lights

The switching on of the Christmas Lights went well.

Cllr D Hardy was contacted by a member of the band who received a parking ticket from the Blue Boar. Cllr J Filby will speak to the owner about this.

The Clerk will update the band member.

19.199 Parking at Lambourne End

There was a discussion about the possibility of extended the parking area opposite Park Square to accommodate a further six cars.

Cllr M Drewe will speak to the landowner to see if this is possible and the costs involved and this will be added to the January Agenda.



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19.200 Parking on Willow Tree Close

Cllr J Filby will speak to Cllr M McEwen to arrange a site visit with officers from Highways to see what options would be available. Cllr D Hardy suggested that one option may be to remove the pavement on the left side.

Cllr P Martin suggested that the residents should set up a petition to ask for their preferred choice.

The Clerk will speak to Highways about raising the kerb on the left side of the entrance.

19.201 Speed Survey on Manor Road

The Clerk has sent through Cllr P Price's letter regards the speed on Manor Road and is awaiting a reply.

19.202 RFO Report

The Bank Statement was not available due to the early meeting.

The cheque run was NOTED, Cllr C Karbaron proposed and Cllr L Shreeve seconded. It was AGREED and the cheques were signed.

19.203 Information Exchange

Cllr P Price has not received a reply from Nigel Richardson regards Woodland Camp so will now contact Enforcement to check that works are being carried out correctly.

Cllr P Martin asked that Principles of Financial Donations be added to the January Agenda.

19.204 Private Session

There was NO Private Session

19.205 Date of next Meeting is 15th January 2020 in the Abridge Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.59pm

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