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MINUTES
22nd July 2020

An Ordinary Meeting via Zoom of the members of Lambourne Parish Council was held
On Wednesday 22nd July 2020.

In attendance via Zoom: Cllr J Filby (Chair), Cllr D Hardy (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Martin, Cllr C Karbaron, Cllr D Moggridge, Cllr P Price, Cllr H Martin and Cllr L Shreeve.

Also In attendance: Tony Carter (Clerk to the Council) and two members of the Public

Meeting opened at 7.55pm

20.037 Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Shreeve

20.038 Declaration of Interest

NONE

20.039 Public Consultation

One member of the public stated that they were there as an observer.

A resident of Willow Tree Close explained to the Council how Willow Tree Close in Abridge shows as Tree Close on satellite images such as Google. This causes problems and confusion with deliveries etc. She asked if anything could be done about this.

Cllr J Filby said that on the EFDC database the road was down as Willow Tree Close.

The residents request was NOTED and will be looked at.

20.040 Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 1st July 2020 were AGREED. Cllr D Moggridge proposed and Cllr J Filby seconded.

The minutes of the meeting dated 8th July 2020 were AGREED. Cllr H Martin proposed and Cllr C Karbaron seconded.



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20.041 Parking on New Farm Drive on Fireworks Night

At this point Cllr J Filby read out a statement regards the powers that the Parish Council have. He confirmed through the Clerk after taking advice, the Clerk had been told that the Parish Council has no powers to enforce any conditions re the parking. (See attached Appendix 1). He then asked Councillors for their thoughts.

Cllr D Moggridge wanted it NOTED that parking in different areas of the Parish had been reported to her and passed on to the Police.

There was a short discussion about parking in the village where Cllr C Karbaron stated that this was a problem through the Parish and an issue on Willow Tree Close every day of the year. Cllr H Martin said the same of The Poplars and Cllr D Hardy London Road. Cllr D Moggridge added that parking on Middleboay was very bad.

Cllr P Martin then asked who had given this information and was told it was the person who carries out the Internal Audit. Cllr P Martin asked if he could have contact details so that he could make contact with them. The Clerk at this point refused to give details. When questioned the first time about this by Cllr P Martin, the Clerk said that the person could not be contacted as it would breach data protection and that it was a conversation between the Clerk and Auditor. The Clerk mentioned that he had gone through the full list of Powers that a Parish Council has, and said that there was no Power that could be used in this matter.

Cllr Martin mentioned twice more about not being able to speak to the source of the information.

Cllr D Hardy agreed that this showed that the Council did not have any Powers but suggested that as individuals they could go to the meeting on 24th August to put forward suggestions that Cllr P Martin had, to see if The Firework Committee would be open to them.

At this point the Clerk stated that it was his job as Clerk to make sure that the Parish Council kept in line with powers and responsibilities of the Council. He said again that there is not a Power that could be used to require a third party body to implement any parking restrictions. He stated that he had done his duty as the Clerk to inform Councillors of this and that any further discussion or action would be against his advice.

Cllr P Price then spoke and said that she felt uncomfortable being involved in an Organisation that did not look in to this. Cllr P Price stated that it was a health and safety issue and that she had driven down New Farm Drive last Fireworks Night and the parking had been bad, also stating that on a planning application the Council normally considers if an ambulance can get through.

Cllr P Martin mentioned that he had sent Councillors a report/pictures of the parking on this night which he felt was a Health and Safety issue.

Cllr P Martin then stated that if this was the case, even though he would have liked the Council's backing, he would investigate all matters with authorities etc as an individual and not a Councillor. Cllr P Martin stated that he did not want to do this and was worried about what may come up when he started looking in to things.

Cllr J Filby then reiterated that this was not a matter for the Council and that Cllr P Martin had been invited to the Firework Committee meeting on 24th August so could then talk to them as a local resident and not as a Councillor of the Parish Council.



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20.042 Planning

<p>EPF/1348/20 - Dews Hall Farm, Spurgate Cottage New Road Lambourne Romford RM4 1AJ</p> <p>Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and shed & extension to the existing cottage at both ground & first floor (Revised application to EPF/2316/19).</p>	<p>The COUNCIL has NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>This was AGREED by all Councillors</p>
<p>EPF/1401/20 – 1 Abridge Mews Market Place Lambourne Romford RM4 1BA</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension.</p>	<p>The COUNCIL has NO OBJECTION to this application but has a concern that it would like the Planning Officer to consider:</p> <p>The Council are concerned that the extension will come right on the building line of the neighbouring property and that this may mean that the gutters may cause problems by over spilling on to the neighbours property.</p>
<p>EPF/1399/20 - Harlings 42 Ongar Road Lambourne Romford RM4 1UH</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed two storey side extension, first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension. New porch and internal alterations (Amended application to EPF/1780/19).</p>	<p>The COUNCIL OBJECTIONS to this application on the grounds that the proposal will look overbearing to the neighbouring property.</p> <p>This was AGREED with one abstention.</p>

20.043 Christmas Lights 2020

The switch on will be on Sunday 29th November and a formal meeting will be held with the contractors very soon.

Cllr D Hardy mentioned looking at an alternative Christmas Tree this year to see if the cost would be lower. Prices will be collected and this will be bought back to the next meeting. Cllr D Hardy mentioned that there were some costs for new equipment and a budget will also be considered at the August meeting.

20.044 RFO Report



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The cheque run was NOTED, Cllr D Moggridge proposed and Cllr H Martin seconded. It was AGREED and the cheques were signed.

20.045 Information Exchange

Cllr J Filby asked that a function for all those in the Parish that have helped throughout COVID lockdown be added to the August Agenda. Cllr H Martin agreed this was a very good idea.

Cllr J Filby asked that Highways/EFDC be contacted regards a dropped kerb on the corner of Knights Walk and Middleboy for a wheelchair.

Cllr P Martin asked for the Green Fence along the footpath on the way to Lambourne Church be added to the August Agenda.

Cllr D Moggridge mentioned the Highways inspection where the parking on verges in Middleboy was going to be discussed. The Highways inspector asked for suggestions and grass concrete squares which are concrete but allow grass to grow through could be considered. This will be added to either the August or September Agenda.

At this point the Clerk stated that he felt that his authority to carry out his responsibilities as the Clerk had been challenged by Councillors in the meeting and maybe even ridiculed. He stated that he was not happy with this and felt that he needed to consider if he could carry on in the role as Clerk. Cllr C Karbaron, Cllr H Martin and Cllr J Filby showed their support for the Clerk and he thanked them for this.

20.046 Date of next Meeting

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday August 19th 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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