



LAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Serving the Communities of Abridge & Lambourne End

Minutes

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.45 in Lambourne End Parish Rooms.

In attendance: Cllr D Hardy (Chairman), Cllr D Moggridge (Vice Chair), Cllr M Drewe, Cllr H Moore, Cllr W Knowles, Cllr L Shreeve, Cllr C Karbaron

Also in attendance: PC Andy Cook, and 5 members of the public including Rev. Roger Gayler.

There was no Clerk in attendance.

The meeting started at 7.45pm

23.263 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

23.264 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

23.265 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

PC Andy Cook provided a verbal update advising the latest crime statistics, there was 1 interference with motor vehicle recorded in Abridge and 1 theft of an electric pedal cycle in Lambourne End. He also talked about Faraday pouches and said he had some if people in the village wanted one.

Rev. Roger Gayler reported that the Community Challenge on 19th May had been cancelled due to lack of funding. On Sunday 21st April at the Lambourne End Centre there's an 'away day' to work out a 10 year vision for the church and therefore the community, it's an open invitation for everyone, 10am – 4pm. He also gave the Council a newspaper article about Parish Councils now being able to give churches a grant.

Martin Frankfurt from Speedwatch reported that a couple of people were doing the online training, it is disappointing that there are not enough volunteers. He asked if anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Martin directly. He also asked about the possibility of changing the speed limit by the school to 20 miles an hour.

23.266 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING



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The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 were **AGREED** and signed.

23.267 CLERKS REPORT

Cllr Moggridge, who has been monitoring the council's email account, reported that she had ordered a portrait of King Charles III for the Abridge Village Hall, this was free of charge.

The Play in the Park email which has been forwarded to Councillors will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

23.268 PLANNING

There were no planning applications to discuss this month.

23.269 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUCILLORS

None - Cllr Craig McCann sent apologies for not attending the meeting.

13.270 HIGHWAYS REPORT

Cllr, Shreeve has reported the 2 potholes in Hoe Lane, one was fixed the next morning. Cllr Moore reported a pothole on the bridge in Abridge, this was also repaired quickly.

23.271 NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Two members of the public expressed an interest in joining the council, after a short discussion with them there was a unanimous vote for both candidates to join the council. Cllr Moggridge will find out what we now must do to officially co-opt both onto the council.

23.272 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORATE

This meeting will be held on May 22nd, not the 15th as the agenda says. Cllr Moggridge will invite local organisations.

23.273 PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Cllr Knowles has booked ROSPA to complete the inspection. This will happen hopefully in May but could be in June. Cllr Hardy highlighted that we only own 3 pieces of equipment in the playground in Pancroft and that in the past we have thought about handing them over to EFDC. Cllr Moggridge will investigate this.



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23.274 COUNCIL INSURANCE

The renewal notice has not been received yet. Cllr Shreeve had some information on 2 other companies that the council can get quotes from. Cllr Moggridge will get quotes from both companies to compare them with Zurich. It was agreed that she would go with the cheapest quote.

23.275 LONDON ROAD

It was agreed that the council will ask Cllr Jaymey McIver for an update on the speed survey that the Parish Council did in December – Cllr Moore will do this and find out if we can put speed camera signs up on London Road.

23.276 DIGITAL SWITCH

Cllr D Moggridge will try to get some information on this to be shared in the community. We will then share this in the Link-up magazine and various noticeboards around the parish.

23.277 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D DAY

Cllr Moore talked about the D Day anniversary on June 6th and asked if we can light the beacon. Cllr Drewe agreed it could be done so long as he had help. Cllr Knowles and Cllr Karbaron offered to help load the beacon the week before the event.

23.278 BANK ACCOUNT

The Chairman found out that the council can have online banking and can use an app to make payments. The council needs 2 people to verify any payment made this way, it was agreed that Cllr Karbaron, who is already a signatory and Cllr Knowles will do this.

23.279 REPORT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Cllr Hardy passed the RFO report to Cllr Karbaron and Cllr Shreeve to approve the cheques.

23.280 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Cllr Moore asked if we could get the old Parish Council noticeboard in the Marketplace removed. She also reminded the council that we were looking at putting up a new noticeboard by the Londis, this will be added to the next agenda.

Cllr Moore brought the newly tarmacked private road at the top of New Farm Drive to the Parish Council's attention and is concerned that people will speed which might cause an accident at the junction of Knights Walk.



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Cllr Shreeve asked about the field on the left passed the village hall looking like someone is living there, this has been reported before and is being dealt with.

Cllr Moggridge asked that a donation for Linkup be put on the next agenda.

23.281 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 in the Abridge Village Hall.

23.282 STAFFING MATTER

Members of the public were asked to leave at this point.

All Councillors accepted the grievance made by the Clerk

Peter Nash was appointed as interim RFO

The council agreed that an unpaid position of a locum clerk will be created with effect from 18th April 2024 to enable the council to remain operational whilst they recoup some costs. Cllr Moggridge will take on this role.

23.283 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 21.40pm.

Signed.....

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