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MINUTES

13th September 2023 at 7.45pm

An Ordinary Meeting of the members of Lambourne Parish Council was held
On Wednesday 13th September 2023 in the Abridge Village Hall.

In attendance: Cllr D Hardy, Cllr B Knowles, Cllr D Moggridge Cllr H Moore and Cllr M Drewe, Cllr C Karbaron, Cllr L Shreeve.

There was three members of the public. The Clerk was not present due to Holiday.

Meeting started at 7.47pm

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk was on annual leave and that the meeting will be recorded so that the minutes can be completed..

23.094 Apologies for Absence

None.,

23.095 Declaration of Interest

None

23.096 Public Consultation

A couple who a residents of London Road complained about how bad the hedge and vegetation had got on London Road opposite the Abridge Park. This is a matter that has been raised before (June meeting), and the Chairman said that the Clerk had spoken to EFDC.

The resident has said that this has been an issue for a number of years and he was going to do a monthly video on how bad the situation is getting with no way to walk along the pathway.

The Clerk will be asked to contact EFDC again and also Essex Highways.

23.097 Minutes of 16th August 2023 meeting.

The minutes of 16th August 2023 were AGREED as a true record.

23.098 Clerk Report

The Clerk Report was read out and NOTED.



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23.099 Planning

<p>EPF/1546/23 - 1 Lambourne Square, Manor Road, Lambourne, Romford, RM4 1NJ</p> <p>Proposal: Retrospective application for amendments to application ref: EPF/3122/16 involving re-design of the two storey side extension roof form from pitched to flat. ** AMENDED DESCRIPTION **</p>	<p>The COUNCIL has NO OBJECTION to the application.</p> <p>Voted on and 5 to 2 for No Objection.</p>
<p>EPF/1961/23 - 67, Fancy Free, Hoe Lane, Lambourne, Romford, RM4 1AU</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed addition of second floor, new roof structure with dormers towards rear of the property. Simultaneous application also submitted for ground floor extension.</p>	<p>The COUNCIL has NO OBJECTION to the application.</p>

23.100 London Road Safety

There was a discussion about what should be applied for through the Local Highways Panel.

The Clerk has contacted Cllr J McIvor as asked at the 16th August meeting.

There was a discussion about Speedwatch and Cllr H Moore explained how it worked and what happened to those caught speeding over 37 mph.

Cllr B Knowles asked about a spot on Manor Road as he had suggested a place to Martin Frankfurt. He will contact Essex Police.

23.101 Report from District and County Councillors

There were no new issues to report.

23.102 Correspondence

Letter complaining about the smell in the village. This is something that the Council knows about. Thames Water and Environmental Health have checked the river and sewage.

23.103 Highways Report

No report.

23.104 New Parish Councillors

There was a discussion about taking on new Councillors. This will be added to the October agenda.



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23.105 Multi Play Safety Inspection Quote

The quote was discussed. There are two options which were to replace the five rotten legs or to replace all sixteen of the legs. It was felt that the inspection was worth having done as it has shown the different options available. The Chairman said that the inspector had said that the unit was generally in an OK condition other than the rotten legs, and said that it would benefit from the wood to be rubbed down and treated. This will be looked at.

It was AGREED that the quote to get all sixteen legs would be accepted and the Clerk will contact Playfix Ltd to arrange. Councillors understand that three quotes should be collected for a quote of £4,720.00 but it was Agreed that Playfix were the preferred choice as they understood the work that needed to be carried out and were local compared to most other companies.

23.106 Playground Climbing Frame Options

Not needed.

23.107 Sub-committee – Personnel

The Chairman asked that Cllr B Knowles, Cllr M Drewe and Cllr C Karbaron take on the sub-committee to look after the personnel matters of the Clerk. The three Councillors agreed and this sub-committee was formed.

23.108 Defibrillator Maintenance

Both defibrillators at the school and Lambourne Parish Rooms have been checked.

23.109 Playground Signage

There was a discussion about signage at the playground. Cllr D Moggridge said that the current sign is out-of-date and old. It was agreed that a new sign should be updated. It was also felt that there should be two signs. The wording will be discussed at the October meeting.

23.110 Review of the LPC Risk Assessment

This was NOTED and Agreed.

23.111 Council Quorate

There was a discussion about reducing the Quorate to four. This was AGREED.

23.112 Review of LPC Asset Register

This was NOTED and Agreed.

23.114 Christmas Lights

A new supplier for the Christmas tree has been found.

23.115 WorkNest / HR

Cllr D Moggridge had no further information.



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23.116 Finger Post on Hoe Lane / Manor Road

Cllr B Knowles spoke about how the finger post is rotten at the bottom and is now being kept for safe keeping. This finger post is owned by Essex Highways. There was a discussion about this and the post that was replaced before at New Road.

The Clerk will get a quote for a new post and ask Essex Highways if LPC can replace it. It may also be possible to just replace the bottom part

23.117 Report of Responsible Officer

The cheque Report was supplied.

101144	A & J Lighting (Street Lights)	49.20
101145	Pinnacle Housing (Grass Cutting)	800.01
101146	TBS Hygiene (Dog Bins 2 X invoices)	307.44
101147	V Evans (Internal Audit)	130.60
101148	N Power Commercial Gas (Electricity on Festive lights account)	2.75
	1st October 2023 Payment of £580.00 to A. Carter	580.00
	Total Expenditure 13th September and 1st October 2023	1,870.00

The Clerk will send through financials to be checked to Cllr C Karbaron.

23.118 Information Exchange or items for next meeting

Cllr D Moggridge mentioned the smell in the village and how it was on the Abridge Facebook Page. There was a discussion about it.

Cllr M Drewe mentioned the music from Bliss Heights on 9th September.

Cllr H Moore mentioned that there was work to be carried out by Essex Highways to fix the pot holes.

23.119 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th October 2023 in the Lambourne End Parish Room.

23.120 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 20.55pm.

Signed.....

Date.....