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MINUTES

15th November 2023 at 7.45pm

An Ordinary Meeting of the members of Lambourne Parish Council was held
On Thursday 15th November 2023 in the Abridge Village Hall.

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

There was four members of the public. The Clerk was present.

Meeting started at 7.45pm

23.145 Apologies for Absence

None.

23.146 Declaration of Interest

None.

23.147 Public Consultation

A resident of Lambourne End brought up the hedges around the Parish that are not being cut. The main example was an are on Hoe Lane. The Clerk had sent a letter to the resident of this property and the hedge was cut back that day. The resident does not actually own the land as it is undeveloped but has kindly been cutting it back for many years.

A resident also came to the meeting to introduce himself as a new Community Champion for Abridge. His name is Greg Hill and he is looking to get involved in many activities within the community.

23.148 Minutes of 19th October 2023 meeting.

The minutes of 19th October 2023 were AGREED as a true record.

23.149 Clerk Report

The Clerk gave a short verbal report which was NOTED.

23.150 Planning

**EPF/2238/23 - Melden, 65 London Road,
Lambourne, Romford, RM4 1XH**

Proposal: Remove existing conservatory and erect a single storey rear extension.

The **COUNCIL** has **NO OBJECTION** to this application.



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EPF/2302/23 - 2, Turners Court, Lambourne, Romford, RM4 1UQ

Proposal: Single storey outbuilding for use as a shed for the dwellinghouse

The **COUNCIL** feel that the Application is confusing and maybe misleading because drawings show an extension on the back of the property. The Council would like confirmation exactly what the application is for.

If the application is just for the shed, then the Council has no objection as long as the Council Tree Specialist is happy.

23.151 London Road Safety

There was a discussion about the speeding on London Road and surveying speeds at different times to collect evidence of speeding.

It was Agreed to look at carrying out surveys and the 9th/10th and 16th/17th December were suggested between 10am and 12pm. Cllr H Moore will contact Speedwatch to see if this can be arranged.

23.152 Report from District and County Councillors

No Reports available.

23.153 Correspondence

The two letters regarding the Fireworks Display were NOTED.

23.154 Highways Report

No report.

23.155 New Parish Councillors

The position has been mentioned to an resident of Hoe Lane resident who was present.

23.156 Finger Post at top of Hoe Lane

The Clerk mentioned the scheme being offered by EFDC which would replace the post for £1400.

The sign will be delivered to a local Joinery firm to see if it can be repaired.

23.157 23/24 Budget Review

This was NOTED and discussed.

23.158 Multi Play Unit on Playground

This was discussed and the repairs NOTED.

Cllr M Drew will speak to a local handyman about strimming and tidying the playground.



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23.159 Second Quarter Budget Review

The Clerk has handed financial details to Cllr B Knowles who will confirm at the next meeting.

23.160 24/25 Precept

The Clerk gave copies of a draft Precept based on the Budget and forecasts for the rest of 23/24. This was NOTED. There was a discussion and this will be added to the December agenda.

23.161 Christmas Lights

There was a discussion and everything is moving to plan. The switch on date is 26th November 2023.

23.162 Playground Signage

The Chair has not heard back from the course instructor about the wording for the signage. This will be added to the December agenda.

23.163 Clerk Salary Bank Standing Order

It was Agreed that Cllr D Hardy would contact Barclays Bank on 16th November to change the standing order so that the Clerk is paid the full wage on the 1st of the month.

23.164 Report of Responsible Officer

The Bank Reconciliation was part of the Budget sheet and NOTED.
The cheque Report was NOTED and AGREED.

<i>Chq No</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>
101159	A & J Lighting (Street Lights)	49.20
101160	Pinnacle Housing (Grass Cutting)	240.00
101161	TBS Hygiene (Dog Bins)	153.72
101162	Lambourne End Parish Rooms	15.00
101163	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	200.00
101164	Aylesford Electrical Contractors Ltd (2st Christmas Payment)	5,447.15
101165	EALC (£90.00 Planning Course & £912.00 Playground Course)	1,002.00
101166	N Power Commercial Gas (Electricity).	61.49
101167	Playfix Ltd (Replacement of multiplay legs and report).	6,018.00
101168	A Carter (Salary adjustment, Car allowance and Mobile phone, paper)	320.77
	1st December 2023 Payment of £810.87 re employment.	810.87
	Total Expenditure 15th November and 1st December 2023	14,318.20



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23.165 Information Exchange or items for next meeting

Cllr H Moore mentioned a resident that asked about the cleaning of a pathway behind their property on Pancroft.

Cllr H Moore mentioned the bush that is still blocking the alleyway at the bottom of the Cricket Field.

Cllr H Moore mentioned that residents had brought up the wet leaves around the village and how it made the paths slippery.

Cllr D Moggridge mentioned the land on Ongar Road that seems to have had work carried out on it. EFDC Enforcement are aware of this.

Cllr D Moggridge said that the street light on Middleboy had been hit by a van and was now leaning quite badly. The Clerk will speak to A&J Lighting about this as it is a safety matter.

Cllr D Moggridge mentioned that Apes Grove seemed to be in a bad state and asked about contact details of the person that deals with this.

23.166 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th December 2023 in the Abridge Village Hall.

23.167 Private Session

Not used.

23.168 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21.21pm.

Signed.....

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