



LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 18th May 2022 at 6pm.

Present: (Chair) Cllr Dart, Cllr Breeds, Cllr Crozier, Cllr Poore and Cllr Wilson.
Cllr Watts attended later in the meeting

2 members of the public present

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Poore nominated Cllr Dart and Cllr Crozier seconded this proposal. All agreed for Cllr Dart to be Chairman of Laughton Parish Council.

2. Public Session

A member of the public discussed their planning application WD/2021/2869/F and explained the reasons for the driveway and reposition of entrance. The main reasons are to increase safety for this area. Members asked questions and thanked them for their clarification.

3. To accept the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 20th April 2022,

Cllr Dart proposed the minutes had not reported the time Cllr Hallam entered the meeting in April. Members approved the minutes with this adjustment. The Clerk will make the adjustment and bring to the next meeting for approval.

4. Declarations of interest. To receive notices of declarations personal and prejudicial, in respect of items on this agenda.

Cllr Dart has a personal interest in agenda item 14.2

5. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Dart nominated Cllr Breeds and Cllr Poore seconded this proposal. All agreed for Cllr Breeds to be Vice Chairman of Laughton Parish Council.

6. MEMBERS TO AGREE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

None

7. East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council reports

ESCC – *Cllr Bennett produced a report for the Annual Parish meeting which follows this meeting, this was circulated to members.*

WDC – *Cllr Watts attended later in the meeting where an update was given. Please see reports*

8. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES

Planning

All Councillors are to be on the planning committee

To agree delegated authority of consider planning applications by email.

All members agree planning to be discussed and agreed by email when required.

9. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS AS PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Village Hall Committee/Trustee- *Appointed Cllr Dart and Cllr Breeds*

Laughton Parish Council Tree Warden- *Members proposed Sue Redshaw and Cllr Young.*
To ratify at the next meeting.

WDALC (Wealden District Association of Local Councils) *Appointed Cllr Dart and Cllr Crozier*

Parish Emergency Officer- *Appointed Cllr Breeds*

Neighbourhood Watch/Crime prevention initiative- *Appointed Cllr Crozier*

Footpath Representative - *Appointed Cllr Crozier and Cllr Wilson*

10. Planning

a) Plans

None

b) To consider any planning applications that have been received after the agenda has been published.

WD/2021/2869/F - STONE CROSS FARM, LEWES ROAD, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BN

Description: REPOSITION OF SITE ENTRANCE FROM LEWES ROAD TO MILL LANE, WITH ASSOCIATED GATES AND LANDSCAPING

Laughton Parish Council are pleased to note the amendments and have no further comments to make.

c) Planning applications approved, refused, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2021/3036/LB – Approved

WD/2021/3035/F- Approved

These were noted by members

d) To note approved responses to applications and appeals approved by email

None

e) Other planning matters – to discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

The members discussed the planning applications that the members of the public addressed in the public session of the meeting. The members agreed the following comments to send to Wealden planning department.

WD/2022/0392/F & WD/2022/0393/LB- Virginia Cottage, Lewes Road, Laughton, BN8 6BQ. New garage and secure store, new open sided porch, change of use of land to provide extended parking

The applicant provided additional information to members of the parish council about the improvement to highway safety arising from their proposed extension to the residential curtilage.

Laughton Parish Council no longer has its previous reservations on the extension to the residential curtilage and now supports the application.

11. Financial Matters – Authorisation of payments of accounts –To approve accounts for payment – (a schedule of receipts & payments will be presented at the meeting) – list of payments on separate sheet.

- May Payments- *Members approved the May payments and these were signed accordingly.*
- April Bank Reconciliation – *Members approved the bank reconciliation.*
- To agree to add signatories on the bank account - *Members agreed to add Cllr Wilson as a signatory on the bank account.*

Review and completion of audit

- a) Certificate of Exemption Agar 2021/22** - *Members discussed the previously circulated document and it was agreed Laughton Parish Council qualifies for a certificate of exemption.*
- b) Section one** – Annual governance statement, *Members discussed the previously circulated document and it was agreed the correct internal controls are in place. Cllr Dart and the Clerk signed the statement accordingly.*
- c) Section two** – Accounting statement, *Members discussed the previously circulated document and it was agreed the figures were correct. Cllr Dart and the Clerk signed the statement accordingly*
- d) Internal audit report** - *Members discussed the previously circulated report and reviewed the comments from the internal auditor. There are no significant actions to report or any recommendations to be actioned by the Clerk.*

12.To adopt the General Power of Competence as found in the localism Act 2011. All members agreed to adopt the Power of Competence.

13.ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

14.1- Village Maintenance – Ditches/Flooding- *No further updates*

14-2 Dangerous traffic on Shortgate Lane – *The Clerk reported to members the feasibility study has been completed and will be sent to ESCC, the Clerk informed members the Parish Council were not consulted when this was carried out as requested. The Clerk sent an email to Mr Tingley explaining the members were very upset to hear this as they wanted to be involved in the process. A response has not been received and the Clerk will chase ESCC.*

14.3- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – *Cllr Crozier reported the events have been moved to the garden of The Roebuck, where there will be games, entertainment, a bouncy castle, food and refreshments. Members agreed for the Clerk to ask for the bouncy castle to be over the 2 days if possible and if any further budget is required to be agreed by email.*

14.4- Park Lane – Parking concerns -*The Clerk is still waiting for a response from the letter sent on behalf of the Parish Council.*

14.5 – Grounds Maintenance – *The Clerk informed members she is still waiting for quotes. Members agreed for a new contractor to be selected by email due to the time scale. All members agreed this action.*

15 - CORRESPONDENCE - All correspondence will be circulated and noted at the meetings

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

None

15.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published – *None*

16- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Dart reported she has attended the meetings of the Chiddingly Parish Council Working Group Against Over Development.

Cllr Watts entered the meeting at 18.40pm

Cllr Watts gave a brief report and highlighted four areas

- 1. There has been a change of leadership, Cllr Newton is now the new leader at Wealden District Council.*
- 2. A brief update was given regarding the overdevelopment meeting with Michael Gove and the District Council.*
- 3. An update was given regarding the bin strikes. It's the 4th week and they may continue to strike. The Clerk will continue to forward WDC updates.*
- 4. Cllr Watts informed members' homes for Ukraine is updated on the WDC website, please find information there if required.*

Meeting closed 18.55pm