



## LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present: (Chairman) Cllr Dart, Cllr Breeds, Cllr Crozier, Cllr Hallam, Cllr Wilson and Cllr Young

The Clerk was also in attendance and Mrs Fiona Hensher

No members of the public were present

#### **1. Public Session**

*None*

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

*None*

#### **3. To accept the minutes from the meetings held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022,**

*The minutes were agreed and signed accordingly.*

#### **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 11.2*

#### **5. Members to agree confidential items on the agenda for the exclusion of the press and members of the public.**

*None*

#### **6. East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council reports**

*None*

#### **7. Ratify appointment of new Clerk to Laughton Parish Council**

*Members ratified the appointment of the new Clerk Mrs Hannah Stevens*

#### **8. Planning and licence applications**

##### **a) Plans**

*None*

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

**WD/2022/2019/F - HAMMONDS LODGE FARM, COMMON LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6DF.** Description: CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING TOGETHER WITH PARKING AND GARDENS. FURTHER ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING WOODLANDS, SUDS AND ORCHARD PLANTING (ALTERNATIVE TO WD/2021/2097)

Amended plans received date stamped 22/12/2022

*Laughton Parish Council would like to be assured that the new proposal overcomes the shortcomings of the previous design and heritage aspects and that the planning officer is satisfied that this revised proposal overcomes the policy constraints.*

**c) Planning applications approved, refused, referred, withdrawn or appeals**

WD/2019/0883/F- Refuse

WD/2019/1260/LB- Refuse

WD/2022/1962/PO-Permits the Modification

WD/2022/2399/LB-Approved

WD/2022/2205/F-Approved

**These were noted by members**

**d) To note approved responses to applications and appeals approved by email (These responses can be found on the Wealden District Council website or by request to the clerk.)**

WD/2022/3037/F

WD/2022/2896/P04

**These were noted by members**

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

*A resident emailed the Clerk asking for the members to contact Wealden District Council regarding the dismissed appeal at The Briars. Members agreed to support the resident. Cllr Crozier will consult with the resident.*

*Another resident raised an issue with Park Lane, members will investigate the concerns and report back at the next meeting.*

*A Councillor reported Bluebell holiday let static caravans have now been permitted permanent residence from Wealden District Council.*

*Laughton Greenwood are appealing the refusal of their retrospective planning application.*

*Members agreed to send a further letter regarding parking at Park Lane. This was agreed to go to the next meeting.*

**f) Licence applications received before or after the agenda has been published.**

*None*

**9. 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.**

- Bank reconciliations November 2022 - *Members approved the bank reconciliation*

- Bank reconciliations December 2022 - *Members approved the bank reconciliation*
- Budget for 23/24 – *Members approved the budget for 2023/24*
- January payments – *Members approved the payments*
- Grant application – *None received*

**10. SETTING OF THE PRECEPT** – *Members discussed the previous circulated budget figures for 2023-2024. All members agreed a precept of £17,227.00. This will be a slight increase per household.*

## **11. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES**

### **11.1- Village Maintenance**

- Ditches/Flooding – *Correspondence was noted from resident who is working with Cllr Bennett on the drainage concerns outside their property. Members also noted concerns when there is heavy rain the water that rises back up through the foul drains on B2124 and in the centre of the village. Also, there are drainage concerns on Church Lane.*

**11.2- Dangerous traffic on Shortgate Lane** – *Cllr Bennett is arranging a meeting with members of the speed working party regarding the speed concerns. Cllr Dart will also attend this meeting.*

**11.3 -Playground** – *Members noted the playground equipment has now been repaired. Fencing works is required, the Clerk will obtain quotes and email members for approval. Members also noted the basketball net needs removing at some point.*

**11.4- Christmas festivities** – *Members note the success of the Christmas festivities.*

**11.5- Defibrillator for the Parish** – *The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Crozier on applying for a grant for a defibrillator.*

**11.6- Dignity at work policy-** *Members approved and adopted this policy.*

**11.7- Laughton Parish Council– Equal Opportunities Policy-** *Members approved and adopted. this policy.*

## **12. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING**

*A Councillor reported on the B2124 going to Golden Cross before the layby has a few potholes that need reporting. The Clerk will report this to East Sussex Highways.*

*Cllr Dart reported the planters on the layby may have a resident interested in refreshing them. This will be discussed at the next meeting.*

## **13- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION**

*Cllr Dart attended a Cluster meeting with WDC regarding the Local Plan progress and gave a brief update to members.*

**Meeting closed at 20:14pm**