



LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th July 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present: (Chairman) Cllr Dart, Cllr Breeds, Cllr Crozier, Cllr Poore and Cllr Wilson. Also in attendance was East Sussex County Councillor Nick Bennett and District Councillor David Watts.

The Clerk was also in attendance

2 Members of the public present

1. Public Session

An applicant attended on behalf of their planning application WD/2022/1208/F for any members to ask questions. Questions were raised and the applicant answered.

A member of the public spoke in relation to agenda item 9.2. They explained the feasibility study has been returned and they, and other residents in Shortgate Lane, are disappointed with the outcome. The issues that had originally been brought to the attention of East Sussex Highways have not been addressed or even mentioned in the report, which the member felt was disappointing. However, there are some measures in the report that they would like to discuss further or possibly put in place. They recommended a meeting to take place with the ESCC Highways department, the Parish Council and members of the speed working party.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hallam and Young.

These were noted

3. To accept the minutes from the meetings held on Wednesday 20th April 2022, and 18th May AGM 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 9.2

Cllr Wilson has a personal interest in planning application WD/2022/1208/F as she is a neighbouring property.

Cllr Poore has a personal interest in planning application WD/2022/6504/SO as he knows the applicant.

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

ESCC – Nothing to report

WDC- Cllr Watts gave a brief report and highlighted four areas

1. *The Biffa dispute ended on the 20th June, they are still clearing the back log and hoped to be up to date in the next few weeks. Please where possible leave your unemptied bins out to be collected.*
2. *It was agreed at the last Planning authority meeting Southern Water responses to applications were not detailed enough. It has now been agreed that they need to state where the waste outlets will be on any future planning applications.*
3. *Cllr Watts informed members that the Homes for Ukraine is still in place.*
4. *The DD rebate of £150.00 is still on going. Please contact WDC for information.*
5. *Recently issues of stray dogs were reported. Cllr Watts wanted to reassure members the number of stray dogs is very low and no stray dogs are put to sleep, they are rehomed.*

7. Planning and licence applications

a) Plans

WD/2022/1185/F- & WD/2022/1186/LB STONE CROSS FARM, LEWES ROAD, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BN

Extensions to the west (side) and south (rear) of the property, external door to east elevation, internal alterations, a hipped roof dormer and south facing rooflights.

Laughton Parish Council note the significant changes to a heritage asset. The parish council accept every generation wants to make changes to reflect contemporary living. The parish council is not qualified to judge whether these proposed changes are acceptable from a heritage accept. So, members will fully support the recommendations of the Wealden District conservation and design officer.

WD/2022/1208/F - LAND AT LIGHT FARM, CHURCH LANE, LAUGHTON

Provision of self-contained glamping pods with designated parking.

Laughton Parish Council has no objection, subject to the following conditions;

- *Because of the lack of ambient noise in the vicinity no amplified music should be allowed. This is to protect neighbours' peaceful enjoyment of their own homes.*
- *The glamping pods are only to be used for holiday lets*
- *Any lighting to be minimal to mitigate light pollution*
- *If the holiday letting business ceases, the glamping pods are to be removed from site.*

WD/2022/1011/FR - Part retrospective application for the change of use of land for 5 static caravans and 4 travelling gypsy and traveller pitches.

Laughton Parish Council wholeheartedly supports Chiddingfold Parish Council in their recently submitted objections to this application and endorses them, given that the site is adjacent to Laughton Parish Council boundaries.

WD/2022/6504/SO- COLBRANS FARM ESTATE, LAUGHTON. Request for a screening opinion for a solar installation and associated infrastructure.

Laughton Parish Council feels strongly that a full environmental impact assessment should be carried out, because similar applications with Wealden District Council have required such an environmental impact assessment. Members would also like confirmation that this has been carried out, or if not, will be.

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

WD/2022/1537/MFA - KITTY HAWK FARM, DARP LANE, LEWES, BN8 6BB

Variation of condition 2 of WD/2013/2264/MEA (Installation of solar energy facility on land west of Ripe utilising photovoltaic panels to produce up to 6 Megawatts of renewable energy) to extend expiry date of planning permission from 26/03/2040 to 26/03/2055.

Members agreed to discuss this planning application by email to allow members sufficient time to review the application.

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

WD/2021/2795/FR – Refuse

WD/2021/2587/RM – Approve

Appeal Decision - APP/C1435/W/21/3277405 - Land opposite Holly Cottage, Lewes Road, Laughton BN8 6BL -Dismissed

WD/2021/2869/F -Approve

WD/2022/2922/F – Approve

WD/2022/0530/F – Approve

WD/2022/1200/PO4 – Withdrawn

WD/2021/0746/FR -Approve

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/2022/1299/P04

WD/2022/0833/F

WD/2022/0840/FR

WD/2022/0392/F

WD/2022/0393/LB

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.

- Working Group against overdevelopment - letter to the Minister, meeting with Maria Caulfield MP.
- Wealden District Council - Local Plan Update

These were noted by members

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

None

8. 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.

- To agree Bank reconciliations May 2022- *Members approved the bank reconciliation*
- To agree Bank reconciliations June 2022- *Members approved the bank reconciliation*
- To agree July payments - *Members approved July payments and these were signed accordingly. Members also approved to award £200.00 towards Jubilee cost for signage. This will be paid in the August payments*

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

9.1- Village Maintenance – Ditches/Flooding update - – No further updates

- Damage to electrical boxes on The Green – *The Clerk circulated a report, reporting damaged areas with recommendations. The recommendations were approved by members. These were as follows: to report to the Christmas working party and help to arrange repairs. To use the Christmas lighting funds if any cost is required.*

9.2- Dangerous traffic on Shortgate Lane – *The members discussed the circulated report and the recommendations from the working party. They approved for the Clerk to email Mr Tingley and thank him for his report, and to also arrange a meeting with Mr Tingley, Mr Johnson, the Parish Council and the speed working party. Also, to cc Cllr Bennett in on any correspondence.*

9.3 -Playground – *Members approved a working party of Cllr Hallam, Cllr Wilson and the Clerk. They will work together to repair and update the playground and report at the next meeting.*

As the playground is closed for repairs a sign will be placed in the Village Shop, on the website and a large sign in the playground.

9.4 –Data Protection Policy- *The members unanimously agreed to adopt the Data Protection Policy*

9.5 – Website – *The members will send pictures of the village to Clerk so she can place them on the website.*

10.ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

- Letter of thanks for Mr J Nightingale
- To note Clerk's appraisal
- To note Jubilee celebration

These were noted by members and a vote of thanks was given to Cllr Crozier for all her hard work on the Jubilee celebrations.

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

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

- CCN Newsletter - June 2022
- various email regarding the bin strikes

. These were noted by members

11.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

None

12- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Crozier and Cllr Wilson had attended planning training

Meeting closed at 20.45pm

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