



LAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th November at 7.15pm.

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

2 Members of the public present

1. Public Session

None

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bennett and Cllr Watts

Cllr Crozier and Hallam apologised as they are leaving the meeting early

These were noted

3. To accept the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2021,

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 10.4

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- A previous report was circulated and noted

WDC- Cllr Watts emailed the clerk to inform members of items, these were noted by members.

Cllr Crozier joined the meeting at 19.23pm

Item 10.2 was brought forward to allow for Cllr Hallam to participate due to having to leave early.

10.2-Play Areas – *Members discussed play equipment which they believe would be the most suitable and enjoyable to replace the existing play equipment. The Clerk and Cllr Hallam will work together to get a final design to bring to the next meeting for members to agree. This can then go forward to contractors.*

Standing orders resumed.

7. Planning and licence applications

a) Plans

None

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

WD/2021/2157/LB - MEADOWSIDE, CHURCH LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6AH REPLACEMENT OF TWO FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS WITH LIKE FOR LIKE WOODEN, SINGLE GLAZED, CASEMENT WINDOWS.

Laughton Parish Council have no objections to this application

WD/2021/2587/RM-BROYLE PARK FARM, LAUGHTON ROAD, LAUGHTON, BN8 6DB
RESERVED MATTERS PURSUANT TO WD/2020/1455/O (OUTLINE

APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKER'S DWELLING AND DETACHED GARAGE) COVERING APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, SCALE, BIN STORAGE, BIKE STORAGE, FOUL DRAINAGE DISPOSAL, SURFACE WATER DISPOSAL AND BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT SCHEME.

Laughton Parish Council has the following comments. The Council is concerned with the increased size and height of the garage which differs from the original outline application. The Council also notes the increase in size of the footprint of the house from the original outline application

WD/2018/0234/F & WD/2018/0235/LB- CHELWOOD, POUND LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BE. SINGLE-STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM, UTILITIES AND KITCHEN/DINING SPACE WITH ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING TO PRIVATE OUTDOOR AMENITY. DOUBLE TIMBER FRAME GARAGE TO REPLACE EXISTING SINGLE GARAGE. REPLACEMENT OF UNAUTHORISED CLOSE-BOARDED

FENCE WITH POST AND RAIL FENCE.

Amendment to reduce the size and rear projection of proposed extension, and redesign of garage. Amended plans received date stamped 8/10/2021

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

c) Planning applications refused, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2021/0347/F- Approve

Referred - WD/2021/1311/F -CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION TO EXISTING DWELLING TO PROVIDE A BUILDING FOR A POOL SPENCES FARM, COMMON LANE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6BX

These were noted

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/2021/2097/F

WD/2021/2273/F

These were noted

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

-To note potential enforcement issues brought to the attention of the parish council. ***Cllr Young is still awaiting a response which he will chase and report back at the next Full Council Meeting.***

-Wealden Local Plan update and SHELAA- ***Cllr Dart and Cllr Crozier each gave a brief outline of the recent Parish Cluster meetings that they have attended. They explained the Cluster groups have worked together to create a letter to be sent to the Rt.Hon Michael Grove MP. This would be on behalf of the all the areas in the cluster with the aim to raise the increased concern over the increase in approved housing development in rural areas. Members, on behalf of the council approved the letter.***

-WD/2020/7055/AD- <http://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=155830>

This application was noted by members and they will send a response once a full application has been received.

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

None

Cllr Hallam left the meeting at 19.52pm

Item 10.5 was brought forward to allow for Cllr Crozier to participate due to having to leave early.

10.5 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – *Cllr Crozier reported she has received lots of interest to hold an event for the Queens Jubilee. She asked for this to be on the next agenda for further discussion. Members agreed to this.*

Cllr Crozier left the meeting at 19.58pm

Item 10.4 was brought forward and standing orders were suspended to allow for a member of the public to report.

10.4- Dangerous traffic on Shortgate lane – *The results of the speed survey were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The member of the public discussed the report and explained the average speed was 32mph. Cllr Nick Bennett contacted Ian Johnson Traffic and Safety Manager for East Sussex County Council to ask what the next actions are to be taken. He recommended a feasibility study. After further investigation the member of the public believe they have found the information to show Laughton is eligible for a 30mph limit on the inhibited part of Shortgate Lane and is awaiting confirmation from Mr Johnson. It was requested for the Parish council to pay half of the cost towards a feasibility study if this agreed.*

Standing orders resumed.

The members thanked the members of public for their work and agreed once a response from Ian Johnson has been received where he approves the feasibility study, to contribute half the cost. All members agreed this action.

8. Christmas festivities and lights – *Members discussed the report circulated and approved the costing of the Christmas tree and a contingency of £100 on Christmas festivities if required. Cllr Dart will discuss with the working party and report to the clerk.*

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.

- **To agree Bank reconciliations September 2021-** *Members approved the bank reconciliation.*
- **To agree Bank reconciliations October 2021-** *Members approved the bank reconciliation.*
- **To agree November payments -** *Members approved September payments and these were signed accordingly.*
- **To discuss and approve for budget 2022/23 -** *Members discussed the proposed budget and made recommendations. The clerk will include the recommendations and the final agreement will be made at the January meeting or if this falls outside the deadline members agreed to agree the budget by email.*
- **To agree contract for a new payroll service due to retirement of current contractor –** *The Clerk informed members she has currently been obtaining quotes, some quotes were still outstanding. Members agreed to move this item to the next agenda.*
- **To approve grant payment for Ripe and Chalvington magazine –** *Members did not support the grant request as the request does not fulfil the criteria set out in the policy. Members would welcome a discussion about the Parish Magazine in conjunction with Ripe and Chalvington Parish Council.*

9.1 Town and Parish Councillor Allowances for 2022/2023- To note report and for councillors to decide whether to receives an allowance - *Members decided to adopt the members' allowance for 2022/23. If members would like to claim this allowance, they will email the Clerk privately.*

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

10.1-Village Maintenance – Ditches/Flooding update – *Members noted the correspondence received by a resident. They discussed that over the summer certain ditches were cleared. After heavy rainfall the ditches and flooding still has not been resolved or improved. Laughton Parish Council have been informed that ESCC are investigating these areas. Members agreed for the clerk to write to Cllr Bennett and ask for an official update on what where their findings and what actions are they taking. Members are very concerned over the safety of residents and road users when the main B2124 floods.*

To agree Urban Grass Cutting Options 2022- *Members discussed the recent correspondence from ESCC Highways and agreed to stay with option 1.*

10.3 – Pelham field fencing – *Members discussed the recent quotes received from the school's caretaker but the Clerk is still awaiting a response from the school's estate team.*

10.6- SLR Meeting – *Members approved the terms of reference*

11. Website upgrade – *The Clerk informed members she has been working on a new website due to the current website being upgraded. She asked members to send photos of Laughton so these can be placed on the website.*

12.ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

Members approved the quote to refurbish and repair the gateways, before this can be carried out the clerk is awaiting a response from ES Highways regarding the erecting temporary speed signs while the repairs are taking place.

13 - CORRESPONDENCE - All correspondence will be circulated and noted at the meetings
For noting.

If you would like a copy of the correspondence, please email the clerk.

Correspondence was noted

13.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- WDC Statement following personal data breach

These were noted

14- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Crozier reported that several residents had offered to provide financial support to enable the village to buy British Legion Remembrance effects to be placed in the village. She also reported that these residents were prepared to put them up and maintain them. She would report further later in the year.

Cllr Crozier mentioned the Queen's Green Canopy which was to plant trees during the Jubilee year. She would report further when more information was available.

Meeting Closed at 21.16pm