

LANE END PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30pm IN LANE END YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Coulter – Acting Chairman, Achurch, Dunning, Graham, Harries, Hunt, Nicolson, Osborn, Stewart, Wright.

Buckinghamshire Council: None, apologies received.

CLERK: Mrs Hayley Glasgow

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 4**1) Apologies for absence**

Cllr Detsiny.

2) Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests

None.

3) Minutes – Approval of the Full Parish Meeting on 1st November 2021

Council approved the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4) Clerk Report / Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received

- i. Email received from a Parishioner “For fitness & environment I would like to cycle more however would need to use a trailer or tag along for my young child. I used to live in Cambridge so had the luxury of fantastic cycling provision. I feel concerned about the safety of cycling with a child in a trailer on the roads locally. I would like to propose that the council consider making some of the main footpaths into shared cycle paths. Such as round to the shop and the school, and from bolter End and moor common through the village”.
The Parish Council did not consider the footpaths to be wide enough around the Parish for cycle lane provisions.
- ii. Email received from a Parishioner re Golden Guff “owners which is that the land is already under contract to Shanley and therefore they are not able to sell it elsewhere”.
- iii. Email received from Parishioner re Finings Wood “Our letter requesting more accurate area and costs has now been sent to John Clegg at Tustins”.
- iv. Email received from Parishioner “Can we use some of the spare £40k that was mentioned at the last council meeting for the planters and plants around the village. We have a lot of mismatched stuff and people are spending their own money to make the village look nice with plants”.
The Parish Council asked for further information, what type of planters, locations and would wild flowers be an option.
- v. Buckinghamshire Council - Nominations are open for this year’s Proud of Bucks Awards!
- vi. Buckinghamshire Council - Two successful business bids for Bucks.
- vii. Buckinghamshire Council - Transport for Buckinghamshire’s Road Safety team are helping drivers to stay safe this winter.
- viii. Buckinghamshire Council - Council unveils ambitious plan to convert fleet to electric power.
- ix. LEYCC are looking for a new treasurer.
- x. BALC - Link for Planning Enforcement.
- xi. Buckinghamshire Council - Separate Chiltern and Wycombe area food waste collections to restart from 13 December.
- xii. Buckinghamshire Council - Buckinghamshire Financial Insecurity partnership launched to help those with money problems.
- xiii. SSE Contracting have changed to Enerveo.

Clerks Report November 2021

The items below summarise the Clerks activities since the last meeting.

- i. Update on the Clarion Printing Pricing – “the price from this issue/Nov has had to increase due to numerous & severe paper price increases.
- ii. I have completed the historical data pension documents relating to 2014 – 2021.
- iii. Cllr Detsiny laid the Poppy wreath at the Remembrance Sunday Service.
- iv. Bucks Tree Surgeons has met with Pete Whipp re the tree inspection quotation.
- v. I have confirmed with Buckland Landscapes that they will continue with the grass cutting contract for a further year.
- vi. RE: 21/07913/OUT – Buckinghamshire Councillors have confirmed that they have requested this application is called in. LEPC has done the same and also submitted comments on the planning portal.
- vii. The AED unit in Cadmore End has been installed. I have checked the unit.
- viii. I have registered the new AED unit with South Bucks Ambulance Service and also completed the online Circuit form. The AED unit is now live.
- ix. I have ordered 2 new pad paks for the AED units at Londis and the Village Hall, paid via expenses. I have installed the new battery/pad paks on both units.
- x. I have registered the AED units at Lane End Village Hall and Londis with Circuit.
- xi. I have instructed SSE Contracting to go ahead with the structural testing of the street lighting columns. The revised quotation is £2860.00 plus VAT.
- xii. Two dead trees immediately adjacent to the permissive footpath connecting Oakwood Place to Ditchfield Common. Fell quotation £540.00 plus VAT. I have authorised these works.
- xiii. As mentioned in several emails, Parish Councillors can consider if LEPC would like to adopt a safeguarding policy / officer.
- xiv. I have received complaint from a tenant at Sandyfield Allotment site about the gate being left open.
- xv. LEPC continued to be copied to emails re helicopter noise.

5) Matters arising from previous meeting

The Clerk will ask TFB if they have a date for the resurfacing works on Shotfield Road.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public asked if Lacey’s Farm shop can have a stand for Clarion magazines. Cllr Stewart will action this.

Christmas in the Village was a fantastic event, enjoyed by many Parishioners.

A Parishioner raised concerns about how data would be collected for proposals to use the funds from the sale of Chalky Fields. It was confirmed that the Parish Council will consult the Parish for ideas and that an appropriate methodology for collating the data will be determined at that time.

A Parishioner asked if there was a plan to replace the 2 felled trees on Ditchfield Common. It was confirmed that there were no plans to do so at this stage ~~Not currently~~ but the Parish Council will consider this.

The Jubilee working group has agreed a location for the planting of the lime tree which will be at the Church end of Ditchfield Common, almost opposite the track down to Wycombe Court house.

MEETING RE-OPEN

6) Finance - i) Approval of the accounts for November 2021

Council approved the expenditure of £14,682.12. Council noted the income was £1460.18. Council noted the current account closing balance of £159,257.05 as of 29th November 2021.

£350 plus VAT already authorised. Fell multiply stems to ensure 2 meters clearance around street lighting pole to allow SSE to carry out works.

iii) Quotation to fell 2 trees, Ditchfield Common (retrospection)

Two dead trees immediately adjacent to the permissive footpath connecting Oakwood Place to Ditchfield Common. The Clerk authorised the works to be carried out. Quote £540 plus VAT.

iv) Proposed Draft Budget and Precept 2022/23

The Parish Council agreed an increase of 2.73% in the precept to £169,500.00.

The Parish Council agreed the proposed 2022/23 budget, the following comments were made :

- A budget increase for the Clerks salary. The pay increase due for 21/22 has not yet been agreed by NALC, this will need to be backdated to April 2021. Plus, an allowance for a further increase in 22/23.
- There is an open spaces and commons inflation increase for grass cutting and also an increase for woodland maintenance.
- Street lighting, £1,600, increase of approximately 10%. LEPC are currently on a fixed price contract which ends in April 2022. An extension to the contract had been previously agreed and this locked the prices with a 10% increase for a further 30 months, starting on 1st May 2022.
- Election expenses of £5,000 taken out due to no election.
- Contingency of £8600, this increase is to provide a small fund to enable Council to pursue future capital projects.
- If we convert all street lighting to LED there will be a reduction in electric costs. This hasn't been accounted for in the budget as yet as the works are still to be done.
- Any additional tree works that are required beyond those budgeted for can be accommodated from reserves or by drawing down from other budget lines.

Cllr Osborn will look into possible grants for tree works.

The Parish Council agreed to give the Clerk delegated authority for expenditure re required electric works at the Lane End Pavilion.

v) Land Agreement – Grouse and Ale

Land usage as per Licence Agreement. Council agreed a rent of £500 for 1st Sept 2021 – 31st August 2022.

7) Tree Safety Inspection Report

Ridgeway Woodlands has carried out a tree safety inspection report.

The Clerk has received one quotation from a contractor and is awaiting another quotation.

It was agreed that Cllrs Achurch, Osborn and Katy Dunn would meet with Ridgeway Woodlands and look at the trees as per the report.

8) Playing Fields Warden

Steve Dutton is retiring after 4 years from his position at Lane End Playing Fields. His current position is 6 hours per week. Council agreed to find a replacement for his position as soon as possible.

9) The sale of Chalky Fields. Implications and opportunities

Cllr Stewart reported that at our last meeting, it was the intention to submit for comment and approval, a paper prepared by the SPG for publicising the availability of possible funding for capital projects to groups, organisations & individuals, within the Parish. This funding would potentially arise arising from the sale of Chalky Fields to Nicholas King Homes for a housing development. This paper, prepared by the SPG, is now well advanced, and on approval it was the intention to issue it with the March issue of The Clarion

However, on checking with the developers (NKH) and the BCC planning department, we can advise that progress on the planning application has not moved as quickly as we had anticipated, due to an overwhelming demand on planning applications, insufficient resources, a change in Planning Officer a required degree of re-design to align the development with the original planning constraints together with a number of technical issues.

The best estimate at the time of writing is that approval to a scheme may not be available until at least late spring (May –June 2022) which of course affects our thoughts on the timescale of our program & anticipated income together with a launch of the intended publicity which we now expect to be delayed until the Autumn of next year. This is disappointing but realistic on the advice we have been given.

As such, the SPG who have now completed their initial brief, would therefore recommend deferment on issuing the advisory paper, until such times as clarity on the program and income is determined.

Councillor Stewart at his own bequest has been working on a draft development plan at the playing fields incorporating much needed additional car parking, a children’s’ play area, an amphi-theatre and skateboarding park. All are possible but the logistics cannot accommodate all these activities without compromise. The land at Finings

Farm which we had tentatively hoped may be available has now been sold and our Chairman has verified with the Land Agent that the new owners would not be interested in selling any of their newly acquired land. However, some of you will be aware that there is a small land area adjacent to Handleton Common/Playing Fields entrance which could be of interest to us being close to our existing facilities. As such it would be remiss of us not to at least obtain advice from Paul Deriaz to ascertain its market value and bring to Council for further consideration, prior to any approach that Council may decide to make to the owner. The cost of this advice will be circa £600. Council approved this.

10) Update re Rural Broadband

Hey Broadband continues to seek parishioners to register their interest in the scheme. They currently have about 300 people registered so far. They require about 430. They are also looking at extending this to Frieth have started some high-level planning. They will continue to promote and engage with the community.

11) Sustainable Environmental Policy

Cllr Graham Reported that she had drafted a Sustainable Environmental Policy. There was general support for the PC to have a Policy. There is a general feeling that LEPC would be best served by a shorter statement that focuses more on principles and on what we can realistically take forward. Councillors agreed to submit comments to Cllr Graham. Council will discuss this again at the March meeting.

12) Allotments

No update.

13) Playing Fields overview

Cllr Harries reported that after a busy summer, the pavilion is a lot quieter. The 3G pitch continues to be fully subscribed. There are a couple of darts teams but general usage has decreased. The Committee are looking an introducing events such as bingo, quiz night etc to draw people in.

14) Matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Graham asked if the Brownfield email can be sent out to Councillors. The Parish Council thanked everyone who contributed to Christmas in the Village. The performance from the Lane End Players was fantastic. A massive amount of effort was put in. The Parish Council thanked everyone involved and specifically to the Lane End Players. Cllrs Hunt, Osborn and Stewart.

15) Planning: To consider new planning applications

NEXT MEETING: There is no Parish Council Meeting in January.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th February 2022 at Lane End Youth and Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 20.52.

The Chairman.....Date.....

PLANNING APPENDIX

21/08345/CTREE Cumberland Cottage Cadmore End Common Road Cadmore End
Remove 4 x Birch (T1 - T4) - No comment

21/08250/CTREE Oak Cottage Finings Road Lane End
Crown reduce to Magnolia by 1 metre (T1) and Conifer by 3 metres (T2) - No comment

21/08153/CTREE Little Acorns Church Path Lane End
Reduce height to 7 metres x 2 Oak (1, 3), x 1 Beech (4), and reduce height to 2 metres x 1 Oak (2) - No comment