

LANE END PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 6th MARCH 2023 IN LANE END SPORTS PAVILION**

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Detsiny – Chairman, Cllrs Coulter, Dunning, Graham, Hunt, Nicolson Osborn, Stewart, Wright.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR – Cllr Zahir Mohammed.

CLERK: Mrs Hayley Glasgow

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 15

1) Presentation from the Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator

PC Lee Turnham, Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator attended the Parish Council Meeting and reported on how the community can become involved in helping to tackle speeding. Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are contacted, initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behavior. Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police, irrespective of where they live. Prosecution may follow based on collated evidence. New groups can be established with a minimum of 3 community members. All training and equipment are provided. Locations must be approved, and the team may operate between dawn and dusk. If you would like to become involved there is lots of information available on the website <https://communityspeedwatch.org/> or alternatively you can email PC Lee Turham directly regarding setting up a Community Speedwatch team lee.turnham@thamesvalley.police.uk

2) Report from Hey Broadband

Due to unforeseen circumstances Hey Broadband were unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr Nicolson gave an update, Hey Broadband has confirmed that 850 homes can now connect if they wanted to. The expectation is that they will complete all works by the end of June 2023 but this could be longer depending on obtaining wayleave agreements.

The Parish Council are aware that there have been lots of comments on social media and there are mixed reviews. The PC hasn't signed a contract with Hey Broadband. The PC supported Hey Broadband with their application for the government voucher scheme. We understand that the poles that have been erected were required to offer the connections to residents.

3) Public Questions

A Parishioner reported that they run litter picking events and desperately needs more volunteers. There is a litter pick organised for Saturday 1st April and the coronation of His Majesty King Charles on Monday 8th May.

There is an increasing issue of having to pick up used nitric oxide cylinders. The litter picking team recently picked up 52 of these cylinders. Local MP Steve Baker and the Police have been made aware of this issue.

The local primary schools are on board with the litter picks and there may be a request in the future for a donation towards badges for children that help with the litter picks.

A Parishioner asked if there were any updates on the Golden Guff, Cllr Detsiny reported that the planning portal still states decision awaiting. The PC can only request that the application is called in once the planning officer has made a decision.

Residents of Cadmore End stated they are concerned about the speed of traffic and therefore are looking to form a Community Speedwatch Group.

4) Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Achurch & Harries.

5) Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests

Cllr Detsiny declared an interest in agenda item Finance – Tree Works, Moorend Common.

Cllr Nicolson declared an interest in agenda item Finance – Donation request – Lane End Village Fete.

6) Minutes – Approval of the Full Parish Council Meeting on 23rd January 2023

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

7) Matters arising from previous meeting

Cllr Detsiny reported that Cllr Nicolson has previously raised the issue of the lease at the Lane End Pavilion. Blaser Mills Solicitors have been provided with the current licence. Both LEPC and LESA will require their own Solicitor. Draft lease agreements will be drawn up and will come to the Parish Council for agreement.

8) Clerk's Report / Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received

1. A letter of support has been sent to BDUK of F&W to support the need to reduce the number of vouchers. Allowing the process easier to complete and to enable the funding and completion of the build to take place.
2. There are 3 street lights not working on footpath 25. This is due to a mains outage. An approx. date for repair is 22nd March.
3. There is an issue with the lights in the playing fields car park. The lights are staying on throughout the daytime and during the evening. The cost to repair is £700 plus VAT.
4. The village fete will be on Saturday 17th June.
5. Buckinghamshire Council have chosen Finings Road car park as a potential location for EV charge points. This is subject to a survey by the District Network Operator (DNO) and the charge point supplier.
6. Buckinghamshire Council had issued invoices to LEPC for works at LEYCC. The invoices have now been withdrawn.
7. AED information updated on circuit website and AED checks completed.
8. Buckinghamshire Council has undertaken its initial rounds of budget setting, with Members taking into consideration the Local Government Financial Settlement from Central Government to allocate funds to all necessary Council services. Cabinet have recommended a draft budget which has been submitted for final scrutiny and approval at Full Council on 22nd February; this includes a proposed 9% uplift to the devolved services budget.
9. I will sign next years devolved services agreement. This will enable LEPC to continue with the devolved services agreement for a further year.
10. As agreed the works required from the tree safety report is being undertaken by M H Groundcare.
11. The Lane End Conservation Board has cut back the foliage on Harris Gardens. 4 large bags were taken to the waste centre.
12. All Clarion advertises have been invoiced.
13. The precept request and supporting evidence has been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council.
14. The agreed street lighting quotations have been submitted to Enerveo.
15. Complaints of dog fouling, information posted on LEPC's Facebook Page.
16. Update re The Chequers Pub. Fullers have advised that the pub will re-open in a couple of weeks and will be run by an operator.
17. Blaser Mills has submitted the option agreement with regards to the land purchase. In accordance with the terms agreed by Council I have issued the instructions.
18. Updated LEPC's Facebook Page re Hey Broadband.

19. Update from F&W

F&W Networks is currently deploying more network along streets in Lane End and focusing to complete the delivery by this summer. So far, they have enabled over 850 residents and businesses. Over 125 premises have a full fibre connection with more customers expressing keen interest to connect. The partnership is working well, and they look forward to completing the build as soon as possible.

New Areas in the last two months

New roads now accessing full fibre. Premises are advised to check availability as some premises may not have access right now.

Shotfield Road
 Simmons Way
 Bassett Road
 Elwes Road

Harris Road
 Hobbs Road
 Tapping Road
 Thorne Rosd
 Sandage Road
 Manchester Terrace

Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received –

1. Updates from Buckinghamshire Council:
 - a. New photo ID requirements announced for local and national elections
 - b. Trading Standards cracks down on illegal tobacco sales in Buckinghamshire
 - c. Council welcomes £4.8m funding boost to support struggling households
 - d. Buckinghamshire schools reaching for the STARS with sustainable transport
 - e. Buckinghamshire Council aims to improve local air quality with £120k grant
 - f. Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet approves 2023-24 budget plans
 - g. News for Town and Parish Councils from Buckinghamshire Council
2. Other correspondence
 - a. Police & Crime Bulletin Feb '23 - Forensics centre, more police, and more...
 - b. Information from Helping Hands
 - c. Latest news on Community Safety in Buckinghamshire
 - d. Open Spaces Society - January updates: Our campaigning works | Environment plan updates | April training courses
 - e. Latest News from the Chilterns AONB
 - f. Chiltern Conservation Board

9) **Finance** – 9.1 Approval of the account for February 2023

Council approved the expenditure of £16,156.24. Council noted the income was £1,807.50. Council noted the current account closing balance of £155,712.04 as of 31st January 2023.

9.2 Approval of the account for March 2023

Council approved the expenditure of £62,187.37. Council noted the income was £1300.53. Council noted the current account closing balance of £141,312.09 as of 28th February 2023.

9.3 Donation Request – Holy Trinity Church

Council unanimously agreed a donation of £2510.64.

9.4 Donation Request – Lane End Village Fete

Council unanimously agreed a Donation of £500.00. The donation was agreed on the basis that it goes specifically towards the Lane End Village Fete and Dog Show.

9.5 Donation Request – Twinning Association

Council unanimously agreed a donation of £750.00. Councillors also agreed that there should be a contribution made towards a lunch or dinner for the Mayor. The donation can be given from the Chairmans allowance.

9.6 Tree Works – track at Moorend Common

A quotation was submitted for works to clear trees along the ditch line to prevent erosion of the track. Councillors unanimously agreed the quotation of £650.00.

9.7 Works to access track – Ditchfield Common

The Parish Council retrospectively approved these works and this has now been completed.

It was confirmed that bollards will be installed at both ends of the grass track to prevent people driving on the grass. Council thanked James Glasgow for adjusting his schedule to accommodate the works and also thanked E R Meakes for providing the digger for the works.

9.8 To discuss banking – paying in card and debit card

Council unanimously approved that the Clerk should apply for a paying in card and also a debit card to make purchases if required.

10) **Lane End Playing Fields** – Fee Proposal for pre-application advice.

Cllr Stewart tabled three sets of proposals for improving the access roadway, which would improve ingress/egress to the fields and meet current visibility requirements which was considered a major problem. Cllrs Stewart, Coulter and The Clerk met with Sir Edward Dashwood and the proposals were discussed. Sir Edward Dashwood summarised his views by saying he would support any proposal agreed with BC Highways & Planning

Department. The current wayleave being now 50+ years old should be redrafted thereafter and the legal costs being met by LEPC.

Cllr Stewart requested Councils permission to proceed with the instruction of the professional services. Stage 1, half stage pre-application – clients presentation scheme, quotation of £3550.00.

Stage 2, 2nd half pre-application quotation of £1800.00

There is an approximate timescale of 18 weeks. The above quotations were unanimously agreed.

The Parish Council are fully committed to carrying out a public consultation with regards to the expenditure of funds received from the sale of Chalky Field and gauging public opinion on their preferences of how the money should be spent. Cllr Stewart has also given advice on a number of different projects. Council thanked Cllr Stewart for his work on this.

11) Spending Priorities Group

Cllr Detsiny reported that he intends to hold another meeting of the spending priorities group prior to the next Parish Council Meeting. There will be an updated report available at the April Meeting.

12) Wayleave Request – Ditchfield Common

F&W have submitted wayleave requests to access Ditchfield Common to install their equipment onto existing poles. The Parish Council unanimously agreed.

13) Grass Cutting Tender

The Clerk submitted the grass cutting tender to five contractors. Three contractors submitted bids. One contractor submitted a bid that was extremely low in comparison to the other two bids submitted. There were concerns raised with regards to the lowest bid and if the contractor can provide the service for such a low price. The Parish Council some years back received many complaints about grass cutting and this became a massive problem for the parish. The Chairman opened the meeting to the public to gauge opinions on what they would consider best value. The feeling from the public was that the cheapest price wasn't always best value.

After much debate by Council it was unanimously agreed to continue the tender for a further year with our current contractor Buckland Landscapes who know the area well and provide an exceptionally good service. They are professional and understand the cuts required and have the different equipment to carry out the works.

14) Matters Raised by Councillors

Cllr Graham thanked the Princes Risborough Rotary Club for a donation towards the Lane End Playground Fund. Cllr Graham reported that she has been to visit three primary schools to give talks re pollenating insects. There are now several different groups involved in the project including the Scouts, Elim Church and Holy Trinity Church. Cllr Graham has given out envelopes of seeds to the schools to promote the project. Council thanked Cllr Graham for her work.

Cllr Hunt reported that the property 2 Sycamore Cottages have got less than 2 months to reinstate the development back to its original agreed planning permission.

15) Planning: To consider new planning applications* - See appendix.

*Planning applications may have been updated after the agenda has been issued and therefore won't be listed on the agenda but may still be discussed. Please contact The Clerk for further details.

16) NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April 2023 in Cadmore End Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21.33

Signed..... Date.....

Appendix – New Planning Applications.

23/05408/MINAMD

Priestleys Farm Finings Road Lane End

Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of part single, part two storey side and rear extension granted under householder planning ref: 22/06722/FUL

No objection.

23/05193/FUL

Sadlers Cottage Cadmore End Common Road Cadmore End

Householder application for replacement of existing conservatory with an orangery, conversion of existing utility into a habitable room, convert the existing stables into a habitable granny annex and addition of lantern roof lights

No objection.

23/05181/FUL

1 Oakwood Place Lane End

Householder application for removal of 2 x external doors, installation of new first floor window, replacement of existing external double doors, replacement of 3 x existing windows and continuation of first floor cladding

No objection.

23/05252/CTREE

15 Clinkard Place Lane End

Reduce by 1.2m all round x 1 Oak (T1)

No objection