

**LANE END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM IN
LANE END SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

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

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR – Cllr Dominic Barnes.

CLERK: Mrs Hayley Glasgow

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

1) Public Questions

None.

2) Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Osborn.

3) Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests

None.

4) Minutes – 4.1 - Approval of the Full Parish Council Meeting on Monday 4th December 2023

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

4.2 - Approval of the Closed Meeting on Monday 4th December 2023

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

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

Cllr Nicolson suggested that Council might want to consider a different group of Councillors carrying out the interviews when the next co-option vacancy arises.

Cllr Hunt reported that he had received a list of suggestions for improvement in the village and these will be discussed at the March meeting.

6. Clerk's Report / Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received December - The items below summarise the Clerks activities since the last meeting.

1. A tree on Ridge Close fell on 2nd January in the evening, the tree completely blocked the road. I contacted M H Groundcare and they removed the tree within the hour. The trunk will be chipped and the stumped removed at a later date.
2. The new tree on Ridge Close has been planted. A local resident has offered to water it on a regular basis.
3. Concerns raised re the other trees on Ridge Close. I have asked M H Groundcare to look at these. The trees have been mentioned in the tree safety inspection to review once in leaf.
4. The overgrown hedge, blocking the footpath on Park Lane has been cut back. The footpath can now be used.
5. LESA raised £4500 for a children's charity based in Marlow at their Boxing Day Charity Football Match, well done LESA!
6. There has been a number of issues with three streetlights on footpath 25. SSE were supposed to carry out repairs on a number of occasions. SSE repaired one, the other one was still awaiting repair (target date 28.12.23) and one was flickering. SSE have not yet repaired the faulty street light on the bracket and the other two street lights are now not working again (new target date 31.01.24) I have escalated this.
7. Thank you to Cllr Hunt for putting the Christmas tree back up each time if fell over due to high winds.
8. Thank you to Cllr Hunt for organising Christmas in the Village, thank you to Cllrs Bolton, Graham, Osborn and Stewart for helping out on the evening. We raised £50.71 from donations, this was donated to Lane End Village Hall.

9. Post performing a traditional Mummings play at CITV the Lane End Players the same evening performed the play free of charge at the Prince Albert Public House and subsequently at the Chequers Inn. Donations amounting to £124 were given by the respective clientele in aid of the Wycombe Homeless Xmas appeal. Well done!!!

At the beginning of January the Lane End Players gave a free charity performance of their Panto Pinocchio to over 100 special needs, disabled and disadvantaged children of the Parish and the pupils at a school for autistic children. In addition to a free performance everyone received free sweets and refreshments and had their photographs taken with the Panto characters. A great time was had by all. Audience donations given during the current Panto performances will be given to the Young Carers of Bucks Charity.

10. The small bridge between Finings Road Car Park and The Row, Buckinghamshire Council has confirmed it is not maintained by them. The West Wycombe Estate has advised that they own the land, however the bridge was not installed by them and not maintained by them. I have put notices either side of the bridge 'uneven surface and slippery'.
11. I have been in contact with a Placement officer from H M prison Services, Community Payback regarding project works in the community. A group of people, accompanied by supervisors are able to undertake projects in the following areas:
 Painting and decorating
 Gardening such as de-weeding, cutting back and clearing etc
 Jet washing paths
 Preparing allotment plots
 Cleaning
 This might be something the Parish Council might be interested in engaging with.
12. I contacted Buckinghamshire Council as requested re assisting with a consultation/survey/mail drop. This is not something they can offer.
13. I put a post on the Parish Councils Facebook page re improvements to the village. We received many comments, these have been sent to Cllr Hunt.
14. Received complaints re the hedges overgrown into the footpath between Finings Road and Laceys Farm, this has been reported to Buckinghamshire Council.
15. I continue to chase Buckinghamshire Council to get the hedges cut near the motorway bridge in Bolter End.
16. I have written to the property owner with the overgrown hedge at Beech Avenue. The property owners are currently considering a more permanent solution and in the meantime will keep the hedge trimmed back as much as possible.
17. Welcome to our new Parish Councillor, Anne Bolton who has already been hard at work helping with Christmas in the Village and planning.
18. Written to all the unsuccessful applicants who applied for the Parish Councillor position.
19. I continue to work to on collating members for the Community Speedwatch Scheme.
20. Clarion Invoices have been sent out.
21. Rental Agreement invoices have been sent out.
22. The AED units on the circuit website have been updated.
23. Reported various issues on fixmystreet.
24. Fixmystreet is available via an app on your mobile phone, it detects your location and you can take a photograph to upload and submit. It's the easiest way to report issues to Bucks Council.
25. Checked AED units.
26. There will be no Parish Council Meeting in February.
27. Parish Council Meeting Date 2024 –

Meetings take place on the first Monday of the month at **7.30pm** unless otherwise stated:

Monday 4th March – Lane End Village Hall, Sycamore Room

Monday 8th April – Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Tuesday 7th May – Rackleys Chiltern Hills
(Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Monday 13th May – Cadmore End Village Hall

Tuesday 4th June – Lane End Village Hall, Sycamore Room

Monday 1st July – Lane End Sports Pavilion

There will be no Parish Council Meeting in August

Monday 2nd September – Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Monday 7th October – Cadmore End Village Hall

Monday 4th November – Lane End Sports Pavilion

Monday 2nd December – Lane End Youth and Community Centre
(Precept will be set).

Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received –

1. Updates from Buckinghamshire Council:
 - a. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
 - b. News from Buckinghamshire Council
 - c. Schools takes part in Dragons Den style project
 - d. Council enforces penalties re flytipping
 - e. Changes to charges for DIY waste
 - f. Buckinghamshire Councils Chairman awards local heroes
 - g. Keep roads safer this winter
 - h. Blocked caller device available to help people avoid scams
 - i. Buckinghamshire Council renews its support for the Armed Forces
 - j. Have your say on school transport
 - k. Community Ownership Fund info
2. Other correspondence
 - a. Resolve Energy Newsletter - January 2024
 - b. Buckinghamshire residents announced in The King's New Year Honours
 - c. Community Speed Watch Newsletter
 - d. News from the Chiltern Rangers
 - e. News from the Chiltern Conservation Group
 - f. News from Campaign to Protect Rural England

7. Finance, 7.1 Approval of the accounts for January 2024

Council retrospectively approved the December accounts. These had been previously circulated to members of Council.

Council approved the expenditure of £16,681.39. Council noted the income received of £2,130.00. Council noted the current account closing balance of £126,926.19 as of 22nd January 2024.

7.2 Expenditure against Budget

Councillors were circulated a copy of the report prior to the meeting. The VAT income is above what Council had projected and this was mainly due to the VAT reclaim for installation of LED lights.

There are some budget lines under budget and the Contingency provision of £9,000 has not been used to-date. There are also some budget lines over budget. However currently it is anticipated that Council may end up with a surplus of income over expenditure of approximately £19k.

A question was raised re Capital Spending and LESA in relation to renovation works undertaken at the Clubhouse on the Playing Fields. It was clarified that these works were necessary to increase the capacity of the electricity supply from the Main Board. In relation to these works, Cllr Coulter explained that as an organisation LESA does not make a profit as such and that any surplus monies generated are reinvested into facilities at the playing fields.

It was noted that the proposed new lease for LESA will need to be discussed at a future meeting. However, it will remain the case that, as now, any surpluses made by LESA will always be invested back into the facilities at the Playing Fields.

7.3 Precept 24/25

Council discussed the proposed increase in the precept. The aim is for Council to have a balanced budget. Several budget lines have been increased taking into account the increased cost of providing services. Council noted a proposed increase of 3.2% with a precept of £182,000.00. The Parish Council unanimously agreed this.

7.4 Draft Budget 24/25

A copy of the draft budget report had been circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Council unanimously agreed the budget. Council thanked Cllr Coulter and The Clerk for their work.

8. Tree safety survey and quotation

The Parish Council had instructed Ridgeway Woodlands to undertake a tree safety inspection of all trees on Council owned land. The tree specialist broke the proposed works into three categories and ranked the trees requiring works in order of priority. Council unanimously agreed to instruct the works in categories 1 and 2. The Clerk approached four contractors, only one contractor submitted a quotation for the works. Council agreed the quotation submitted by M H Groundcare. Council agreed to re-visit the cat 3 trees at March meeting. A Parishioner had raised concerns about the trees in Ridge Close, The Clerk will ask Ridgeway Woodlands to reassess the trees and this will be discussed at the March Meeting.

9. Grants and Donation Policy and Application Form

The Clerk drafted a Grants and Donations Policy and Application Form. Council unanimously approved this.

10. Matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Stewart will attend a meeting with a Parishioner tomorrow re Sandyfields Allotments. This will be discussed at the March meeting. Cllrs Nicolson, Stewart, Osborn and Coulter met with the VH regeneration team. Councillors were given a tour of the Lane End VH and they discussed some of the aspirations and future plans of the VH regeneration team. It was noted that the VH team will need come forward with some plans, clear proposals and priorities etc. Cllr Graham thanked the Conservation Group for the works they have carried out on the Ditchfield Common pond. The allotment working group are going to look at large trees at the Bunkers site that are currently overshadowing the first few plots. The allotment working group are also going to look at the trees at the Chalky Field site and report back to Council at a future meeting.

11. Planning: To consider new planning applications* (v)

*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.

12. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2024 in the Sycamore Room of Lane End Village Hall.

Meeting closed 20.25.

Signed..... Dated.....

Planning Appendix

23/07980/FUL

Bakers Barn Watercroft Lane Cadmore End

Conversion of outbuilding with associated external alterations to create separate dwelling

No objection.

23/08063/FUL

Post Box Paddock Marlow Road Cadmore End

Change of use of land at Post Box Paddock from equestrian (sui generis) to equestrian and use for dog training (sui generis)

No objection.

23/07903/CTREE

Highfield Lodge Finings Road Lane End

Remove selected secondary laterals and sympathetically reduce some wayward sections reduce by 2 metres so as not to promote intensive growth x 1 Prunus nigra (T1)

No comment.

23/07984/FUL

Mystic House Park Lane Lane End

Householder application for construction of double storey side extension, part single part double storey rear extension

No objection.

23/07968/FUL

Bakers Barn Watercroft Lane Cadmore End

Householder application for changes to existing house, new front porch. Changes to fenestration. Extension to existing out-building to provide cinema room

No objection.

23/07969/FUL

1 Oakwood Place Lane End

Householder application internal alterations, two new & replacement french doors and fenestration alterations to front and side (alternative scheme to pp 23/05181/FUL)

No objection.