

LANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

WITH HAMPTWORTH AND NOMANSLAND

Minutes of meeting held at Landford Village Hall at 7.15pm on 10th January 2018

Present

NJ Bishop (Chairman)	GT Hewson	GL Keirl
AM MacLachlan	KP Parker	D Walling
Lucy Pope (Parish Clerk)		
Two members of the public attended for various parts of the meeting		

119/17 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Proctor, Wilson, and Waltham.

120/17 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the December 2017 meeting were agreed and signed.

The meeting was then closed to allow for members of the public to address the Council.

- a) Update was given by a representative of the Landford Community Partnership regarding the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). Everyone is aware that there is a speeding problem: just today Speedwatch recorded that over 30% of vehicles travelling on Pound Hill towards the school were exceeding the speed limit, the fastest being a large van travelling at 48mph. A proposal was recently made to Whiteparish Parish Council regarding Whiteparish and Landford jointly purchasing a SID to which Whiteparish PC agreed in principle. The LCP now seeks similar approval from Landford Parish Council for the LCP to work with Speedwatch representatives to start working out the feasibility of purchasing, installing and deploying a SID. Once done the LCP would present its findings to both Councils for further discussion. At this stage the intention is that the LCP would pay for purchase of the SID; it cannot however commit to ongoing maintenance costs which it would be likely that the two Parish Councils would be asked to consider funding.
- b) The LCP's Parish Pastimes magazine is now also available online on the Landford Community Information site.
- c) A resident of Beech Grange informed the Council of an ongoing problem with his and other gardens being flooded with sewage several times over last 10 years, the most recent time being just after Christmas. The resident has spoken to Cllr Randell (WC) and Southern Water which has assured that the pumping station will be fixed within 10 weeks. Cllr Hewson recalled similar issues at the Rec a number of years ago; he will speak with Southern Water to request urgent attention.

121/17 Declarations of Interest

No declarations received.

122/17 Matters Arising

- a) Cllr Parker advised that following Parish Pastimes being published a volunteer has approached the LCP offering help with cleaning in the Parish. The Council is very grateful for the offer: Cllr Parker will contact the individual to thank them and to inform them that the Council will be in touch as and when there is a need.
- b) Cllr Bishop reported that a boy broke his leg at Landford Park a week ago. There is no action to take; this is for information only.
- c) Cllr MacLachlan highlighted his concern about the state of disrepair of several bus shelters in the Parish many of which are lacking glass panels; also that at one stage there had been a suggestion that Wiltshire/Dorset Buses would install live time bus time indicators however these have not been installed. A number of particularly elderly individuals use the buses and, with the buses regularly being late, they often wait for lengthy periods in the open shelters which provide little protection particularly during the winter: were there bus time indicators at least waiting passengers would know how long they are likely to be waiting and whether to seek alternative shelter. The Clerk will write to Wiltshire/Dorset to enquire about bus shelter improvement and installation of bus time indicators.

123/17 Planning

- a) Planning Breaches: Cllr Parker advised that a number of parishioners have highlighted potential breaches of planning control in the area. While no formal reports have been made Cllr Parker recommends that these should be considered and a decision made whether the Parish Council should take any action. Cllr Parker then outlined possible breaches at the following properties:
- i. Forest Falconry, New Road, Landford: concern regarding buildings constructed and trees felled. After discussion Cllrs agreed insufficient evidence to warrant any action;
 - ii. Field to the rear of Derriere, Southampton Road, Landford: construction of garage and greenhouse structures on agricultural land. After discussion Cllrs agreed that this should be referred to NFNPA Enforcement Officer for further investigation;
 - iii. Lyburn Farm: siting of 3 mobile homes and 1 residential Portakabin on agricultural land. After discussion Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council should write to the land owner to recommend that temporary planning permission be applied for as the landowner has done in earlier years.
 - iv. Land off Southampton Road, SP5 2BE: stationing of a caravan/mobile home in contravention of 'Article 4 Direction. Years ago this field was purchased by a 'land retail company' and divided into 115 individual plots. Each plot was offered for sale as 'investment land' however with no prospect of housing being built, the NFNPA, in 2010, made an 'Article 4 Direction' which effectively takes away permitted development rights to, amongst other activities, erect fencing, park caravans and mobile homes. After discussion, Cllrs agreed that this matter should be referred to NFNPA Enforcement Officer for further investigation.

124/17 Finance

- a) The Clerk presented the Cash Flow Report and cheques numbered 500526 to 500530 for signing:
- Idverde for December bin emptying: £71.10
 - Wicksteed for G-Force roundabout maintenance: £432.00
 - Wiltshire Council for PC contribution to CATG signs: £200.00
 - Ms L Pope for November mileage/expenses: £50.45
 - December Gross salaries (50 hours): £536.95

The Parish Council approved the Cash Flow Report and all cheques.

- b) The Clerk presented the Budget Control Report which was duly received and approved by the Council.

125/17 Clerk's Report

- a) The Clerk advised that a form confirming the Parish Council's precept request now needs to be signed by the Chair and Clerk/RFO and returned to WC. Cllr Bishop, as Chair of the meeting and Vice Chair of the Council signed the precept form along with the Clerk/RFO.
- b) The Clerk advised that Cllr Bishop had reported to her that a power line in Nomansland appeared to have come down. The Clerk reported this to Scottish and Southern Electric which sent an engineer out. Scottish and Southern have updated the Clerk that the line is dead and should ideally be removed however there is a cost to do so. The line is not the Parish Council's responsibility so no reason for it to pay for its removal.
- c) The Clerk's laptop is booked in to be serviced from Thursday to Monday: the Clerk will still be available by telephone and will be able to receive emails on the phone.
- d) The new external auditor PKF Littlejohn will be holding an online seminar on 23rd January from 11-1230 which will outline its approach to limited assurance reviews, common issues that arose in 2016/17, and the new Annual Governance & Accountability Returns and Exemption Certificates. The Clerk will log in to this seminar and can supply log in details to any Cllrs who wish to also do so.
- e) The Clerk highlighted that when posting the agendas on the parish noticeboards for her first two meetings she has also continued to hand deliver a hard copy of the agenda/relevant papers to each Cllrs' home address; this does add at least 30 minutes to getting around the noticeboards which will equate to 6 hours per year which the Council will pay for; there is also the additional cost of paper and printing. The Clerk canvassed Cllrs as to who would be happy with receiving the agenda and papers electronically: three Cllrs requested that hard copies continue to be delivered to them.

126/17 Update re financing of zig zag lines & CATG application

Cllr Keirl advised that little progress had been made since last month: Cllr Hewson advised that £500 is required and Cllr Keirl agreed that he will speak to the school this week regarding what financial commitment they will make. Cllr Bishop will also take photographs of the problems to go with the CATG application.

127/17 WW1 Tree Planting Project

Cllr Parker advised that WC had asked for sites on which trees could be planted to commemorate WW1. A piece of land at Brookside has been put forward as a potential site however WC actually owns this land. The interim Clerk had been going to contact Tom Bray at WC Democratic Services to establish if any departmental permissions would be required; there will also be a hedge planted there too so Highways permission is likely required. The Clerk will contact Tom Bray for clarification. Discussion was also then held regarding local resident consultation.

128/17 NE Quadrant meeting 7th February 2018

The next NE Quadrant Meeting will be held on 7 February 2018 at 7pm in Bramshaw Village Hall. Cllr Waltham would usually attend however she is unable to go on this occasion and so has asked if another Cllr might be able to attend. Cllr Parker agreed that he will attend. Cllr Parker will also attend the South West Area Board meeting on 1st February.

129/17 Members' Reports

- a) Cllr Hewson gave an update regarding the depth gauge at Hamptworth Ford. The current gauge is unreadable being so small and is just plastic riveted to the concrete. He has asked Highways if the gauge could be removed and the concrete structure just be painted with an indicator.
- b) Cllr Bishop reported that there are potholes by the cattle grid on South Lane, Nomansland. Cllr Hewson will allocate these to the lengthsman.

130/17 Recreation Ground

Cllr Hewson has inspected the toddlers area; no further molehills seen. Also the roundabout has had both Giro's fixed ridged which is a great improvement. The toilet heaters and water have been turned off too.

131/17 Urgent Business

None received.

Date and Location of Next Meeting: agreed as Wednesday 14th February 2018 at the Reading Room, Nomansland.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.