



# Landford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Wednesday 10 November 2021 at 7:15pm  
in the Landford Village Hall (Blue Room)**

Councillors present: Nik Bishop (NB) - Chair, Rachael Stanton (RS), Glen Keirl (GK), Ken Parker (KP), Damien Swancott (DS), John Bonney (JB), Geoff Hewson (GH), Rob Bird (RB), Mary Davies (MD), and Cllr Zoe Clewer (ZC) – Wiltshire Council.

Plus: Melanie Camilleri (MC) – Clerk/RFO and eighteen members of the public.

## MINUTES

**143/21**      **Apologies for Absence:** None

**144/21**      **Declarations of interest:** None

**145/21**      **Minutes:** the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **13 October 2021** were approved

**146/21**      **Community Engagement Event:** Deferred until 10 December meeting

**147/21**      **Nomansland Methodist Church**

- i) The Rev Gareth Hill attending addressed the council and members of the public on the position regarding Nomansland Methodist Church. Summary:-
- Churches owned by the Methodist Church require a min of 10 members. The Nomansland Methodist Church currently has only 1 identifiable member who attends Sunday worship.
  - Income for Nomansland Methodist Church:-
    - They invited ideas from the community as to how it could be better used for non-religious activity. Coffee mornings were launched and received a relatively positive turn-out, however, 60-70% of attendees were from outside the village.
    - In March 2020 they were in the process of applying for grants, however COVID struck, and all such grants have now stopped
    - Their main source of income from the Pre-school recently stopped when the Pre-school moved elsewhere.
    - As there is no community backing/income, the probable outcome is that Nomansland Methodist Church will be sold. The Rev Gareth Hill confirmed it is **not** currently on the market.

LPC reported that it has been approached by a member of the public requesting Nomansland Methodist Church be placed on the Non-Heritage Register in order to protect the historic character of the building.

LPC agreed to give this matter full and serious consideration and come ready to discuss at the Parish Council meeting on 12 January 2022.

148/21

### Speed Limits in Hamptworth

- i) An appeal has been made by residents of Hamptworth to reduce the speed limit through the village. A short discussion took place about the hazardous road conditions caused by high volume of traffic using the road as a rat-run, speeding, blind bends, high hedges.

Cllr Hewson previously approached Wiltshire Highways on the matter but the criteria relating to houses each side of the road don't include Hamptworth for consideration for a reduction in speed limit.

Notwithstanding this, the councillors unanimously agreed to invite a Highways Officer to meet with a councillor and members of the Hamptworth community to assess and discuss the hazardous conditions and explore resolution. Part of this discussion can include use of a SID.

149/21

### Planning and Treeworks

Conflict of interest allegation on planning matters

#### MC read out the following statement

*Some members of the public have made a "Conflict of interest" allegation against Cllr Nik Bishop stating she is biased on planning matters relating to Green Hill Farm Holiday Village on the premise that:-*

- 1. She stayed at Green Hill Farm Holiday Village*
- 2. She spoke in support of the Green Hill Team over social media and at the Green Hill open day on Saturday 6 Nov 2021*
- 3. Nomansland Pre School, where she is employed and has the role of Chair, accepted a £1,000 donation from Green Hill Farm Holiday Village*
- 4. She did not declare an interest when discussing planning applications for Green Hill Farm Holiday Village nor did she declare a pecuniary interest for the £1,000 donation.*

*Landford Parish Council believes that Councillors should act in an open and transparent way to avoid conflicts of interest on issues such as planning applications or benefiting financially. It has therefore treated these allegations most seriously.*

Cllr Bishop produced the following statement in response to this allegation which MC read out

*I recently stayed at Green Hill Farm Holiday Village as a guest of family members who paid in full. There was no grace or favour by Green Hill to me in relation to this stay.*

*I have publicly spoken in support of the Green Hill Team. In my role as Councillor, I have the right to express, challenge, criticise, and disagree with views, ideas, opinions, and policies. Debate and having different views are all part of a healthy democracy.*

*As for the claim of bias on planning matters relating to Green Hill, the published Parish Council's Minutes show that I abstained from voting on Greenhill's planning application 21/00238 for the Dining Tent at the EGM on 26 April 2021. This planning application was unanimously refused by the council, so I had no influence on that outcome.*

*I also wish to state for the record that I will be abstaining from all future planning applications on Green Hill Farm Holiday Village.*

*As for the claim relating to Nomansland Pre School, I have no pecuniary interest to declare. I do not own the pre-school, nor do I personally financially benefit from any donations made to the school. I volunteer at this Pre School. I am no longer*

*the Chair of the Pre School Committee. I also wish to highlight the pre-school is not alone in accepting sizeable donations from Green Hill e.g. Landford Community Partnerships.*

*On every occasion Green Hill has offered a donation to Landford Parish Council, councillors (including me) have unanimously refused. This is a matter of public record by way of the published Minutes.*

*Thank you.*

MC read out the following concluding statement by Landford Parish Council

*Landford Parish Council are satisfied there are no grounds for referring this matter to the Monitoring Officer and consider this matter closed.*

*On a final point, the Parish Council understands and shares everyone's frustration over Permitted Development Rights and lack of communication from the New Forest Planning Dept.*

*If anyone has any concerns over our members' conduct, we ask that you raise them at a parish council meeting, or directly with the Clerk rather than publish and debate serious allegations over social media. All too often such exchanges can have a detrimental effect on people's mental health.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

At this point in proceedings, Chairmanship of the meeting was handed over to the Vice-Chair Cllr Parker.

i) Applications received were considered. See Planning Schedule for decisions.

ii) Greenhill planning applications:

*Cllr Bishop abstained from voting on the following matters; forfeiting her vote*

21/00941 Environmental Impact Assessment (shown on Planning Schedule): it was unanimously agreed that 1) the Parish Council will send a further communication to NFNPA stating they believe an Environmental Impact Assessment **should** be carried out, 2) once a decision is made, establish NFNPA's rationale for their decision 3) find out what the 'Right of Appeal' process is

21/00928 this planning application will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 15 December (MC has secured an extension to the observation date to 16 Dec). It was unanimously agreed to invite NFNPA - Steve Avery and David Williams (Case Officer) to this meeting.

At this point in proceedings, Chairmanship of the meeting was handed back to Cllr Bishop.

## 150/21

### Finances

i) The Cash Flow Report and payments were unanimously approved

**Unity Trust Bank 08 November 2021: £53,765.96**

**Nationwide Business 95-day Saver 08 November 2021: £22,000.00**

#### Payments

Payee	Detail	Amount £ (incl vat)	Method
Pennon Water Services	Water for Pavillion	2.50	DD
Suez	Bins NML Rec Grd	65.42	DD
M Camilleri	Monthly gross salary	2009.25	S/O
1&1	Email storage	6.00	DD
Ideverde	Bins Landford Rec Grd & NML Rec Grd (Oct)	123.75	BACS
Bawdens	Grass cutting Landford Rec etc	309.82	BACS
Landford Village Hall	Hall Hire 13 oct (3 hours)	24.00	BACS
M Camilleri	Expenses: office, fuel, refreshments	64.59	BACS
Craig Morris	Mole Man NML Rec Grd (Oct)	35.00	BACS
	Total debit	<b>£2,640.33</b>	

### Receipts

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Method
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	12.00	BACS
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	16.00	BACS
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	16.00	BACS
	Total credit	<b>£44.00</b>	

- ii) A short discussion took place on Hamptworth Croquet Club's application for financial assistance (to support their SWAB Grant application request) for their youth project in association with the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

It was agreed by a majority decision that LPC will finance £275 towards Capital Expenditure (20 professional croquet mallets @£110 each) on the basis that Redlynch Parish Council, Whiteparish Parish Council, and Downton Parish Council will each contribute £275 given the children who potentially benefit at The Trafalgar School in Downton also live in their parishes.

- iii) Consideration of quote presented by Landford Community Partnerships for an additional SID and Solar Panel (following presentation made on 13 October 2021 - Agenda 131/21): MC reported that Green Hill has made an offer to Landford Community Partnerships to purchase these items and that this offer has been accepted by Landford Community Partnerships. Consequently, there is no need for LPC to financially support this purchase.
- iv) MC presented the draft budget 2022/23 reflecting Precept options £40K, £44k, and £48K. It was resolved by a majority decision to set the 2022/23 Precept as £40K.

#### 151/21

##### NML Reading Room

- i) A discussion took place over the ownership of the tree and whose responsibility it is to carry out tree works. The tree straddles both boundaries, the majority being on the neighbour's land (Moonrakers). LPC's concern is that the roots of the tree are compromising the foundations of the NML RR. Cllr Bird agreed to discuss the matter with the neighbours.
- ii) DS presented quotes for replacement heaters and a short discussion took place as to the merits and drawback of installation and costs. It was unanimously agreed that:-
- replacement heaters will **not** be installed
  - fuses in 2 of the wall heaters will be removed to render them inoperable so as to reduce power consumption.
  - Cllrs Bird and Bonney will look at heating options for the toilet area cold-spot

#### 152/21

##### Bus Shelter maintenance

- i) To consider handyman's report on condition of the shelters and suggested works. Deferred until 10 December meeting

#### 153/21

##### Landford Rec Ground and NML Play Park

- i) RoSPA Safety Inspection Reports: consider findings and any necessary maintenance. Deferred until 10 December meeting
- ii) It was resolved by a majority decision to approve the quote for safety surfacing on hazardous slope. MC to instruct Vitaplay to proceed.
- iii) Quote for outdoor gym equipment (consideration for SWAB Grant if proceed). No quotes received as yet.

- 154/21 Significant trees in the parish**  
i) Identify and map significant trees within the parish (covering both New Forest and Wiltshire Council regions) and consider TPOs where necessary. Deferred until 10 December meeting
- 155/21 To receive Councillors' Reports**  
DS: Attending two assemblies regarding the '20 is plenty' sign competition.
- 156/21 To receive a report from Councillor Zoe Clewer (Wiltshire Council)**
- Is attending the Remembrance Service tomorrow 10:45am. The wreath has arrived for her to lay.
  - Raised the possibility of postponing the HNS report discussion with attendance from Richard Clewer and Victoria Bodman (Wiltshire Council). Suggested either LPC's January or February 2022 meeting. This was unanimously agreed.
- 157/21 AOB/Urgent Matters**
- i) Final nos for dinner with Leo Randall on Wed 01 Dec. As a couple of the Councillors now have hospital appointments, it was unanimously agreed to postpone the dinner to the new year.
  - ii) LPC Councillor Whatsapp Group – it was agreed to set-up a group but only as a means of communication; strictly not for decision making. NB to progress.
  - iii) Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Consideration as to how LPC wish to mark the occasion. Deferred until January or February 2022 meeting
- 158/21 Date of the next meeting**  
The date of the next **Landford Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15 December 2021** at the earlier time of **7:00pm** and moved to the **Main Hall at Landford Village Hall**.

Being no further business, NB closed the meeting at 10:00pm.

**DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**