

**LANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**WITH HAMPTWORTH AND NOMANSLAND**

*Minutes of meeting held at Nomansland Reading Room at 7.15pm on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

**Present**

DM Wilson (Chairman)	NJ Bishop	GT Hewson
GL Keirl	AM MacLachlan	KP Parker
LA Waltham	Lucy Pope (New Parish Clerk)	L Randell
One member of the public attended for various parts of the meeting		

**106/17 Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllrs Proctor and Walling.

**107/17 Minutes of Last Meeting**

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

**108/17 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**109/17 Critical Document Compliance**

Declaration of compliance was signed by all Councillors present.

**110/17 Planning**

*Planning recommendations made as per attached schedule.*

**111/17 Matters Arising**

- a) Hamptworth Ford depth gauges: the Chair reported that a local resident had highlighted that the new markers have been installed but are fairly useless as they are very small and cannot be read from any reasonable distance. Cllrs viewed photographs of the gauges and agreed. Cllr Hewson has contacted Highways and will report back once he has an update.
- b) There was discussion regarding the dew pond at Hamptworth and who owns/has responsibility for it as there is some suggestion that it could be the Parish Council's. The Clerk will make enquiries.

**112/17 Finance**

a) The Clerk presented the Cash Flow Report and cheques numbered 515 to 525 for signing:

- Idverde for bin emptying: £94.80
- Mrs J Wright for interim clerk work & mileage: £466.95
- Mrs Julie King for cleaning & recreation ground opening: £515.32
- Landford Village Hall for 2017 room rental: £240.00
- Community Heartbeat for Yr 3 defib annual support cost: £151.20
- Mr J Smales for playing field spray/fertiliser: £193.00
- Mr J Martin for interim RFO work: £143.70
- SLCC for 2018 membership: £115.00

- Ms L Pope expenses for mobile phone, contract, printer: £163.39
- Ms L Pope for November mileage: £43.20
- November Gross salaries (50 hours): £536.95

Cllr Waltham proposed and Cllr Hewson seconded that the Report be approved; also that all cheques (except that for the Village Hall which required clarification) be approved: resolved unanimously.

- b) The Clerk presented the Budget Control Report which was duly received and approved by the Council.
- c) The Chair then gave a presentation regarding the Budget options for 2018/19. The Chair highlighted that at the Parish Council meeting on 8 November it was agreed that the Parish Council should now start to budget strategically for the longer term and build up a development fund; also that the Finance Group would develop 3 budget scenarios for consideration by the Council at tonight's meeting.

The Chair explained that in 2016/2017 the Landford Precept was set at £21,500 which resulted in a Band D payment of £37 per household. With the addition of Nomansland and Hamptworth households the same band D payment would give a precept of £36,000.

The Chair detailed the three options:

1. Maintaining the precept at the same level;; this would only allow minimal maintenance investment but no investment in the agreed development fund.
2. Increasing the precept to £55,000 giving a Band D payment of £56.80: this would allow greater immediate investment in particular at Nomansland and Landford Recreation Areas but no investment in the development fund.
3. Increasing the precept to £49,000 giving a Band D payment of £50.60 and planning phased investments which most importantly would allow £5000 investment into the development fund.

Discussion then ensued regarding the options before Cllr Wilson proposed that the Council adopt the Finance Group's recommended Option 3. This was seconded by Cllr MacLachlan and resolved by the Council by 5 votes with 2 abstentions. Cllr Hewson was concerned that the equipment fund might be used for something other than proposed.

### **113/17 Clerk's Report**

- a) The Clerk reported that the LCP have appointed a contractor to install the new signs and thus are forwarding a cheque to the Parish Council for it to place the order as agreed at the last meeting.
- b) The Parish Council now has a mobile phone telephone number 07421 354039 on which to contact the Clerk.
- c) The Pensions Regulator has been updated regarding the change in Parish Council employees and the Council has fulfilled its responsibilities regarding autoenrollment.
- d) The Parish Council's PO Box address has been confirmed as PO Box 2360, Fordingbridge, SP6 9BB: all mail sent to this address will now be forwarded to the Clerk.
- e) There is a General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) briefing by the Head of Legal Services at NALC on Thursday 25th January 2018 at Warminster Civic Centre at a cost of £35+VAT. The briefing will cover a breakdown of the regulations, how they apply to councils, responsibilities for councils and what action to take. Councillors approved attendance of the Clerk at this event.

### **114/17 Defibrillator**

Cllr Bishop reported that at the recent meeting of the Defibrillator Committee it was decided to now run the training seminar every two years as opposed to annually. This will save costs but also if Landford get a defibrillator in the near future then a seminar will have to be run there. Cllr Parker commented that the a defibrillator for Landford was discussed by the LCP yesterday: their preferred location would be the village hall as there are generally more people there. There was then discussion regarding alternative locations and it was agreed that a meeting between the LCP and Defibrillator Group would be useful: Cllr Bishop to arrange.

### **115/17 Members' Reports**

- a) Cllr Hewson highlighted that the Parish Steward is currently committed doing winter gritting.
- b) Cllr Keirl updated that Board of a governors is considering the need for zig zag lines outside the school and was agreed that photographic evidence is needed to support an application to get zig zag lines. Cllr Hewson highlighted that it is important to get in writing what contributions the school and Cllr Keirl may make to costs as CATG would expect a 50% contribution of the cost; CATG need the commitments by 31st January latest.
- c) Cllr Parker reported that a new booklet 'Parish Pastimes' produced by Landford Community Partnership, has been issued and delivered to all households.
- d) Cllr Parker commented that a SID has just been deployed on Lyndhurst Road by Wiltshire Council. The LCP is planning on buying a SID for the parish and to share with Whiteparish but are still investigating costs: the LCP should be able to fund the SID's purchase but the Parish Council may need to submit the order as only certain bodies can buy a SID; the VAT could also then be reclaimed.
- e) Cllr Randell reported that the final draft of the Local Plan will be discussed at NFNPA tomorrow. The only aspect of significance to the Parish is that Landford has been identified for a further gypsy plot next to the Farrier in Lyndhurst Road: representations can be made directly to NFNPA once the Local Plan consultation opens.

### **116/17 Recreation Ground**

- a) Cllr Wilson reported that the moles are not doing so much damage now and that he has raked down about 150 molehills.
- b) An order for the roundabout has been placed however there has been no action as yet albeit Wicksteed has been to make the warranty repairs.
- c) Cllr Wilson has received an enquiry from a resident requesting a football team from Eastleigh be allowed to play at the Recreation: three locals play for the team. Cllr Wilson advised the enquirer that this would be in order so long as they bring their own pop-up goals and restrict the pitch to 80x50 yards; he has not received any response as yet.

### **117/17 Urgent business**

None highlighted.

**118/17 Date and Location of Next Meeting:** agreed as Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Landford Village Hall.

*Meeting closed at 9.00pm*