



# Landford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 7:00pm  
in the Landford Village Hall (Main Hall)

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Councillors present: Nik Bishop (NB) - Chair, Glen Keirl (GK), Ken Parker (KP), Damien Swancott (DS), Rob Bird (RB), Mary Davies (MD), and Cllr Zoe Clewer (ZC) – Wiltshire Council.

Plus: Melanie Camilleri (MC) – Clerk/RFO, Steve Avery (SA) – Director of NFNPA Planning, David Williams (DW) – NFNPA Planning Enforcement Manager, PC Peter Yung, and 20 members of the public.

## MINUTES

- 159/21**      **Apologies for Absence:** Rachael Stanton (RS), John Bonney (JB), Geoff Hewson (GH)
- 160/21**      **Declarations of interest:** None
- 161/21**      **Minutes:** to consider approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **10 November 2021**

i) Matter Arising: MC read out the following statement

Some members of the public have repeatedly challenged the Parish Council decision - that it no longer needs to financially support the purchase of a SID for New Road.

Despite the Parish Council explaining its decision time and time again, challenges persist. There is now a challenge to the accuracy of the Minutes 10 November 2021 (Agenda 150/21 iii).

As these Minutes are being presented for approval at tonight's meeting, the Parish Council's response will be a matter of public record under 'Matters Arising'.

I will summarise the challenges and respond to each point in turn:-

1. The Parish Council has set-aside money to purchase a SID for New Road  
The Parish Council acknowledges it allocated £2,000 in the 2021/22 budget to purchase a SID for New Road.
2. In the Minutes 10 November 2021, the Parish Council incorrectly states Landford Community Partnership has accepted Green Hill's offer to fund a SID for New Road. This has been categorically denied by Landford Community Partnership.

To respond to this challenge, I will set-out events in chronological order:-

- On 11 December 2020, Green Hill wrote to Landford Community Partnership offering to sponsor a SID.
- On 27 February 2021 Landford Community Partnership replied to Green Hill, I quote:-

*"The Landford Community Partnership have discussed your kind offer of funding towards the cost of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and would wish to accept it".*

*"Although we already have a shared SID in use at the North-West end of the village, there is a need towards the Green Hill end of New Road and entries to and from the New Forest".*

*"The Community Partnership's aim is to provide 2 posts that the SID can be moved between i.e. New Road, Forest Road"*

*"The cost of a SID provision is roughly £4,000"*

- Green Hill replied to say they thought the cost would be £1-£2k, therefore the full amount would have to wait until the end of the year.
- This email exchange was brought to the Parish Council's attention on 08 November 2021. Its contents are material to what happened next.
- On 08 November 2021, Green Hill confirmed their offer to Landford Community Partnership still stood. Only at that point did the Parish Council share with Green Hill the quote for the SID. This was necessary to evidence the cost was £2000 and not £4,000.
- At the Parish Council meeting 10 November 2021, when the quote for the SID was presented to the Parish Council for approval, in light of the email exchange between Green Hill and Landford Community Partnership, the councillors determined funding from the Parish Council was no longer needed.
- Since that meeting, Landford Community Partnership and John Fairhurst have continually refuted Landford Community Partnership has ever accepted Green Hill's offer to fund a SID for New Road.

Given the Parish Council has sight of an email stating the contrary, the Parish Council has attempted to seek clarification from Landford Community Partnership as to whether:-

- a) they have changed their mind or
- b) one of their members acted without authority.

No response has been received.

### 3. The Parish Council had no right to share the SID quote with Green Hill

The Parish Council find it highly irregular Landford Community Partnership gave Green Hill a cost estimate of £4,000 to fund the New Road SID Project. Leaving Green Hill under the distinct impression that would be the amount they would have to source.

The Parish Council also find it highly irregular Landford Community Partnership were accepting a contribution from Green Hill for the New Road SID Project at all. The intended source of funding was always Wiltshire Council and Landford Parish Council.

In accordance with its adopted Financial Regulations, the Parish Council has a duty to take all necessary steps to detect and prevent potential fraud.

As Green Hill continue to believe they are funding the SID for New Road, it is for Landford Community Partnership to clarify their position with Green Hill directly. Until such time, the Parish Council can not consider making a financial commitment for an asset which appears to have secured funding from elsewhere.

### 4. The Parish Council has accepted money from Green Hill for the purchase of the SID

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

#### **Summary by Landford Parish Council**

The Parish Council is satisfied there is no merit to these challenges and will no longer revisit matters which have been fully explained.

Amongst these challenges, serious allegations persist against the Chair, the Clerk, and the integrity of the Parish Council as a whole. The Parish Council wish to emphatically state it will not engage with vexatious complaints aimed to discredit its Members and Employees.

- i) The Minutes were then considered, and unanimously approved and adopted without change.

**162/21**      **PC Peter Yung:** dropped in to introduce himself. He'll be covering the Landford region for the next 18 months and will attend as many PC meetings as he can. He works closely with Parish Councils and three PCSOs. The PCSO for Landford is John Taylor. PC Yung's contact details will appear in the Parish Magazine.

**163/21**      **Councillor Zoe Clewer (Wiltshire Council) delivered the following report:-**

1. Firstly, I have met with PC Pete Jung and other officers re ASB, increased catapults activity, rural crime, increased resourcing coming on stream, CSW and various other matters.
2. Southern Area Board took place last week and notes of that meeting are on my FB page and local FB groups.
3. I've also been helping residents with enquiries and been in touch with the Parish Council about the difficulty of arranging this meeting with the guidance changing so fast.
4. I have been liaising with officers at WC and NFNPA on various matters such as Tree Preservation Orders – and quite a few matters to do with Green Hill Farm planning application and before that, the Screening application for EIA which Officers may elaborate on this evening.
5. I am advised by Officers that further comments on GHF planning application can still be submitted by email [dev.control@newforestnpa.gov.uk](mailto:dev.control@newforestnpa.gov.uk) to or by post to New Forest NPA Planning Department even though the statutory consultation period has ended on the New Forest planning portal. Any comments will be received and uploaded to the portal accordingly, if received prior to determination. I will forward those details to the Clerk. It is likely to be a little while before this application comes before the planning committee because it is both a 'major' application – allowing 13 weeks rather than 8 for determination, it is complex in its own right and of significant local interest.

One of the complicating factors is that it is not just the NFNPA Local Plan policies that govern what can happen on this site, though officers will be considering all those policies carefully in relation to the applications.

The Certificates of lawful use/development are also to be considered and come under the Permitted Development regulations and Camping and Caravan Sites Control of Development Act. These also feed into the process.

The latter laws are national Government matters and have been in the National media including BBC Country File on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Enquiries about these laws of the land need to be addressed to John Glen MP [john.glen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:john.glen.mp@parliament.uk) and the Cabinet Minister for Levelling up, Housing and Communities Michael Gove. Contact the Member in relation to their departmental work.

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6. Also in the New Forest, I contacted Cllr Edward Heron who is hoping to progress Average Speed Cameras to reduce speed and animal injuries and deaths on Roger Penny Way, to offer any support we can from WC side. On the same lines, I have some literature on New Forest Code, including two sorts of weatherproof signage which given to PC Clerk for distribution and display locally as they see fit.
7. Lastly, a potential national litter pick date has come to my attention – ‘One Big Clean Up’, COVID permitting, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all as Merry a Christmas as possible and good health and wellbeing in 2022.

Thank you very much for your Christmas cards. We have made a donation to charity in lieu of sending cards.

Have a good break one and all!

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## Finances

- i) The Cash Flow Report and payments were unanimously approved

Unity Trust Bank 08 December 2021: £51,211.63

Nationwide Business 95-day Saver 15 December 2021: £22,000.00

### Payments

Payee	Detail	Amount £ (incl vat)	Method
Pennon Water Services	Water for Pavillion	2.50	DD
ICO	Annual Subscription renewal	35.00	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
Julie King	Landford Rec Toilets – cleaning	622.17	BACS
NDS Business	Chimney Removal NML Reading Room	320.00	BACS
Mr Maddy	Wreath Remembrance Day	18.00	858
Ideverde	Bins Landford Rec Grd & NML Rec Grd	123.75	BACS
Community Heartbeat	Annual Support (yr 7)	151.20	BACS
Chris Penny	Hedge Cutting Landford Rec	150.00	BACS
Vitaplay	Rhyno Mulch Path NML Field	2870.40	BACS
Garth Everett	Grass cutting/bus shelter Hamptworth & Paint phone box and letterbox NML	355.00	BACS
Craig Morris	Mole Man NML Rec Grd	35.00	BACS
SSE	Electricity NML RR	51.01	BACS
Geoff Hewson	NML RR materials for repairs	170.28	BACS
M Camilleri	Expenses & Employer NI Conts month 07 and 08	374.82	BACS
Total debit		<b>£7,359.80</b>	

### Receipts

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Method
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	24.00	BACS
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	8.00	BACS

Member of public	Hire of NML RR	20.00	BACS
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	12.00	BACS
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	9.00	BACS
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	28.00	BACS
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	8.00	BACS
Member of public	Hire of NML RR	12.00	BACS
Total credit		<b>£121.00</b>	

**165/21 NML Rec Ground: Lease to 360 Degree Community Development**

- i) NB proposed, seconded by DS and resolved unanimously to execute the Deed to lease Nomansland Recreation Ground, School Road, Nomansland, Salisbury SP5 2BY to 360 Degree Community Development. The Deed was executed by all parties and their signatures duly witnessed.

**166/21 Planning and Treeworks**

- i) The applications received were considered as per the attached Planning Schedule

**167/21 AOB/Urgent Matters: None**

**168/21 Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next **Landford Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7:15pm** Venue to be determined.

Being no further business, NB closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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