



LANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the LANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 8th March 2023 Start time 7.15pm

The Blue Room Landford Village Hall

Councillors present Mary Davies MD (Chair) – Ken Parker KP (Vice Chair) - Nik Bishop NB – Rob Bird RB – Nick Hall NH – John Bonney JB – Glen Keirl GK - Geoff Hewson GH and Zoë Clewer ZC (Wiltshire Council/ NFNPA member).

Plus;

PC Peter Jung and 2 members of the public attended.

MINUTES

022/23 Apologies for absence

Damien Swancott DS

023/23 Declarations of interest

MD (Planning application) 22-01048

024/23 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting held on 8th February were approved. **MD/NB**

Comments from non-council members attending the meeting were recorded:-

- i) Speedwatch Team – LPC in possession of documents regarding 3 feeder roads into Parish; **GH** to assume responsibility. Concerns were shared regarding potholes & delamination on Lyndhurst Rd., Forest Rd., New Rd. & Glebe Lane. **ZC** advised the continued use of MyWilts app.

LPC received a request for an update on speeding concerns for Hamptworth Rd. The LPC are aware of concerns and **MD** requested a follow-up email to the Clerk. **ZC**, subject to permission being granted will forward Parishioner communications to **MD**. **MD** thanked the Parishioner for bringing this to the attention of full Council, acknowledging the matter had previously been raised. **GH** agreed to look into matters and will report back to the full Council.

025/23 PC Jung Report

PC Jung reported a car break in on 6/3/23 on Forest Rd and a Speedboat and trailer abandoned and fencing damaged on the verge of the A36 in Plaitford (owner has not claimed.)

026/23 Planning (KP)

Applications received were considered. (see planning schedule)

The LPC planning group carried out the site visits on Monday morning (6/3/23). The resulting notes and appraisals for the applications are attached.

NFNPA 23/00091FULL Landfords Cottage, Barrows Lane, Landford. LPC recommended approval.

- i) 22/01061FULL Keepers Cottage, Lyburn Road, Nomansland. LPC recommended refusal.
- ii) 22/01070FULL & 22/01071LBC Whitehouse Farm, Pound Hill, Landford. LPC recommended refusal.
- iii) 23/00059FULL Twin Oaks, Chapel Lane, Nomansland. LPC recommended approval.
- iv) 22/01048FULL Delamere, Lyndhurst Road, Landford. LPC recommended approval.

027/23 Finance

RB presented the Cashflow Report from the RFO for 7/2/23 – 8/3/23; **RB** and **KP** confirmed that it had been checked.

NB agreed to make contact with 360 regarding LPC commitment to fund the cost of emptying bins and grass cutting terminating on the 31st of March 2023.

Account Balances

Unity Trust Bank 10 March 2023: £30,190.13

Nationwide Business 95-day Saver 10 March 2023; £22,000.00

Payments

Payee	Details	Amount	Method
Pennon Water Services	Water for Pavilion	2.50	DD
Suez	Bins NML Rec Grd	78.29	DD*
1 & 1	Email storage space increase to 50GB	6.00	DD*
SSE	Electricity Landford rec Grd	45.37	DD
SSE	Electricity NML RR	190.8	DD*
Idverde	Bins Landford Rec Grd & NML Rec Grd (Feb)	123.76	BACS
M Camilleri	Delivery of professional services	400.000	BACS
	Total Debit		
		846.72	

Receipts

Member of public	NML RR hire	30.00	BACS
Forest Edge activities	NML RR hire	20.00	BACS
Bramshaw CC	Ude of Landford rec 2023/24 season	420.00	BACS
Member of public	NML RR hire	20.00	BACS
Member of public	NML RR hire	5.00	BACS
PG Sneddon	Forest Fitness monthly payment	35.00	BACS
	Total credit		
		530.00	

028/23

Councillor Reports

- i) Poo Bins LPC discussed matters relating to Poo Bins within the Parish. LPCP have agreed £500 grant towards purchase of 2 bins (LPC to purchase) but mindful of the need to provide bins it was decided that there should be a review of the number of bins, their distribution and the costs of emptying (currently £3.56 per bin / week) before agreeing to the provision of more bins. Are there other areas of the Parish that are not well served by bins? **JB** to carry out review, to include the

feasibility of re-siting one of the bins from Maybush Copse. **MD** will send a 'holding; email to LPCP re. funding of 2 more bins for Landford Wood.

- ii) Council Tax (qualifications for discount or reductions). Responding to an email concerning Martin Lewis' guidance on how to apply for a lowering of a Council Tax Band, it was decided not to pass on details to the Parish because 'upbanding' could occur. **ZC** agreed to seek guidance from **WC** on the risks; **NH** to email document to **ZC**.
- iii) Memorial Bench Policy. Responding to an initiative from LPCP committee and an application from a Parishioner, **NH** presented a draft memorial Bench Policy. **RB** raised questions of ownership of the benches when in position and their insurance. **NH** to investigate with LPC insurers. **MD** to write to the Parishioner informing; the Memorial Bench Policy is still in draft form, however progress is being made. Also asking where the Parishioner hoped to have the Bench or Memorial Tree positioned / planted in Nomansland?
- iv) Coronation celebration / commemorative tree(s). **NH** asked whether LPC wished to mark the Coronation of King Charles III by arranging a community event and / or planting a commemorative tree. It was agreed to ask around within the community to see whether there was a group of individuals who would be willing to arrange an event at one of the Parish facilities ie. village hall, Landford rec., Nomansland Rec. Discussions regarding a commemorative tree identified that the costs of an established tree were high (eg. An Oak tree currently is currently c. £150) and there are new DEFRA regulations (31/3/2023) about Oak tree planting. It was suggested that LPC should investigate the idea of creating a 'Community Copse' within the Parish with a mass planting by children from local schools with family picnics. **NH / KP** to investigate.
- iv) Affordable Housing Group. **MD** queried whether it would be appropriate for her to Chair both the LPC and the Affordable Housing group on the grounds that it might invite adverse criticism. The terms of business of the AHG are clear regarding voting rights, communication etc. LPC felt that there were no concerns /issues. LPC unanimously voted **MD** to remain Chair of the AHG. The AHG group is planning its first meeting with volunteers in April. It was confirmed that the £500 budget for the AHG (Approved for 22/23) would be held over as a restricted reserve for 23/24. **MD / RB**
- v) LPCP AGM **MD** confirmed that the Landford Parish Community Plan group were planning their AGM for 13/3/23 at which there would be a number of brief presentations on community initiatives; LPC were warmly invited to attend. **MD** would be giving a presentation on the Affordable Housing group and **DS** on the new Youth Club..

- vi) SSE phone calls. **JB** confirmed that SSE are repeatedly trying to persuade LPC to agree to the installation of a Smart meter in NRR. It was agreed that LPC would resist such a move; electrician A. Bonney has information on basis LPC can refuse.
- vii) Bawden Management landscapes quotation. **JB** confirmed that the quote of £173.23 per cut was based upon 8 cuts a year and represented an acceptable 6% increase on 21/22. It was agreed to look at the work done; and possibly to forgo regular cutting of the A36 / New Rd. triangle and the entrance to the Landford Rec. to create wild flower zones. **MD** to contact Bawden Management and report back to full Council.
- viii) South Wilts Area Board meeting. **MD** informed LPC that Mrs. C Hewson presented a document to Chris Hildrop on the A36 speed restrictions. **GH** will look at the action points as they relate to LPC.
- ix) **RB** raised communication from **MC** re. outstanding electrical work:-
 - a) PAT testing of appliances at NMLRR and Landford Rec. – was due July '22.
 - b) NMLRR Emergency Lighting Flick Test – identified in Fire Safety Report July '22.
 - c) Defib EICR

029/23

To receive a report from Councillor Zoë Clewer (Wiltshire Council / NFNPA member)

- i. The Great British Spring Clean 2023 takes place from 17 March to 2 April.
- ii. Eco Parish Council communication sent to Parish Councils from WC on 27Feb23.
- iii. WC Dog poo bin stickers received and distributed to LPC.

030/23

Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters

- i) **JB** confirmed that he had 2 quotes for the repairs to the playground swing seats. He would seek a third quote to present to LPC, probably from Redlynch leisure and / or Wickstead. He confirmed that the identified 'vital' repairs in both playgrounds were within the allocated £5000 budget.
- ii) **MD** requested that future LPC meetings start at 7.00 rather than 7.15 in the light of the new 15 minute slot for questions / comments from the Public. Full Council agreed to future meetings commencing 7.00pm. A minor amendment to the agenda wording regarding the 15 minute question time was discussed.

031/23

Appointment of new Parish Clerk (this part of the meeting was closed to the General Public)

MD reported on the interviews of, and candidature for the new Parish Clerk. The LPC voted unanimously for the appointment of the preferred candidate. MD/NH The expectation would be that the new Clerk would be in position by 19th June with the RFO handover starting in the second week in July. The current RFO arrangements would end at the end of July.

021/23

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting for **Landford Parish Council** will be on **Wednesday 12th April 2023** at **7.00pm** in the **Nomansland Reading Room**.

Being no further business, **MD** closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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