



LOGGERHEADS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 7th October 2019 at 2pm – The Loggerheads Pub, Loggerheads

PRESENT:

M Lee (Chair), J Vallings, A Swetman, D Swan, D Coulson, S Fox, J Hodgkins, B Dickson, P Henshaw

07/10/1 APOLOGIES:

L Gibson, R Salmons

PLANNING

(i) The meeting considered the following application and noted as follows:-

Application No: 19/00705/FUL **Applicant:** Mr C & Mrs J Read **Application:** Change of use of existing agricultural building to dog kennels **Location:** Winnington Forge Farm, Willoughbridge Lane, Willoughbridge

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(ii) The meeting noted the following applications had been permitted by NuLBC:

Application No: 19/00502/FUL **Applicant:** Mrs J Chidlow **Application:** Construction of one and a half storey dormer style dwelling, garage and formation of new access and driveway **Location:** Land off Birks Drive, Ashley Heath

Application No: 19/00567/ELD **Applicant:** Mr K Wilson, HLW Farms **Application:** For a Lawful Development Certificate for use of part of existing agricultural building to house 1150kW Ground Source Heat Pump system **Location:** Old Springs Farm, Stoneyford, Market Drayton

Application No: 19/00616/FUL **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs A Booth **Application:** Demolition of existing rear single storey and construction of new single storey rear extension **Location:** 5 Chetwode Close, Knighton

Application No: 19/00620/FUL **Applicant:** Mr W & Mrs C Szwindowski **Application:** Proposed garage conversion and extension to form ancillary accommodation **Location:** Craigneigh, Pinewood Road, Ashley

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07/10/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (9TH SEPTEMBER 2019)

On the proposal of Cllr Swetman and seconded by Cllr Coulson the meeting resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September had been approved and were duly signed by Cllr Lee as a correct record of proceedings.

07/10/3 INVOICES AND PAYMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

On the proposal of Cllr Swetman and seconded by Cllr Dickson the meeting resolved to recommend payment of the following invoices to full Council:

| Date | Details | Amount | Approved |
|------------|---|-----------|----------|
| 15/09/2019 | Carrera Website Hosting – September 2019 | £52.00 | BACS |
| 25/10/2019 | K Watkins Clerk Salary October 2019 | £1,045.48 | BACS |
| 25/10/2019 | K Watkins – expenses Oct 2019 | £9.50 | BACS |
| 26/09/2019 | R Latham – September 2019 | £94.62 | BACS |
| 30/09/2019 | P Martin – play area inspection September 2019 | £320.00 | BACS |
| 03/09/2019 | BT – Internet September 2019 | £28.68 | DD |
| 14/10/2019 | LeasePlan – lease of Mini Bus September 2019 | £546.60 | DD |
| 30/09/2019 | Perennial Landscapes parish maintenance Sept 19 | £581.48 | BACS |
| 11/09/2019 | Grooms gardening – football field routine maintenance | £115.00 | BACS |
| 17/09/2019 | Post Office – postage | £8.78 | Card |
| 06/06/2019 | GB Recruitment – DBS Voluntary Car Scheme | £20.40 | BACS |
| 18/09/2019 | Start Traffic – sign for Burntwood | £92.76 | Card |
| 18/09/2019 | SafetySigns4Less – sign for Burntwood | £21.36 | Card |
| 23/09/2019 | NuLBC – planning application | £231.00 | BACS |
| 30/09/2019 | Fuelgenie – fuel minibus | £70.00 | DD |
| 18/09/2019 | Amazon – print cartridges | £26.64 | Card |
| 18/09/2019 | Old Oak Tree Care – TPO Heath Grove report | £150.00 | BACS |
| 13/09/2019 | ROSPA play safety – annual play area inspection | £246.60 | BACS |
| 26/09/2019 | Cheshire Landscapes – fitting signs | £50.00 | BACS |

07/10/4 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

An up-dated income and expenditure account for the month ending 30th September 2019 was noted.

07/10/5 INCOME

Income of £90.00 refund for minibus lease from LeasePlan and £10.00 for sale of Heritage Books at Eccleshall Show was noted. Income of £159.00 from LCIS for share of newsletter has yet to be received and the Clerk is chasing. VAT reclaim of £1791.94 for April to September 2019 was noted.

07/10/6 ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION

The meeting noted the annual play area inspection reports. A loose screw on a slide at Bell Orchard had been tightened and a rolling programme to replace rotting posts around the site is in progress; balancing beam posts at Tadgedale are also being monitored and will be replaced as necessary. The low level of bark at Knighton was noted and on the proposal of Cllr Swetman

and seconded by Cllr Hodgkins the meeting resolved to recommend to full Council the purchase of additional bark from Wickes at a cost of £404.00 including delivery.

07/10/7 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

The meeting was updated the school crossing patrollers in Loggerheads are both due to retire the day before half term and resolved to recommend to full Council the purchase of a plant for each in recognition and thanks for their service. Staffordshire County Council has added the vacancies to their website and they will be added to the parish website, the noticeboards and the next newsletter if unfilled by then.

07/10/8 WEBSITE

The meeting considered an offer from Staffordshire County Council to provide a parish website at a cost of £125.00 for their silver package and £150.00 for the gold package. Current cost for existing website is £520.00 per year for a compliant site which is user friendly and established with users. The meeting resolved to recommend this option be reviewed in 6 months to see how this new facility develops with other users.

07/10/9 SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The meeting considered the recommendations of the Highways Group for speed reduction in the parish and was updated that there are currently 3 Speed Indication Devices (SID's) which remind drivers of the 30mph limit in Loggerheads, at A53 by telephone exchange, battery operated purchased by PC nearly 5 years ago; at Hookgate on Eccleshall Road, solar funded by grant from Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership; and at Mucklestone Road, solar funded by Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership. A grant application made in the spring for another SID for Mucklestone village was unsuccessful. A resident from Hookgate had written regularly to the parish council about lack of repeater 30mph signs on Eccleshall Road and the speed of drivers. While the speed of drivers coming into Hookgate from Eccleshall had reduced following the SID the speed of drivers leaving the village towards Hookgate remained a concern. Staffordshire County Highways has confirmed that repeaters are not required on Eccleshall Road as there are lamp posts which in Highway Code indicates 30mph in a 30mph zone. Cllr Coulson reported that Speed Watch information showed that the 2 sites that recorded the highest speeds were A53 between Tern Grove and mini-roundabout and on Eccleshall Road near the school in direction towards Hookgate. Highways Department guidance that a SID must be 100m within a 30mph limit would make locating SIDs at Mucklestone village and Knighton problematic. Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is not currently making grants available and the current cost of a Solar SID is £2150+VAT including fitting plus £220+VAT for post; total cost £2370 + VAT = £2844. Prior to purchasing SIDs it was agreed to write to the Highways Liaison Officer seeking permission to site SIDs on the A53 between Tern Grove and mini-roundabout and on Eccleshall Road before the school and to check for appropriate sites in Knighton. By way of additional information the Camera Van was at the school and Hookgate 2 weeks ago and the Clerk will request the results from the Police. Speed Watch is the 2nd most active group out of 77 groups in the county with the Police writing to drivers on the first and second occasions and Police visiting drivers identified on a third occasion.

07/10/10 GRIT FOR WINTER 2019

The meeting was updated most of the Parish grit bins still have some grit albeit it is compacted. Cllr Martin will fill where necessary and break up the compacted ones and will charge on a time basis. The additional grit runs over some B routes completed by contractor AR Edwards were charged at £345.00 plus VAT each last year and anticipate similar this year. The contractor has sought a minimum commitment of £2,500.00 this year; last year there was 1 grit run and 8 the

year before. The meeting resolved to recommend the provision continue and Cllr Martin will approach the contractor and provide an update at full Council. In the meantime on the proposal of Cllr Swetman and seconded by Cllr Fox the meeting resolved to recommend to full Council restocking with grit at a cost of £39.00 per ton for a container holding 29 tons.

07/10/11 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The meeting considered the following applications for a grant under Section 137 and resolved to recommend to full Council as follows:-

(I) On the proposal of Cllr Vallings and seconded by Cllr Swetman Bloomin Ashley for £160.00 for a Christmas tree for the annual Christmas event in Ashley.

(II) On the proposal of Cllr Vallings and seconded by Cllr Hodgkins Ashley Royal British Legion for £90.00 for the Remembrance Sunday cost to the Branch. Cllrs Lee and Swetman declared an interest as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

07/10/12 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR PLANNING APPLICATION FOR CHANGING FACILITIES AT FOOTBALL FIELD

The meeting was updated the planning application for 2 containers at the Burntwood could not be validated by NuLBC as missing a map to scale, missing a red line where the containers were to be sited and a biodiversity report would be required to comply with the NPPF costing £700.00. Another provider suggested a site visit instead and a short report at a cost of £200.00 plus VAT and on the proposal of Cllr Dickson and seconded by Cllr Fox the meeting resolved to recommend this option to full Council. The Clerk and Cllr Coulson had met with representatives of the property department at NuLBC on site to clarify why the extension to the lease is being sought and what it will be used for in supporting Loggerheads Football Club.

07/10/13 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERK'S REPORT

The meeting was updated: a lease of the allotment site dating back to 1992 had been found referring to the ground as allotments which means if the site is to be sold Staffordshire County Council is obliged to provide a replacement site within ¾ of a mile; permission had been granted to do the tree work at Heath Grove; hedge is over hanging at the end of Broom Lea; Woore Cricket Club, where 60% of players are from our Parish, raised over £1k from their recent raffle.

07/10/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th November at Loggerheads Community Fire Station

Meeting closed at 3.20pm

Signed:.....CHAIR