

# LUBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

### Minutes

Chairman: Councillor Diana Cook

Clerk: Vacant position

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**Present** – Councillors Dilks, C Wilson, Cllr Fisher.

- 74. Apologies received from – James Garner**
- 75. Minutes of Meeting:** held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were confirmed Proposed Cllr Dilks  
Seconded Cllr Wilson
- 76.** There were no dispensations or declarations of Interest
- 77.** Councillor Wilson to write Newsletter Report of Meeting.
- 79. Public Forum – Issues raised** Flooding Rick Wilson – WRT £10,000 from EA to deal with flooding in Lubenham Located at Marston Brook and on Land at Laughton Rd and on the Welland.  
Q. There is no list of attendees on the Agenda – A. these appear on the minutes.  
Q Boundary dispute - have trustees of Village Green have been written to defining what is required? A. Trustees have been approached  
Q. Section 106 – how do HDC suggest we use £60,000 for sports + have we asked HDC what we should spend it on. A. HDC have been spoken to and suggested a trim trail or
- 78.** To Fill Parish Council Vacancy by Co-option –Rick Wilson offered his services – he already volunteers with Harborough Woodland, and Welland Rivers Trust/ EA. A vote was taken and he was unanimously co-opted to the Parish Council. Cllr R Wilson signed a Declaration of acceptance of office and was also provided with a Register of Members Interests form.
- 80. To Consider Boundary of 24 Foxton Road with Acres Dyke Allotments** – Parish Council is waiting for the trustees to prove the boundary by engaging an independent surveyor, they have specifically asked trustees to show how and when Matthew Page registered a conflict of interest. The trustees tell us that they are re-registering the land with the Land Registry – and inform us that these will show the boundaries registered in 2009. They will forward maps when received but this may take 4 months. Extract from letter sent by James Garner *‘We have reviewed the documents and as we stand today, there is no suggestion of the boundaries being moved before the 2009 registration of the land ‘*  
Outstanding points and questions remain as below
- When property is sold, boundary disputes have to be declared
  - Land registry documents available online do not prove the position of the boundary – a surveyor’s report will still be necessary
  - It was agreed to send a further request for the above information
  - Green Trustees – request for section 106 funds for putting water and electricity on to the Green– help was offered by Cllr Cook with an application but V Green Trustees have yet to take up the offer.

**81. Correspondence.**

**i. Lubenham in Bloom re Wildflower Planting: Funding of Seeds and Public Liability Insurance**

Letters were sent to all residents between Paget Rd and Hawthorns - 5 replies have been received 4 positive 1 negative.

L in Bloom request as to who will insure the work. Cllr Cook will enquire of insurers if this would be covered.

Cllr R Wilson will contact Wildflower Villages for information.

Milepost restoration – not a Dulux job – need to use specialist paint e.g. Hammerite

**82. Planning Matters:**

Details as below and forwarded

Planning applications received and available at date of meeting on

[www.harborough.gov.uk/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications)

**a. Planning Applications:**

**Gartree New Prison Update**

Many questions still remain unanswered – Highways response does not provide any mitigations for Foxtan Road. LCC use their own benchmarking for highways (unsatisfactory) studies.

MOJ appear just to be treating this application as approved. Tenders have already gone out for building work

What does the village think? – no one welcomed it but we received very few responses.

Cllr King was to arrange a meeting between Parish Councillors/HDC/LCC/MOJ – this has not happened.

In consultations answers are not being given. Replies are not being received to emails.

**Opposition**

- The site is not designated as an employment site in HDC Local Plan (SP1)
- Highways section 106 suggests improvements to the Footpath from Foxtan School to Swingbridge Street, Foxtan. These do not benefit Gartree or Lubenham or provide any compensation for the disruption to the footpath between Gartree and Lubenham.
- Due diligence – how is this the most feasible site

It was agreed to approach the press - Cllr Chris Wilson volunteered to circulate a first draft to be shared with councillors and then be shared with Foxtan. Cllr Fisher agreed to assist. Cllr Bremner suggested the following issues before leaving the meeting.

- Anglian Water
- LCC Highways
- Flooding
- Adverse effect – to residents of Gartree
- Keep it factual

Many Harborough people do not know about the proposed prison.

We could commission an individual highways report?

Cllr R Wilson will raise issues with Environment Agency and forward info.

**Archway House** – application withdrawn

**83. Financial Matters** - The accounts were accepted prop Cllr Dilks Cllr Fisher

**a. To Agree Payments**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Katrina Jones (clerk salary for 13 <sup>th</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup> October)	£193.60
HMRC for PAYE	£48.40
Vodafone for Parish Council Mobile (October)	£10.03
V hall Hire	£20.00
Eon	£370.55
LRALC councillor training	£40.00

**b. To Approve List of Payments, Receipts and Bank Reconciliation in Accounts Statement**  
Appendix 2. Cllr Fisher Cllr C Wilson

**c. Update on Banking: Adding Signatories** – Done but Katrina Jones will need to be removed as she is no longer in our employment

**d. To Approve Grant Applications Received** – None received

**84. To Consider s106 Money Available:**

<b>Contribution type</b>	<b>Amount available</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Spend by date</b>
Community Facilities	£18,361	Land South of Main St	03/04/2024
Cemeteries	£6,731.80	Land South of Main St	04/12/2024
Children’s Play Area	£2,681.88	Land South of Main St	04/12/2024
Sports Facilities	£63,227.80	Land South of Main St	04/12/2024

**Suggested for Community Facilities grant for V Hall**

- LED upgrades
- Wi-Fi
- Built in Projector and speakers
- Blackout Blinds
- Electric Vehicle charging points?
- To be proposed to V Hall Committee

**Cemeteries/graveyards -**

- Levelling grave stones – tree cutting – footpaths
- Outside lighting could be improved – floodlight is considered to be very heavy on electric use

**Children’s Play** – Drainage- water drains from the field above.

- Wall rebuild – the wall in question is not in playing fields ownership – it belongs to the Old Vicarage whose responsibility it is to rebuild it.

**Sports facilities** –

- Difficulty with identifying where any substantial sports facility could be sited as we don’t have any land – the sum is decided using sport England criteria.

**Possible suggestions**

- Tennis Court possibly at Gartree.
- Trim Trail on V. Green (suggested by HDC)
- Outdoor Table Tennis Table (in playing field)
- AdamSmile (still only a footpath and we have been told by funding officer that cycleways are not eligible for cycle ways)

- 85. To Agree Any Actions Regarding Clerk Vacancy** - Advertise in Swift Flash cost £20.00 and Indeed (free offer this month). Example advert circulated.
- 86. Strategic Plan – Priorities agreed at meeting on**
- Traffic safety (crossing, footpaths, cycle paths, traffic calming measures).
  - Community engagement (consultation on s106 money, identifying needs and wants of residents, good neighbour scheme, joint community initiatives).
  - Biodiversity and the environment (wildflower verges, ditches, tree planting, electric charging points, solar infrastructure).
- 87. Flooding** – Flooding reported in Rushes Lane (May Cottage) LCC and Anglian Water are on the case and have been in touch with the householder. Drains are to be jetted.
- 88. To Agree Any Plans to Mark Platinum Jubilee** – No proposals received yet
- 89. Updates and Further Actions on Previous Issues.**
- a. Update on Road Safety Sub Group, VAS and Speedwatch** – Speedwatch took place in October: Cllr C Wilson is to get in touch with LCC to find out results.
  - b. Gartree Sub Group and Issues** – No update on Sub group. Other items discussed under planning application.
  - c. Emergency Plan Update** – Draft is complete
  - d. Neighbourhood Plan Update** – Meeting to be held with consultant
  - e. Updates on Planning and Enforcement Issues Reported** – No updates received – Old Woodyard, Foxton Rd needs to be monitored for possible residency in caravan. Cllr R Wilson raised a query re badger sett on Davidson homes site also area built for great crested newts is said to be completely dead Cllr Wilson has raised this with planning.
  - f. Wildflower Verges** – Discussed earlier at 81 correspondence above
  - g. Remembrance day wreath** – Mary to lay the wreath – Councillors agreed to make the same payment as last year (£175).
- 90. Date for Next Meeting and Matters for Next Agenda – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7pm**

Signed: *DCook*  
Diana Cook, Chairman to Lubenham Parish Council

11/12/2021