

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 30th March 2015.

Present:

Councillors: Alwin Thompson (Chair), Jackie Blackburn, Paul Duffy, Richard Massey, Peter Stephenson, Alan Brocklehurst, Rachel Robinson, Councillor Lesley Smetham (CEC).

Members of the public: John Venables, Tom Greene, Tim Barlow, Trevor Jacques

Guests: Mike Ball and Sally Ball (Holmes Chapel District Community First Responder Group)

Before the meeting was officially opened, The Chairman invited the member of the public to raise any issues of concern.

Lapwing Lake Footpath - several residents expressed significant concerns of the new Lapwing Lake footpath. Whilst it was acknowledged that it is a good facility, the increase in vehicle traffic, parking on verges and numbers of dogs was becoming a nuisance to residents. The original plans had been for a car park accessed from Congleton Lane which has not been created. There was also a question regarding the approval of the kissing gate that gives direct access onto Lapwing Lane as residents had not been consulted. There is also evidence of vehicle use on the bridle path, horse hoof prints on the footpath around the lake and night time use of the road. Residents are urged to call the Police on 101 to report any suspicious activities.

ACTION - Cllr Blackburn to contact Sibleco regarding this issue

ACTION - Cllr Robinson to contact the local Footpath Warden and ex-Parish Councillor Andrew Johnson to review the history

ACTION - Cllr Robinson and Lapwing Lane residents to organise a watch group for the 25th April to count traffic and dog walkers using the lane and the kissing gate.

Defibrillator - Sally and Mike Ball from the Holmes Chapel District Community First Responder Group described the defibrillator set up in Goostrey. This can be found in the telephone box by the Methodist Chapel. The unit is kept within a thermostatted box which is locked with a keypad. The code is available to avoid delays in an emergency. The location was approved by the North West Ambulance Service and hence appears on their database.

ACTION - Cllr Blackburn to contact North West Ambulance Service (contact to be sent from Sally Ball) in order to decide most appropriate location (Parish Hall or telephone box)

Drains near the Village Green - Mr Venables explained that although this has been reported several times by the Parish Council, pictures have been sent to Highways and there have been at least 4 visits, nothing's actually been done. The road drain apparently collapsed when the water main was put through. Mr Venables asked the Parish Council to report this again as a matter of urgency.

Lightning struck tree on the Village Green - again this has been reported and nothing done and so Mr Venables would appreciate it if the Parish Council can remind them that it still needs removing.

HGV Lorries parking on verge outside SouthView - a resident complained of this and that the engines have been left running to enable the drivers to watch TV. Residents are urged to keep notes of the Company and registration plates of such vehicles to enable the Parish Council to take appropriate action.

Highways issues - residents complained of speeding on the B5392 near Windy Arbour, lack of road sweeping and lack cleanliness of the village roadsigns.

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ACTION - Cllr Robinson to report these to Highways

The meeting was then formally opened by the Chairman, Alwin Thompson

- 1) **Apologies** - . Bernard Kellett
- 2) **Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest.** - None
- 3) **The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2015** were approved and signed as a correct record. There was one amendment to the spelling of Paul Duffey to Paul Duffy.
- 4) **Issues arising from the February meeting** - none were reported
- 5) **Finance**
 - Council approved payment of £170.00 to the Parish Hall Committee for the hire of the Parish Hall for the Parish Council meetings. The cheque was signed this meeting.
 - Council approved payment of £250 to Lyndsey Green for the logo for the website, although it was suggested that the fox be replaced by a sheep.

ACTION - Cllr Stephenson to contact Lyndsey to amend logo
- 6) **Planning**
 - The following applications were discussed 15/0488M (Willow Lawn Farm), 15/736M (Cheshire Hunt) and 15/0598M (Caravan storage - Pitt Lane). Comments were noted and will be sent to Cheshire East Planning.
- 7) **Community**
 - The Litter Picking day has been set for the 9th May 2015
 - Parish Newsletter - it was agreed that a Spring newsletter was required including information about the tennis courts, website and litter picking dates.

ACTION - Cllrs Blackburn and Robinson to draft a newsletter for the next meeting

 - Dooleys Grig - a part share of no.9 is now up for sale and another resident has contacted the Parish Council to express an interest.
- 8) **Reports**
 - Highways LAP - Cllr Smetham reported that the review of the main road through the village between the A535 and the A34 at Siddington has got agreed funding and will go ahead.
 - Potholes - blocked drain and associated pothole between Little Orchard and Daisybank Farm on the A535
- 9) **Any Other Business**
 - Cheshire Railings - Mr Venables mentioned the railings opposite Highway Garage and it was explained that the Parish Council are seeking quotes to determine how much it would cost to fix them. Other sources of funding may need to be considered.

NEXT MEETING: at the Parish Hall, 7.30pm Monday 27th April 2015.