



LOGGERHEADS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 14th September 2020 at 2pm held remotely

PRESENT:

M Lee (Chair), A Swetman, H Roberts, D Swan, J Friend, J Hodgkins, J Vallings, P Henshaw

14/09/1 APOLOGIES:

L Gibson, D Coulson, S Fox, R Salmons, B Dickson

PLANNING

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

Application No: 20/00660/FUL **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs C Fullwood **Application:** Proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling **Location:** 14 Chapel Lane, Knighton

NO OBJECTION

Application No: 20/00713/FUL **Applicant:** Mr. & Mrs. C & B Lees **Application:** Proposed porch, utility and wc extension to front and lounge extension to side together with internal alterations **Location:** 3 Heathcote Avenue Ashley

NO OBJECTION

Application No: 20/00744/FUL **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Dobson **Application:** Proposed rear/side extension **Location:** Hales Cottage, Pinfold Lane, Hales

NO OBJECTION

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

Application No: 20/00520/FUL **Applicant:** JPK Design Ltd **Application:** Proposed residential development consisting of 2 no. detached cottages with new access **Location:** Land adjacent to car park of Meynell Arms, School Lane, Ashley

Application No: 20/00479/AGR **Applicant:** Mr J Edge **Application:** Building for additional straw storage 40m x 9m, height to ridgeline 7m. **Location:** Manor House Farm, Park Lane, Ashley

Application No: 20/00594/PLD **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs R Gibson **Application:** Single storey flat roof rear extension **Location:** 5 Hemp Mill Walk, Loggerheads

Application No: 20/00578/FUL **Applicant:** C Hodges, Avocet Roofing & Building
Application: Rear two and single storey extension, external alterations to openings, internal alterations **Location:** 42 Church Road, Ashley

Application No: 20/00549/COUNOT **Applicant:** Gemma Moss **Application:** Prior approval to Change the use of an agricultural building to provide 1 no. dwelling **Location:** Winnington Forge Farm, Willoughbridge Lane, Willoughbridge.

(iii) The meeting was updated on the following planning matters:

Application No: 20/00158/REM **Applicant:** Plant Developments Ltd **Application:** Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for residential development of 44 bungalows **Location:** Land off Eccleshall Road, Loggerheads

The meeting was updated that at the Planning Committee meeting on 18th August Cllr Northcott spoke against the 5 metre buffer which National Planning Guidance advises should be 15 metres however the application was permitted. A resident had written to the planning inspector asking for the application to be “called in” but this has been declined. Natural England had also been informed by the resident and Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council had been reminded of their need to advise Natural England of their decision.

Application No: 20/00293/FUL **Applicant:** Elan Homes Ltd **Application:** Application to vary condition 1 of planning permission re 19/409/FUL to incorporate revised drawings showing the inclusion of a footpath link and bridge through the woodland and omission of the proposed extension to the footpath on the road frontage **Location:** Mucklestone Road, Loggerheads

Application No: 20/00294/FUL **Applicant:** Elan Homes Ltd **Application:** Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission ref 18/00315/REM to incorporate revised drawings showing the inclusion of a footpath link and bridge through the woodland and the omission of the proposed extension of the footpath on the frontage **Location:** Mucklestone Road, Loggerheads

The Clerk has written to the Planning Officer requesting an update on these applications as Elan Homes has recently opened up what was thought to be the path they proposed rather than the one along Mucklestone Road. The new path only goes around the back of the 5 new houses. County Highways has objected to these applications as the route of the proposed footpath is a longer route, unlit and less direct than the footway extension on Mucklestone Road. The footpath will not have street lighting and will not be adopted as a public footpath and it is not clear from the submitted plans but if pedestrians want to walk along Mucklestone Road they will need to cross over to the northern footway into the junction of Folly View and then cross back over as the footway ends after a short distance. There is likelihood that pedestrians may choose to walk on the verge or in the carriageway instead of crossing twice over Mucklestone Road. Accordingly the applications are contrary to highway safety and the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework.

FINANCE

14/09/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (10TH AUGUST 2020)

On the proposal of Cllr Vallings and seconded by Cllr Hodgkins the meeting resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August had been approved and were duly signed by Cllr Lee as a correct record of proceedings.

14/09/3 INVOICES AND PAYMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Date	Details	Amount	Approved
15/08/2020	Carrera Website Hosting – August 2020	£52.00	BACS
25/09/2020	K Watkins Clerk Salary Sept & back pay till April for national pay award 2020	£1,271.20	BACS
25/09/2020	K Watkins – expenses September 2020	£4.50	BACS
30/09/2020	HMRC – tax & NI Q2	£549.54	Cheque
31/08/2020	R Latham – August & back pay 2020	£137.35	BACS
31/08/2020	P Martin – play area inspection & bark laying August 2020	£325.00	BACS
16/09/2020	BT – Phone/Internet	£59.99	DD
30/09/2020	Perennial Landscapes Ltd – parish maintenance – September 2020	£646.28	BACS
22/08/2020	Douglas Macmillan donation	£100.00	BACS
18/08/2020	Hales Saw Mill – bark Tadgedale	£141.84	Card
01/09/2020	Hales Saw Mill – bark Bell Orchard	£466.44	Card
08/09/2020	Playsafety Ltd – play area annual inspection	£328.80	BACCS

14/09/4 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

An up-dated income and expenditure account for the month ending 31st August 2020 was noted. The termination payment for the mini-bus has not yet been taken from the account.

14/09/5 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE FOR A53 AT BT EXCHANGE

The meeting considered the purchase as budgeted for an additional solar speed indication device to replace the old battery device. Highways have agreed to waive their fee of £80.00 with support from Cllr Northcott, the post will cost £300.00 and the machine itself including a solar panel and fitting is £2,200.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Cllr Swetman and seconded by Cllr Roberts the meeting resolved to recommend the purchase to full Council at a total cost of £2,500.00.

14/09/6 NATIONAL PAY AWARD FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

The annual pay award from 1st April 2020 for council staff; clerk from £12.15 an hour to £12.48, assistant clerk from £10.16 an hour to £10.44 was noted.

14/09/7 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

The meeting considered cutting back of shrubs at bottom of Hugo Way and on the proposal of Cllr Swan and seconded by Cllr Hodgkins resolved to recommend this to full Council; an oak tree overhanging bungalows at Heath Grove needs cutting back at a cost of £100.00 and on the proposal of Cllr Swetman and seconded by Cllr Swan resolved to recommend to full Council; the pathway into Heath Grove from the A53 is overgrown and it was agreed that this should be

kept open for dog walkers to use, on the proposal of Cllr Swetman and seconded by Cllr Henshaw it was resolved to recommend to full Council. The meeting was updated the trees to plant the copse at Tinkers Lane are expected to be delivered between 2nd November and 20th November.

14/09/8 RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR STAFFORDSHIRE PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

The meeting considered the renewal of the annual subscription to Staffordshire Playing Field Association at a cost of £20.00 and on the proposal of Cllr Swan and seconded by Cllr Hodgkins the meeting resolved to recommend to full Council.

14/09/9 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERK'S REPORT

The meeting was updated: 537 people are currently signed up to the Parish Facebook page and it is regularly updated by the Clerk and Cllrs Gibson and Henshaw; the annual play areas report had been received with minor findings at all four play areas. At Bell Orchard bark, weeds on ground surface around bark and some rotten pots; at Tadgedale Brook, some rotten wood and a missing cap on the swing all of which are known and in hand; at Almington which was included for the first time and had a loose post which will be made safe by Mr Martin; Knighton nothing to report. The Clerk had written to both of the potential applicants for Councillor for Mucklestone to thank them for attending last month's meeting of full Council. Cllr Sedgley had advised of another resident interested in becoming a Councillor for Mucklestone Ward. At last month's Zoom meeting both attendees spoke during public question time and throughout the meeting. Future attendees will be reminded they are free to speak at the Public Question Time part of the meeting however may only observe the remainder of the meeting and not take part with microphones being muted after the public section with anyone breaking the rules being asked to leave the meeting. There remains a vacancy for Tyrley Ward and Cllr Claydon is looking to recruit someone from that Ward to fill that vacancy. Details of the 2 vacancies will be added to the Parish Facebook page later in the month. The Parish Council is required to have a Reserves strategy for finance. The Council needs to be able to show the future had been considered and needs to consider a generic policy rather than a particular sum of money. The Clerk will share the information received and this will be placed on next month's agenda for further consideration; the latest newsletter is out electronically for which the Clerk was thanked. Matters arising from the meeting of full Council include confirmation from BT that the phone box in Loggerheads will be removed; the application to make Knighton Village Hall an Asset of Community Value had been prepared and will be sent to the Clerk; NuLBC had been chased in respect of the proposed replacement bins and Loggerheads Football Club had been chased for their timetable of works.

Cllr Friend thanked the Finance Committee for their support and advised he felt honoured to serve and will keep in touch. The Chair thanked Cllr Friend for his contribution.

The Clerk had been allowed to return to the Fire station from Friday however it remains closed to community groups.

14/09/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th October 2020

Meeting closed at 2.55pm

Signed:.....CHAIR