



## LOGGERHEADS PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 2pm held remotely

#### PRESENT:

M Lee (Chair), A Swetman, H Roberts, D Swan, J Vallings, D Coulson, B Dickson, S Fox, R Salmons.

#### 11/01/1 APOLOGIES:

L Gibson, J Hodgkins

#### PLANNING

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

**Application No:** 20/01073/FUL **Applicant:** Mr J Law **Application:** Creation of two dormers to garage **Location:** 81 Church Road, Ashley

NO OBJECTION

**Application No:** 20/01110/FUL **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Lovatt **Application:** Demolition of existing barns and replacement with one new dwelling **Location:** Forge Farm, Forge Lane Norton-in-Hales

Loggerheads Parish Council OBJECTs to this application on following grounds:

1. The site is close to the Devil's Ring & Finger, an English Heritage site reminiscent of the Neolithic period. Policy LNPP2: Local Character & Heritage of Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan applies. "New development must complement and reinforce the local character of the area and non-designated heritage, including conserving buildings and their setting and comprising high-quality, site-specific design. A balanced judgement will be required having regard to the scale of any harm or loss to a non-designated heritage asset and the significance of the heritage asset. Potential non-designated heritage of particular sensitivity is listed in the Loggerheads Heritage book."

2. Access is considered to be problematic for additional vehicles resulting from this proposal accessing the B road via an unadopted lane with few passing points. Two properties already use this lane for access, adding another is unsustainable. Access to Forge Lane from Main road is a sharp right hand turn from the Market Drayton side of the junction and this is a safety issue for additional users.

3. Parking near the access particularly at school times will be problematic for all road users.

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

**Application No:** 20/00764/FUL **Applicant:** Mr Steven Rowe **Application:** Ground floor side extension **Location:** Sunny Bank Cottage, Newcastle Road, Loggerheads

**Application No:** 20/00748/FUL **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs A Noonan **Application:** Retention of stable block and change of use of equestrian land to domestic curtilage including a field shelter/store shed **Location:** 197 Lower Road, Ashley

**Application No:** 20/00962/FUL **Applicant:** Mr A Podesta **Application:** Extensions and drive alterations **Location:** The Follies, Church Road, Ashley

**Application No:** 20/00926/FUL **Applicant:** Mr L Clarke **Application:** Single storey front and two storey side extensions including link to existing garage **Location:** 121 Dale Cottage, The Dale, Ashley

## FINANCE

### 11/01/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020)

On the proposal of Cllr Coulson and seconded by Cllr Roberts the meeting resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December had been approved and were duly signed by Cllr Lee as a correct record of proceedings.

### 11/01/3 INVOICES AND PAYMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Date	Details	Amount	Approved
15/01/2021	Carrera Website Hosting – Dec 2020	£52.00	BACS
25/01/2021	K Watkins Clerk Salary Jan 2021	£1,151.84	BACS
25/01/2021	K Watkins – expenses Jan 2021 paper, batteries, padlock	£15.00	BACS
01/01/2021	R Latham – Dec 2020	£108.21	BACS
30/11/2020	P Martin – play area inspection Dec 2020	£225.00	BACS
16/01/2021	BT – Phone/Internet Jan 2021	£59.99	DD
08/12/2020	Wilko – tree lights	£38.00	Card
14/12/2020	Grooms Gardening – allotment hedge & woodland	£425.00	BACS
30/12/2020	BHIB Insurance – containers (part year)	£40.67	Card
30/12/2020	Staples – print cartridges	£35.84	Card
04/01/2021	FH Martin & Co – grit bin filling	£360.00	BACS
11/01/2021	Derek Mawby Paving Ltd – post for SID fitted	£228.00	BACS

### 11/01/4 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

An up-dated income and expenditure account for the month ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was noted. The meeting noted that the lease company for the minibus, Leaseplan will not be taking an early termination of contract payment (expected to be £2733.00). The meeting considered moving the payment for the memorial area landscaping from Parish Maintenance Other to Section 137 and on the proposal of Cllr Vallings and seconded by Cllr Lee resolved to recommend to full Council.

### **11/01/5 OPEN SPACE WORKING GROUP - LV1**

The meeting considered the recommendations of the Open Space Working Group in relation to LV1 to go forward with a lease from NuLBC in principle subject to agreeable conditions when they are known and to negotiate as appropriate. On the proposal of Cllr Coulson and seconded by Cllr Swetman the meeting resolved to recommend that the Council proceed with negotiations with the Borough Council on a lease for LV1 to full Council.

### **11/01/6 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2021/22**

The meeting was updated on the proposed budget and precept for 2021/22. The draft budget circulated had the amount for grit reduced to £2,500.00 being the average cost in recent years; no amount for the newsletter which is currently electronic given the ongoing pandemic; provision for a new laptop for the Clerk and £500.00 for ongoing maintenance of the Speedwatch equipment such as solar batteries. Income is assumed to be the same as this year with £10,000.00 for s137 as a balancing figure. In principle the goal is to balance expenditure to income and the latest forecast is that by the end of March there will be a balance of £36,000.00 with £22,000.00 earmarked as reserves. The reserve can be earmarked for specific use such as the potential LV1 project or for unexpected events. The proposed budget for 2021/2022 is £56,804.00 including s137 at £10,000.00. The meeting resolved to recommend the provision for the newsletter is restored and that legal provision be removed and taken from an increase in the precept. On the proposal of Cllr Salmons and seconded by Cllr Fox the meeting resolved to recommend the budget, as amended above to full Council.

The precept has not been increased for at least 6 years. An increase of 2% would mean the Parish Council cost to a band D property increasing from £21.08 to £21.47 and 4% an increase to £21.86 for the year. An increase of 4% would raise an additional £1,645.00 next year and this would be included in the base in subsequent years). Looking ahead to the possible community project for community facilities being built on LV1 and the costs of obtaining a lease from NuLBC an increase in 2021/22 would contribute to the costs of the lease. Grants for the future project are unlikely to be available this year due to priorities being followed due to Covid. Parish residents have supported the provision of community facilities 3 times in the past 10 years, most recently in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Maintenance contract is also due for renewal at the end of 2022 and it is anticipated this cost will increase. The Parish Council must hold a reserve in line with its' adopted policy and national guidance. On the proposal of Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Swetman and following a vote the meeting resolved to recommend an increase of 4% in the precept for the year 2021/2022 to full Council. One councillor voted against the proposal.

### **11/01/7 UPDATE ON BURNTWOOD PROJECT**

The meeting was updated on the project to provide changing facilities at the Burntwood and the need to apply for building regulations approval for the sewerage at £240.00 including VAT. The 2 containers have been delivered and are insured. The contractor approached Western Power to install power to the site who in turn approached NuLBC for Landlord's permission and the licence from the Borough for work to be carried out has been received today. It has also come to light that Building Control permission is required for the sewerage at a cost of £240.00 including VAT and on the proposal of Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr Roberts the meeting resolved to recommend to full Council.

**11/01/8 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERK'S REPORT**

The meeting was updated: a number residents had reported on Facebook problems with their refuse collection not taking place and these have all been resolved; Cllr Swetman had written to B/Cllr Northcott to thank the Refuse team for their efforts to get back on schedule during the Christmas period and snow; the Christmas lights at the memorial area will be taken down when safe to do so.

**11/01/9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Meeting closed at 3:15pm

**Signed:.....CHAIR**