

LACKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 12th October 2020 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Present Cllr. Stan Green (Chairman)
Cllr. Harry Lidster
Cllr. Naomi Palmer
Cllr. Roland van Wijk
Cllr. Andrew Ramsay (Arr. 7:45pm)
Cllr. John Coldwell
Vicky Bright (Clerk)

In attendance 9 members of the Public. Cllr. Susan Glossop (WSC)

Statutory notices and the Agenda.

The Chairman ascertained that the statutory requirements for holding the meeting had been observed, there was a quorum (minimum 3 for the Council meeting).

Public Forum:

The main issue of discussion was relating to Item 10 (i). See Item 10 (i).

1. **Apologies:** None. **Absent:** Cllr. Steve Jones

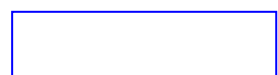
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** None.

3. **i. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2020.**
Proposal to approve the minutes; Cllr. Naomi Palmer and seconded by; Cllr. Roland Van Wijk
Resolved 20/10/3.01
The Minutes from the meeting held on 13th July 2020 were adopted as a true statement of the meeting, and were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. Stan Green.

- ii. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th July 2020.**
Proposal to approve the minutes; Cllr. Stan Green and seconded by; Cllr. Roland Van Wijk
Resolved 20/10/3.02
The Minutes from the meeting held on 28th July 2020 were adopted as a true statement of the meeting, and were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. Stan Green.

4. **Clerks Report (For Information Purposes):**
The Clerk advised that following the introduction of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1, she is reviewing the compatibility of the Lackford Blog, to ensure it meets the new requirements around Local Authority websites.

5. **Matters by or for the County and Borough Councillor's:**
 - i. **Report from Rebecca Hopfensperger (SCC)** - No report and no apologies received.
 - ii. **Report from Susan Glossop (WSC)** - *See Appendix 1 District Council Monthly Report*
 - iii. **Matters for the County & Borough Councillor's** – None.



6. Community Safety:

i. **Report from the Safer Neighbourhood Team** – No report.

ii. **Matters for the Safer Neighbourhood Team**

The most recent Safer Neighbourhood Newsletter has been circulated via All@Lackford and is on the Lackford Blog.

7. Highways (For Report and/or for the Councils Consideration):

i. **Footpath & Roadside Verge Clearance by SCC**

- **Village Entrance Highway Gates** – Item deferred due to lack of response from Cllr. Hopfensperger.
- **Bury Road (Breckland Edge & A1101 Footpath Skirting & Vegetation/Tree Clearance** – Item deferred as awaiting a response from Highways & David Chenery.
- **Footpath Kent Rd/Holden Rd Vegetation Clearance** – The Clerk can confirm that the footpath has now been cut.

ii. **Bury Road (A1101 Safety Improvements) Narrow Footpath Solutions** – Item deferred as awaiting a response from David Chenery.

iii. **Vehicle Activated Speed Camera’s (VAS) Report** – This period our highest recorded **94 mph** outgoing on 17/08/20 at 11am and **86 mph** on 19/8/20 at 12.30pm, highest incoming was **66 mph** on 1/09/20 at 0.30am, there were another 2 outgoing in excess of 70mph. This being the first stats with 2 cameras in operation with one placed each end of the village, this camera showing a significant reduction in the higher speeds recorded above 46 mph, although 27 vehicles were recorded in excess of 60mph. (9 Incoming and 18 outgoing).

The Clerk has forwarded the data reports to the Bury SNT and the Camera Safety Team for action.

8. Planning Matters (For Consideration & Formal Resolution of Comments Submitted Between Meetings):

i.

Application No:	Proposal	Location	PC Comments	Planning Granted?	Date
DC/20/0696/HH	Two Storey Rear Extension	14 Holden Road, Lackford IP28 6HZ	Support	Approved	19.06.2020
DC/20/0915/HH	Single Storey Front Extension	11 Holden Road, Lackford IP28 6HZ	Support	Approved	28.07.2020

(For Information):

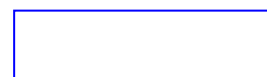
ii. **West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options consultation**

13th October 2020 to 22nd December 2020 - Once consultation is live - visit the exhibition <https://westsuffolk.exhibition.app/>

iii. **Sunnica Energy Farm Public Consultation**

22nd September 2020 to 2nd December 2020 - <https://sunnica.co.uk/public-consultation/>

9. Correspondence:



(To consider any items of correspondence which require a response from the Parish Council).

- i. **Community Funding for Quiet Lanes (SCC)** – *To consider Registering an Interest in Designating a Quiet Lane* – No interest to be declared.
- ii. **WSC – Virtual Parish & Town Forum** - 4th November 2020 6pm-8pm. Clerk is to attend.
- iii. **West Suffolk Council – Community Chest Funding 2021/22** - Deadline 30th October 2020 4pm. No applications to be submitted.

10. Parish Matters:

i. To Consider Roadside Nature Reserves/ Wildflower Green Spaces in the Village

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust are aiming to increase wildlife areas within the County by 30% by 2030, (currently there is only 1%). This is hoped to increase wildlife and diversity for wildlife & insects. Wildlife verges, Green Spaces and Bee corridors are essential to increase the wildlife population, since a 97% loss of habitats since the War. It is hoped it will have more impact if all villages participate, in fact Risby and The Fornham's have all undertaken similar schemes.

Reasons for the scheme discussed at the meeting;

- *Increase wildlife, including birds and small animals.*
- *Increase and bring back native plant species.*
- *Improve the look of the village green spaces*
- *Improve the environment and air quality*
- *Cut costs to annual grass cutting contracts*
- *More impact on overall SWT scheme, increasing corridors for wildlife & Bee's.*

Reasons against the scheme discussed at the meeting;

- *Kings Forest & Thetford Forest nearby*
- *Paddocks and SWT space already provided*
- *Lackford verges are sufficient and are only cut twice yearly in April & Aug/Sept.*
- *Seed germination affecting neighbouring properties lawns*
- *Reduce the grass area used for sports & recreation*
- *Line of sight may be reduced on verges and junctions causing a hazard*
- *SCC responsibility, not PC responsibility to act on this scheme*
- *Increase in pollen may increase seasonal allergy disorders*

It was discussed that the following options could be considered and a survey sent to all households, asking their opinion and feelings on the subject, before any decision is taken by the PC;

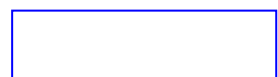
- Green areas in Kent Road and Holden Road to be cut less frequently, every 6-8 weeks ideally early Spring and then not until Aug/Sept.
- Borders of wildflowers along the Green boundaries, leaving the centre grass cut regularly for sports/recreation,
- Paddocks area to be considered as a site for wildflowers
- Certain village verges to be left uncut, or cut less regularly (allowing for visibility for junctions, road signage etc.)
- No wildflower areas to be added at present.

11. Finance & Policies:

i. Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation

The Parish Council Bank balances are as indicated in the Reconciliation Sheet and have been fully reconciled. [Please refer to Appendix titled 2. Bank Reconciliation – October 2020](#)

Resolved 20/10/11.01



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That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (SG). The bank account balance as of 7th October 2020 is £13,954.12

ii. Approval and to authorise payments made between meetings and payment of outstanding invoices due to be paid

Refer to Appendix titled 3. Payment authority 2020-10-12 that covers all payments made since the previous meeting on 28th July 2020 to 12th October 2020.

Resolved 20/10/11.02

It was agreed to approve the payments as per the Payment Authority dated 12th October 2020 were approved and signed by Cllr. S. Green and Cllr. J. Coldwell.

iii. Budget Report 2nd Quarter up to 9th October 2020

The Clerk was asked to make certain changes to make the Excel spreadsheet more user friendly. Adoption deferred to the December Meeting, when the next quarter report is due (Sept-Dec).

iv. Approval & Adoption of the Parish Council Annual Insurance Schedule & Policy

Resolved 20/10/11.03

Cllr. Stan Green proposed adopting the Ecclesiastical quote for the 3-Year Long Tern Agreement at a cost of £330.00, this was seconded by Cllr. Harry Lidster, and the Parish Council approved and adopted the quote and Insurance Schedule from Ecclesiastical for the year 2020/21.

v. Adoption of the 2020/2021 Asset Register

Resolved 20/10/11.04

The Asset Register was reviewed and adopted in full by all Council members, for the year 2020/21 for a total of £22,402.00. *Refer to Appendix 4. 2020/21 Asset Register*

Next meeting to be held on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7:30pm, venue to be confirmed.

Future Meetings Dates:

Monday 14th December 2020

Monday 8th March 2021

Meeting Closed: 8:49pm

