The Lee Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of THE LEE PARISH COUNCIL (TLPC) held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 8th January 2019

Present	Councillor C Sully (Chairman)	CS
	Councillor A Weir	AW
	Councillor C Little	CL
	Councillor R Fowler	RF
	Councillor D Chinnery	DC
	Councillor S Morris	SM
	County Councillor T Birchley	ТВ
	District Councillor N Rose	NR
	(apologies for late arrival)	
Apologies	Councillor C Perry	СР
	Mrs H Farrelly (Clerk)	HF
In Attendance	Seven members of the Parish	

Agenda Number		Action	Item
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		19/1
	CP and HF had sent their apologies.		
2.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING		19/2
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	The minutes of the PC Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 th November 2018 were approved.		
	The Chairman signed the minutes and a copy will be published on the website.	cs	
3.	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT ITEMISED SEPERATELY		19/3
	In respect of the comment on Page 9, that the January meeting would review the		
	Council's Risk Assessment document, this would now be done at the March meeting.	CS/HF	
	Other matters are dealt with under the respective Agenda item.		
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON FORTHCOMING BUSINESS		19/4
	Cllr Chinnery noted that he was a near neighbour to two current planning applications		
	(PL/18/4719/FA and PL/18/4790/FA) and had excluded himself from contributing to Parish		
	Council discussions.		
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5.	REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS		19/5
5.1	Roads		19/5/1
	TB reported that resurfacing work in Oxford Street, Lee Common had been scheduled by BCC/TfB in the 2019/20 financial year. It appeared from the information available that it would be the whole length of the road; the exact timing had not yet been decided.		
	CS & CL reported on their meeting with TfB in December. Whilst there is some prospect of imminent gully work to improve drainage on Chesham Lane between Kings Ash and Swan Bottom, most of the road failures in the Parish pointed out to TfB (mainly potholes) were deemed not sufficiently serious to warrant urgent action.		
	There is some prospect of 'edge-patching' on Chesham Lane between the junctions with Arrewig Lane and Village Road, when work is undertaken in the Chartridge area later in the year.		
	CS also reported that Martha Edwards from BCC had confirmed that LAF funding for white line painting in parts of Oxford Street was still available and that she was finding out from TfB why this work had not yet been undertaken. It was agreed CS should contact Martha to make sure that these two developments were talking to each other.	CS	
5.2	Unitary Authority		19/5/2
	TB updated the meeting on the proposed change to a Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority in 2020. In particular she explained that it has now been decided that: • the new authority will be known as "The Buckinghamshire Council" • there will be 137 Members (three per 'Division') • A Shadow Council and Shadow Executive were being formed • Elections will take place in May 2020, then 2025, then every 4 years thereafter [NR later reported that Parish and Town Council elections will follow the same pattern and that the Parliamentary Orders to enact the detail of the changes had yet to be finalised.]		
5.3	Salt Bins		19/5/3
	It was agreed that Rosie Taylor should be asked where responsibility lay for servicing / maintaining Salt Bins (the parish has 2 where responsibility is not clear).	CS	
	Meanwhile CS would clear undergrowth from around the bin on Red Lion Hill.	CS	
	TB left the meeting at 8.05pm		
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6.	COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC		19/6

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	The Desidents att	ending expressed interest in planning and footpa	ath rolated items as the		19/6/1
	agenda, which we		19/0/1		
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6.1	Current Planning	applications			
	The Clerk has repo	orted the following:			
	Planning Application	Address	Decision		
	Decision Complet	ed			
	PL/18/3481/FA	The Hay Barn, Swan Lane, The Lee, HP16 9NU	Conditional Permission		
	PL/18/3580/FA	Fieldfares, Chesham Lane, Kings Ash, HP16 9NP	Conditional Permission		
	PL/18/3839	Rosewood House, Cherry Tree Lane, Lee Common	Conditional Permission		
	PL/18/3696/SA	Tudric Hall, The Lee (Cert. of Lawfulness)	Issued		
	Decision Pending				
	PL/18/3017/OA	Oaklands, Red Lion Hill, The Lee, HP16 9NF	Comments submitted		
	PL/18/3754 & 3755	Bassibones Farm, Village Road, Lee Common	No objections		
	PL/18/4041/FA	Pipers, The Lee, HP16 9NA	No objections		
	PL/18/4407/VRC	The Gate, Lee Gate, The Lee, HP16 9NW	No objections but with comments		
	PL/18/4623/SA	High Tor, Village Road, Lee Common (Cert. of Lawfulness)	No comments required from PC		
	Comments yet to	be submitted	<u> </u>		
	PL/18/4719/FA	The Old Swan, The Lee, HP16 9NU	Comments to be submitted		
	PL/18/4790/FA	1 & 2 Kingswood Cottages, Swan Lane, The Lee, HP16 9NU	Comments to be submitted		
	1	d that Cllrs were still considering the PC's respon is list, but concerns had been raised by Cllrs and			
	gone far enough to	wood Cottages, the issue was whether the revis o overcome the reasons given for rejecting the fold Swan, concerns were being raised by residen the frontage onto Swan Lane including those of r	irst application. ts about a number of		

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	noise, smell, etc.		
	The Chair thanked residents for their comments which will be taken into account when forming a response from the PC.		
	NR arrived at the meeting at 8.15 pm		
6.2	Notification to residents of Planning Applications		19/6/2
	Several residents commented that the notifications of planning applications seemed rather haphazard, in that properties which would seem to be clearly affected were not being notified and were only finding out indirectly. NR explained that the criteria for property notification were driven by Departmental formula and CDC had little flexibility in interpreting it. However if there were examples were the formula appeared to be throwing up anomalies, he would happily take them up with the CDC Planning Department. Cllr Little agreed to forward some examples to NR.	CL	
	Parish Council website	CL	
	In a similar vein, residents commented on the lack of timeliness in posting information about planning applications onto the Parish Council website and also the lateness of the last set of Minutes appearing.		
	The Chairman apologised for the fact that recent applications had only just been put up onto the website and (it appeared) that the Minutes of the previous meeting were missing. He agreed to rectify.	cs	
	[Post-meeting note: the Minutes were in fact on the website but the link to them had not been created.]		
6.3	Kingsgate Farm Development		19/6/3
	CS explained that the Council has received no further information since the last meeting.		
	NR reported that pre-application discussions by the owner with Chiltern District Council had started. The PC now expected Acorus to send a more detailed proposal to the PC before final submission to CDC, at which time the PC will consult with residents further and consider its own position on the proposal.		
6.4	CDC Local Plan Review		19/6/4
	NR reported that CDC was about to consult on the 'Local Plan': this would include both a Policies Review and proposals in respect of new areas for housing and industrial / commercial development on what is currently Green Belt land.		
6.5	Footpath disruption		19/6/5

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	Residents commented on the poor state of footpath TLE/11 after tree-felling operations in the area. CS confirmed that notice of this work had been given by the owner to the Parish Council and that the expectation was that the footpath would be restored to good condition once the work was finished. CS agreed that ClIrs would investigate the state of the footpath and seek confirmation of the restoration from the land-owners. The seven members of the public and NR left the meeting at 8.35 pm	Cllrs	
7.	CLERKS REPORT		19/7
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	See items 8 and 12		
8.	FINANCE & GOVERNANCE		19/8
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8.1	FINANCE REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE See APPENDIX 1 for Financial Summary – 1 st April 2018 to 30 th November 2018		19/8/1
	 In the Clerk's absence, the Chair reported: The bank accounts had been reconciled by Cllrs with the accounts prepared by the Clerk and shown in Appendix 1 On the expenditure statement, there were small uncorrected errors in reporting the VAT for two transactions on 20th November 2018 (DCK Accounting and MH Services). These will be corrected in the next set of accounts. The anticipated future Income and Expenditure (and hence the year-end forecast) assumed:	HF/SM AW/CP	
	replacement) the Clerk has made a mid-year VAT reclaim of £2,344 for VAT paid up to 2 nd January.		
8.2	BANK ACCOUNT The Chair reported the re-opening of the new HSBC current account and that he had now given instructions to the bank to close the deposit account and move funds into the current account.		19/8/2

	Lloyds as they offer a	the decision taken at the last meeting to n account which meets the financial regu sing payments online.			
8.3	PRECEPT			HF/CS	
1 1					19/8/3
	See APPENDIX 2 for T	The Lee Parish Council: 3-year rolling fore	ecast		
	inflationary increase	ted a revised 3-year rolling financial fored each year (The Chair tabled a slightly ame budget headings, the PC confirmed a Pre ase of approx. 3%.	ended version).	After	
		to consider the detail of the 2019/20 bud report to HF, who would prepare a repor	_	CD/CN4	
	8.4 INVOICES APPROVED The following invoices were approved for payment at the Finance meeting which took place on 2 nd January 2019:			ch took	19/8/4
	<u>Cheque No</u>	Payable to	Amount Due		
	100012 100013	DCK Accounting H Farrelly Salary	£42.00 £712.46		
	100013	HMRC – Clerk Tax	£173.20		
	100015	Parish Hall Hire for 2019	£90.00		
					19/8/5
9.	COUNCIL PROPERTY	– REPORTS AND ACTIONS			19/9
	Playground Facilities Maintenance				19/9/1
	SM reported that it was unclear whether Playground Facilities Ltd (PF) had completed any of the work on the Swing Basket, the Trim Trail, the Goal Post and the Rocker See-saw. Clerk to follow-up.				

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	SM will investigate:	SM	
	(a) the replacement cost for the wooden climbing frame		
	(b) whether the new fort structure will need 'strimmer protection'		
	SM also reported nails protruding in the 'cave' under the existing fort; it was agreed that these should be investigated and remedied a.s.a.p.	DC	
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	CS and SM continue to monitor other 'Low Risk' actions from the RoSPA report.	CS/SM	
9.2	GRASS, TREES & HEDGES (CP)		19/9/2
	The clerk is reminded to request quotations for work to be carried out on trees and the willow arc during this financial year.	HF	
	Confirmation was also needed from All Seasons that they would undertake a.s.a.p. a) strimming of unused allotments		
	b) weed control around the Well (RF offered to explain exactly what is needed)	HF/RF	
	PC agreed that, with effect from 2019/20, all gates around the allotments/playground area will be included in this area of responsibility and budget.		
9.3	ALLOTMENTS (AW)		19/9/3
	AW reported that Nick Batty had repaired a defective hinge on the water trough lid. She also confirmed a number of allotment vacancies which should be advertised in the Newsletter in the Spring.	HF	
	Cllrs agreed that the work to repair the water trough nearest to Oxford Street should done in two stages:		
	a) drain, disconnect, investigate foundation and agree remedies		
	b) level ground, re-install with new float valve and any other defective parts.	AW	
	Further clearance of wood on overgrown vacant plots was needed, including clearance of wood and rubbish on plot 13B where wild bees have colonised a compost bin. CS		
	proposed that new additional volunteers should be sought in the Parish (see 13.1 below).	CS	
9.4	OTHER ASSETS (RF)		19/9/4
	Emily's Seat RF reported that work was still needed on Emily's seat. Cllrs agreed that the Scouts should be asked if they would be able to do it; otherwise alternative contractors should be sought. [Post meeting note: Tom Brockett has confirmed that the scouts will paint the ironwork on Emily's Seat as well as doing the wooden seat]	RF	
	Benches	RF	
	RF had circulated a list of known benches in the Parish. After discussion of those thought		

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	to be 'Responsible' for each bench, RF agreed to write an article for the Newsletter.		
10.	FOOTPATHS		19/10
	DC had circulated an up-to-date footpath report and requested: a) Any defects identified should be reported in the usual manner on the BCC website,	All Clirs	
	and also inform DC of the issue via email.	All	
	b) Any features found on footpaths (gates, stiles, kissing gates) which are not marked on the BCC 'definitive' maps should be noted and sent to Clerk for the collation over the next	Cllrs	
	6 months. Clerk will then report to BCC. b) CS to report references to DC for way-mark post request at Piggeries	HF CS	
	c) CS to investigate 'dangerous stile' reported on FP TLE/19/1	CS	
11.	ROADS		19/11
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	See also 5.1 above.	All	
	CL asked Councillors to continue to report potholes to BCC as soon as they appear.	Cllrs	
	A reminder would again be put in the February Newsletter.	HF	
12.	PLANNING APPLICATIONS		19/12
	See item 6 above		
13.	PARISH COMMUNICATIONS		19/13
13.1	UPDATE ON ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER		19/13/1
	It was agreed that the following items would form part of the PC article for February: 1. Volunteers (new volunteers sought to help with e.g. old benches; allotment clearing; water tank)	CS/HF	
	2. Unitary Authority update		
	3. Potholes reporting4. Benches	RF	
	5. HS2 security vehicles		
	and for March:		
	6. Allotment Vacancies		
13.2	DROP-IN DATES		19/13/2
	Councillors agreed to hold a drop-in session in the Spring, the date to be confirmed in due course.	All to note	

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	RF reported on discussions between representatives of the PC, the Shop, the Parish Hall		
	and the current village website/Forum provider on the issue of future development,		
	maintenance and convergence of systems.		
	The idea of moving everything to one ISP provider and consolidating sub-domains within		
	one overall domain is being investigated. Such a development could also have		
	implications for the email service provided to the PC.		
	The group has set itself the goal of submitting proposals to the PC and others in March,	RF/CS/	
	with the aim of achieving 'migration' by August.	HF	
	The Finance group of Cllrs has also discussed the issue of IT Risk and identified a number		
	of possible risk areas. This will be included in the next review of the Risk Assessment	RF	
	Document (for the March meeting).	NF	
14.	HS2 HYBRID BILL – GENERAL UPDATE		19/14
	CS reported that, apart from the issue of HS2 security vehicles which will be included in a		
	Newsletter article, there were no significant changes or developments locally since the		
	last PC meeting.		
	The next Joint Chiltern Parishes meeting with HS2 and Contractors is scheduled for		
	February 20 th . CS offered the view - and other Cllrs agreed - that, although these		
	meetings were a useful way of finding out what is planned for the area, there was a		
	growing frustration that Parish and Town Councils are not able to actually influence anything.		
	anything.		
15.	SUPERFAST BROADBAND		19/15
	Cllrs discussed and noted progress with the final stage of Fibre conversion (in Swan Bottom, Lee Gate and Kings Ash). Although progress on the ground was evident in the		
	form of trenching, cabinets and overhead fibre, the overall strategy for delivering		
	Superfast Broadband to each premise was still unclear.		
	ACTIONS FOR NEXT PC MEETING		19/16
	Approve the review of the Risk Assessment and Asset Valuation	AGENDA	
	Finalise budget for 2019/20	AGENDA	
	Consider Website proposal		
	The meeting closed at 10.05pm		
	CHAIRMAN Date		
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<u>APPENDIX 1: FINANCIAL SUMMARY – 1st April 2018 to 30th November 2019</u>

<u>1.</u>	1. Current account bank reconciliation						
	Opening balance 1 April 2018	4,340.84	Statement No: 315				
	Income - current year	25,337.59					
Α	Allotments	248.00					
	Income Subtotal	25,585.59					
	Expenditure - current year(minus unpresented chqs in this financial year (reported in section C))	21,285.87					
В	Cheques paid last financial year and presented this year (chq no: 101027/101028/101029)	2,445.00					
	Expenditure Subtotal	23,730.87					
	Closing balance = (Opening Balance + A)-B	6,195.56	Statement No: 1				
	Cheques paid last financial year that have not been presented (chq no: 101012)	200.00					
С	Unpresented cheques this year (chq no: 100006/100007/100008)	450.58					
	Unpresented cheques total	650.58					
	Total Committed Expenditure to date for financial year (B+C)	24,381.45					

<u>2.</u>	2. Reserve Account					
	Opening balance 1 April 2018	9,409.05	Statement No: 142			
	Payments In	-				
Α	Interest	7.17				
	Income Subtotal	7.17				
В	Expenditure - current year	-				
В	Expenditure Subtotal	-				
	Closing balance (A-B)	9,416.22	Statement No: 149			

3. Accounts Summary	
Current Account (balance 30th November 2018)	6,195.56
Reserve Account (balance 30th November 2018)	9,416.22
Closing balance as at 30th November 2018	15,611.78

APPENDIX 2: 3-YEAR ROLLING FORECAST (as tabled at the meeting on 8th January)

	2016/17	2017/18	2018	3/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Note
			Agreed	Current	Draft			
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Forecast	Budget	+3%	+3%	
B/F Reserves	5324	9207	11105	11105	12254	14481	16776	
Ankerson Seat	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
Allotment Deposits	660	660	710	710	660	660	660	
Playground Reserve	2000	2747	3500	3500	4250	5000		
General Reserve	1664	4800	5895	5895	6344	7821	9366	
General Reserve	1004	4000	3033	3033	0344	7021	3300	
INCOME								
Precept	10989	13200	13860	13860	14275	14703	15144	(1)
Other Receipts)	996	608	477	451	465	478	493	
VAT Refund)		0	280	9444	290	299	308	
HS2 CEF Grant				44100				
TOTAL INCOME	11985	13808	14337	67855	15030	15481	15945	
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EXPENDITURE Sub-Total Staff	2995	3226	3700	3734	4192	4318	4447	(2)
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VAT		225	280	9087	290	299	308	(3)
Admin		523	750	506	770	793	817	(3)
Grass/hedges		3533	3570	3570	3680	3790	3904	
Playground		970	1500	1091	1550	1597	1644	
Allotments		252	300	1034	310	319	329	
Subs		191	200	272	210	216	223	
Insurance		684	750	697	780	803	828	
Professional Fees		455	500	488	520	536	552	
Other asset management		1844	1500	2127	500	515	530	
Unallocated		7						1 ''
Sub-Total Others payments	5107	8684	8827	18872	8610	8868	9134	
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Playground Fort Re-build TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8102	11910	13050	44100 66706	12802	13186	13582	(5)
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SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	3883	1898	1287	1149	2227	2295	2363	
C/F Reserves	9207	11105	12392	12254	14481	16776	19139	
Ankerson Seat	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
Allotment Deposits	660	710	710		660	660		
Playground Reserve	2747	3500	4250		5000	5750		-
General Reserve	4800	5895			7821	9366		(7)
NOTES:			2040/20					
(1) Precept assumes 3% increa(2) Assumes 3% increase and			2019/20					
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