

# SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL.

## Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held in Church Lench Village Hall, Church Lench on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs. Mr. Seabourne, Mr. Ball, Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Tyrell.  
In attendance: Members of the Lenches Social & Recreation Club x 4; Parishioners x 2 and Clerk, Mrs. Holland.

**48/22** **Apologies:** Cllrs. Mrs. Abbey and Dr. Murray. (Reasons accepted by Council) and District Cllr. Mr. Wilkinson.

**49/22** **Interests/ Dispensations:** Nil declared.

**50/22** **Cllr. Vacancy:** Two applications for the post were received. Each applicant gave a short presentation after which Councillors asked each of the questions. Councillors agreed to a paper ballot resulting in 3 votes for Mr. Hailwood and 1 for Mr. Soderman. Mr. Hailwood was duly co-opted, signed the Declaration of Office and joined the Meeting.

**51/22** **Written report received from District Cllr. Mr. Wilkinson:**  
**Right Waste, Right Place:**  
A new online search tool is available to help residents cut through the confusion about what to do with their waste. The Right Waste, Right Place search contains more than 10,000 items. It tells users the best way to dispose of an item as well as offering options for reusing them, where appropriate. The tool doesn't just cover Wychavon's kerbside recycling scheme, but also facilities available at Household Recycling Centres, in supermarkets and retail stores, community collection schemes and charity shops. If an item cannot be found, then users have the option to make a suggestion. Wychavon's team will then research the best way to dispose of that item and add it to the database. Research shows there is often confusion about what to do with items such as mobile phones, glass, decorations, and clothing. Visit [www.wychavon.gov.uk/recycling-search](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/recycling-search) to use the tool.  
**Changes to referring to Adult Social Care Services:**  
From Monday, 30 January 2023, the Worcestershire Adults Portal will become the only channel for professionals to raise referrals into Adult Social Care.  
In June 2022, Worcestershire County Council launched the Worcestershire Adults Portal which is an online system that allows professionals, carers, and residents to raise wellbeing concerns, and to make referrals for care and support into Adult Social Care (excluding Safeguarding referrals and Mental Health Act assessments).  
All New referrals must be submitted via the Portal. Referrals will be received by the Here2Help Front Door and, where there is an appearance of need for care and support, regardless of whether the local authority thinks the individual has eligible needs or of their financial situation they will be offered an assessment of their needs under the Care Act 2014 and be allocated to the relevant and appropriate Social Work team.  
The Worcestershire Adults Portal is live now and can be found on the Adult Social Care pages on the Worcestershire County Council website: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/worcestershireadultsportal](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/worcestershireadultsportal)  
**Evesham VeloPark now open to the public :**  
Evesham's new world-class Velo Park is now open to the public. The £2 million cycling hub officially opened at the end of October but has only been available for club bookings while systems and software were tested. Anyone can book online to use the park, including: 1km closed road circuit, a pump track with a unique mogul area, a learn-to-ride area with street markings to build confidence on using real roads. Hourly slots cost between £4.50 for juniors and over 65s and £5.50 for adults. The learn-to-ride track is free when not being used for lessons. The park can also be hired by clubs and for private events. To book: <https://bit.ly/3hqznWZ>

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<b>Public Question time:</b> Nil.	
<b>52/22</b>	<b>Minutes: Resolved</b> to adopt the Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on
<b>53/22</b>	<p><b>Clerk's report:</b></p> <p>a) <u>Road markings:</u> Recently placed on the road leaving Rous Lench towards entry to Church Lench following request by the Parish Council after residents raised concerned re speeding traffic close to a bend. Clerk contacted Highways Officer to thank him for the work carried out. Highways have also put up some road narrows signs and Highways Officer is hoping to have a Vehicle Activated Sign, sponsored by Cllr. Mrs. Gretton along this section in the future.</p> <p>b) <u>Neighbourhood Plan Meeting:</u> To take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm in Church Lench Village Hall.</p>
<b>54/22</b>	<p><b>Cllrs. Reports:</b></p> <p>a) <u>Community Legacy Grant Amphitheatre Project</u> update by members of the Lenches Sports &amp; Recreation Club (LSRC). The project Steering Committee representatives outlined the reasons for delays and cost overruns in the project. They cited unexpected ground issues arising from excavation, high rates of inflation affecting the cost of building materials and delays brought about by Covid and adverse weather conditions. Despite raising more than enough funds from various sources (including the Community Legacy Grant) to cover the expected total project cost, the issues raised above have led to a significant shortfall in funds. At present the LSRC does not have the resources to make up this shortfall and the Steering Committee therefore asked the Parish Council to reconsider its decision not to apply for a Public Works Loan. The Parish Council responded by saying that the matter would be discussed with Wychavon District Council as part of a wider effort to seek a solution to the funding issue. The Parish Council remains committed to the project and its completion.</p> <p>b) <u>Neighbourhood Plan:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Hodges reported that a meeting has been arranged with the Group to give an update on where the project is to date and the work required to get the Plan to the first stage, Regulation 14. Estimate 6 -9 months for the document to be presented to the District Council. Housing Needs Survey to be sent out to all households shortly.</p> <p>c) <u>Pool/Play area:</u> Cllr. Mr. Seabourne reported that the Play area requires weeding. Motorhome reported to be sited on the Village Pool area.</p> <p>d) <u>Assets Inspection:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Tyrell submitted report. Weatherboard requires replacing on the wooden bus shelter at Handgate Crossroads.</p>
<b>55/22</b>	<b>Council Matters:</b>
55.1	<u>Multi Play Unit and Seesaw:</u> Revised quote received from Sovereign for the replacement of the multi play unit. <b>Proposed</b> by Cllr. Mrs. Hodges, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Ball and <b>resolved by all</b> to accept the revised quote of £11,646.84.
55.2	<u>Bus Shelter, Church Lench:</u> Previous correspondence from the property behind the Bus Shelter noted. The Council look forward to notification of the Planning application.
<b>56/22</b>	<b>Financial matters.</b>
56.1	<b>Resolved</b> to approve payments and bank reconciliation.
56.2	<b>Resolved</b> to vire from Contingency budget £60 to Audit budget.
56.3	<u>Provisional draft budget for 2023-24 considered.</u> It was agreed by all to arrange a meeting prior to the Neighbourhood Plan meeting to consider the budget following revision of figures.
56.4	<u>Internal Audit report:</u> Noted by Council.
<b>57/22</b>	<b>Planning Matters.</b>
57.1	<b>Following applications dealt with by delegation duly noted:</b> a) <u>W/22/02312/HP</u> – Garfield House, Evesham Road, Church Lench. <b>Proposal:</b> Conversion and

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	extension of garage with office over into residential accommodation ancillary to main residence. <b>Comments:</b> Nil. <b>Permission granted.</b>
57.2	<b>Correspondence received from the Planning Authority duly noted:</b> a) <u>W/22/00436/FUL</u> – The Hangar, Badgers Hill, Sheriffs Lench. <b>Proposal:</b> Removal of existing 2-bedroom static home and former commercial building and replacement with a Live/Work unit. <b>Permission: Refused.</b> b) <u>W/22/02028/FUL</u> – Land on east side of Low Road, Church Lench. <b>Proposal:</b> Agricultural access (Retrospective). <b>Permission: Granted.</b> c) <u>W/22/02265/HP</u> – The Grange, Ab Lench. <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed 2 storey extension to all elevations creating 2 additional bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms. Increasing kitchen and living spaces adding 3 no bi fold doors (Variation of condition 2 Ref. 20/02416/HP). <b>Application withdrawn.</b>
58/22.	<b>Meetings:</b> a) <u>Annual Parish Meeting:</u> To agree date and format of meeting. b) <u>Parish Council Meeting:</u> Proposed dates subject to availability of the Village Hall: Annual Parish Council Meeting May TBC as Election; July 10 <sup>th</sup> , September 11 <sup>th</sup> , November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023, January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024 and March 11 <sup>th</sup> 2024. c) <u>Staffing Committee Meeting:</u> To agree date.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

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